
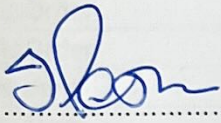


6690	<p>Community Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Street Cleaner – Now have an interested party who we will be taking further. b) Police Speed Survey – We have been accepted for the survey. We are on the waiting list and unfortunately cannot decide on the location. c) Fence at pond, Brittons Crecent – Cllr Welbourne will look at the bench to see if it is salvageable and moved to a more suitable site. Fence has now been removed and disposed of. d) Skate park/play area – Full report sent over showing extensive works required. Village hall committee getting quotes. PC happy to contribute the funds if required. e) Memorial repair – The lettering is faded and is coming up to be due attention. Cllr Welbourne has quoted for the work. Can we get a war grave commission grant? f) Dog Bin – proposed by Cllr Holmes & Cllr Welbourne that we allow the company that empty the bins to carry out the repair works required. 	
6691	<p>Barrow Parish Website – Hosting and email addresses</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien had no recent update apart from the website is up and running and easy to navigate. Cllr O'Brien was going to get an update and request to become and admin.</p>	
6692	<p>Community Facility – S106 Monies</p> <p>Cllr Rawlings re contacted the company with the rejected quote but we now have three identical quotes which all meet the brief/specification in full. One company requested a site visit which took place on the 22nd November 24. Following the site visit, it was brought to our attention that there would be an issue with the access point, but this will be discussed with the household in question and any damage to their lawn/garden would be put right by the chosen company. Quote to be sent to clerk to send to West Suffolk. Decided that a project meeting would need to take place before work commenced.</p>	
6693	<p>Bio-diversity policy</p> <p>Cllr Cousins absent.</p>	
6694	<p>Community Fund</p> <p>Cllr Steer left the meeting. Cllr Rawlings to send report to clerk – attached. Cllr Pearson suggested that the PC should not be responsible for choosing projects on which to use the monies. Suggested that a sub committee was set up to include MOP.</p>	
6695	<p>2025 Precept</p> <p>Cllr Pearson confirmed that the PC financial position remained strong and suggested that this remains the same for 2025. Proposed by Cllr Steer Seconded Cllr Luke – all in favour. Question raised by Cllr Pearson – Where has the money raised form all of the new homes gone?</p>	
6696	<p>SALC</p> <p>Cllr Steer had information from Angela Raynor's report regarding Virtual representation at PC meetings. All Cllr's against this suggestion. Cllr Steer awaiting a response regarding the Community Awards. She will try to get more information.</p>	
6697	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>To approve accounts.</p> <p>Approval proposed by Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Steer</p> <p>Insurance Premium proposed by Cllr Rawlings seconded by Cllr Ford</p>	

	Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Holmes Invoices approved.	
6698	Planning Applications for Consideration None.	
6699	Planning determinations DC/24/1240/CLP – Withdrawn/abandoned DC/24/0082/FUL – Approved	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 3 rd February 2025 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 08:37pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date: 10/2/25

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COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – 2nd December 2024

MESSAGES CASCADED - NONE

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 = 11

All recorded crimes are on or near the location mentioned below.

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
V & S	Barrow Rd, Denham	No data available
V & S	Dale Tree Rd	No data available
V & S	Simpson Way	No data available
Public Order	Coalpit Lane	No data available
Public Order	Orchard Farm Barns	No data available
Public Order	Brittons Crescent	No data available
Other theft	Stoney Lane	No data available
Other Theft	Johnson Rd	No data available
All other crime - Drugs	Watson Way	No data available
All other crime – Criminal Damage and Arson	Poplar Close	No data available
All other crime - vehicle	Sharpes Hill	No data available

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The campaign will run from Sunday 1 December 2024 until Wednesday 1 January 2025. Our officers will be covering the entire county, breathalysing every driver they stop. If caught driving over the limit, you could face six months' imprisonment, be fined an unlimited amount and be banned from driving for at least a year.

Ralph Rawlings

2nd December 2024

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This has been raised at meetings in the past, so the community are already aware of our intention. Prior to the Referendum, we will produce a Newslink detailing the facts relating to the proposed development. This will include the status of West Suffolk's local plan, what impact the new NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) will have on West Suffolk Council and subsequently us, and we will provide details of the Community Fund.

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Barrow-cum-Denham – Community Fund Notes for discussion at Parish Council Meeting 2nd December 2024

Response to questions posed, by email received from resident.

1. This topic has been mentioned many times at past meetings, however it is timely to summarise the current position.
2. We did announce back in March that we had negotiated with the landowners of the Barrow Hill sites, for a Community Fund of £500k to be established, which has been agreed.
3. This will be conditional on the basis that planning permission is granted by West Suffolk and that the houses are built and sold, and our NP is 'made' (i.e. has passed referendum).
4. When the dwellings are sold, then payment can be made.
5. Should be emphasised that this is in **addition** to S106 monies.

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Advice from West Suffolk

We raised this matter with the Planning Department when discussing our NP prior to submission, at which time they advised this was not in their remit, but they would refer this to the Families & Communities Department who would contact us. They did however state in their response that there is an option for the recipient of the funds (i.e. Parish Council) to manage the fund, as previously stated. As we had not heard from F & C department, we contacted them by phone for confirmation and followed up with an email to which we are awaiting a reply.

Was it included in NP Submission

Reference was made to the Community Fund in the NP submission, however as there are no financials mentioned in NP plans, no specific details are provided.

Ralph Rawlings