

# BARROW GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting of Barrow Gurney Parish Council by Zoom on Tuesday 17th November 2020.

Present: Cllrs Eric Gates (Chairman), Andy Robbins, Nick Tyrrell, Andrew Sheridan and Sandra Gibson

Apologies: Cllr Phil Carnell

*Note: this meeting had been scheduled for Monday 9th November but was postponed as a result of the Parish Clerk's sick leave.*

1. Without draft minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> October, this item was held over.

2. No declarations of interest or dispensations were recorded.

3. Lockdown II.

3.1 The arrangements to provide community support were discussed and considered to remain appropriate.

3.2 One individual in possible need of support had been notified by NSC. It was noted that there were three cases of Covid in one area of the parish.

4. Village Green.

4.1 Notices on the entrances to the village green and play area had been reviewed and remained appropriate.

4.2 The Village Green Committee had proposed the purchase of weedkilling equipment, in order for members of the community to carry out spraying, rather than contracting for the service. It was agreed

4.2.1 to investigate whether equipment was already available within the Parish – **Action Village Green Committee**

4.2.2 to conduct a risk assessment of the issues relating to the use of sprayed weedkilling chemicals and of any restrictions on use of the areas after spraying – **Action Village Green Committee**

4.2.3 that the Village Green Committee had delegated approval for its budget, which included weed killing, and that if it now wished to buy equipment for the job, rather than buying a service, that was within its approval.

5. Naish Lane

Residents were concerned about a recent increase in the number and size of vehicles using Naish Lane to access Hill Farm. It was understood that part of the farm was being used as a storage site by Artisan Landscaping. Drivers accessing Naish Lane had been aggressive and a minor accident had occurred. A representative of Artisan Landscaping had suggested that further development of the site was planned. The meeting agreed that Naish Lane was unsuitable for regular or heavy traffic and the Chairman undertook to write to the landowner. - **Action EJG**

6. Barrow Hospital site

**6.1 Landowner Statement Notice CA17 and plan - Barrow Hospital** The PC has responded to the notice sent by NSC on 6<sup>th</sup> November, which appeared to seek to

extinguish footpaths across a wide area of the former Barrow Hospital site and surrounding woodland/fields. A response had been sent pointing out that the area included the access road to the Oatley Park/former Hospital site

it appears to include sections of Monarchs Way

it ignores the S106 provision to complete an extension of the spur off Monarchs Way, to connect with Wid Country Lane.

6.2 In discussion, considerable frustration was expressed at the behaviour of the site owners and their representative. It was agreed to await a response from NSC to the PC's note of 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## 7. Bristol Airport

7.1 The appeal hearing on the expansion of Bristol Airport is scheduled for 4 weeks, starting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

7.2 In advance of that, there is to be a submission on 19<sup>th</sup> November, proposing the relocation of the proposed transport hub from the top of multi-storey car park 2 to the existing drop off zone. The concern is that this would allow car park 2 to be deferred indefinitely and risk greater encroachment for parking on green belt. It was agreed that BGPC would remain silent on the issue since it considers there would be some benefit on bringing the public transport hub forward. It agrees with the PCAA that the parking issue is also relevant but is content to leave the PCAA to contest that on behalf of the Parish and Town Councils.

7.3 There will be a further submission on 30<sup>th</sup> November, addressing environmental and economic development issues. Replies would be required by 6<sup>th</sup> January which would need considerable effort – and over the Christmas period. **Action all** when the submission is received.

## 8. North Somerset Local Plan

8.1 Eric and Nick had attended the briefing on NSC's approach to the Local Plan for 2023 to 2038. The key part was a series of four models for future development.

8.1.1 Protect greenbelt and develop outside

8.1.2 Follow transport links - M5, railway and bus route to airport

8.1.3 Big developments in defined centres

8.1.4 Scattered development

The answer may be a blend of some or all. Three appear to assume the resurrection of the Ashton Vale scheme to a greater or lesser extent.

### 8.2 Other points

8.2.1 the transport requirements and the preferences that people may have about where they live/work, have not been altered post Covid.

8.2.2 the airport was described as a possible source of employment growth (but without mentioning that the plan for expansion had been bounced by NSC). There was no other mention of the airport's role.

8.2.3 the relationship with Bristol/Bath/South Glos was mentioned but as a parallel but linked exercise. We shall need to watch that separately as there is a similar consultation being run by WECA.

### 8.3 Timescales are

Identify strategy by spring 2021

Publish plan by Autumn 2021

Adopt by 2023

**Responses to this consultation are required by 14th December.**

**Action EJG to circulate draft response**

9. Mental Health Services for children – letter from ALCA

Eric to draft a response – **Action EJG**

10. AOB

10.1 The Princes Motto was congratulated on its award for the best Village Pub in North Somerset by the 2020 European Enterprise Awards.

10.2 Stancombe funding for renovation of the Village Tap. The Council confirmed that work should proceed.

**10.3** One of the bollards by Springhead Barn had been struck and flattened.

**Action NT**

**10.4** It was **agreed** to explore alternative dates to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday for PC Meetings.