

BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at The Civic Hall, Barnoldswick

Cllr Chris Church, Chairman

Present

Councillors David Whipp, Callum Hird, John Spencer, Tom Whipp, Mick Strickland, Jodie Greaves, Mike Whittingham, Angela Moran, Marjorie Adams & Gillian Robinson

23/88 Apologies for Absence

Cllr David Greaves, Mandy Boardman & Emma West

23/89 Declarations of Interest

None declared

Resolved: To note this information

23/90 Open Forum

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast

23/91 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 10th January 2024 be approved as a correct record

23/92 Committee/Working Group Reports

a) General Purposes – 14th February 2024

Request for volunteers to help set up and take down the event

b) Town Meeting – 6th March 2024

Items brought up for further discussion: Inadequate Pharmacy Provision, Issues with Royal Mail, Issues with water supplies from Calf Hall Road pumping station, Sports provision

Resolved: To note each report. To add our voice to the complaint to the Integrated Care Board with respect to the inadequacy of pharmacy provision. To ask the public for any issues they have with the Royal Mail, to seek a meeting with relevant parties with respect to sports provision.

23/93 Financial Matters

- a) To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk to the Council since the last meeting of the Council and to delegate consent for payments to be made prior to the next meeting of the Council

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting. To agree to vire funds to cover the shortfall in

the parks budget (due to a higher than expected annual service bill). To accept the overspend on the BOTs bar due to higher sales than expected but to note the additional income. To note the overspend on Butts Store and this will be reimbursed by Pendle BC, to note the overspend on the CCTV budget due to a rise in utility costs. To note the overspend on the Civic Hall but also note the increase in income. To note the overspend on professional fees due to bank charges and the need for the finance package due to becoming VAT registered.

23/94 Review of Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

Resolved: To approve with the following changes. Emergency expenditure to rise to £2000 and the need for a tender to start at £10,000

23/95 Pendle Primary School Free Swimming Initiative 2024/2025

Resolved: To agree to fund the free swimming for 2024/2025 at a cost of £3916

23/96 Valley Gardens Management Plan

Resolved: To set up a working group. To add the suggestion to install a micro hydro and the ambition to have this in the document under sustainability.

23/97 To consider a request from West Craven Warriors

Resolved: To agree to the request to site a container unit adjacent to the existing container on the rugby pitch

23/98 Town Centre Masterplan

Resolved: To reply It's a town centre plan, rather than a masterplan for the whole town. The title and all references should be changed to this.

A very important issue affecting residents is access to healthcare. The plan should include reference to the need for a proper health centre to replace the inadequate doctors' surgery and to provide decent space for clinics. This would be very much in scope.

There are question marks over the future of West Craven Sports Centre. Again, the importance of this facility should be highlighted.

20mph limits should be recommended for all routes through the town centre.

para 1.2 refers to "stalled development sites". The town council questions what and where these are and whether this is at all an issue.

para 2.1 refers to Barnoldswick being in Lancashire. Text should state that the town is on the Yorkshire/Lancashire border, and is within the Pendle Council administrative area.

para 2.3 insert 'road' (A Class).

para 2.7 remove 'even' from first sentence.

Figure 3 change 'county' to 'administrative' boundary in key.

para 2.13 gives weight to Levelling Up, which seems to be dead in the water?

para 2.17 refers to an out of date PBC Corporate Plan?

para 2.72 reference to flood risk from Stock Beck should read 'tributaries of Stock Beck'.

P 25 uses very much out of date picture on Rainhall Road.

para 2.116 'Fern Lea' should be 'Fernlea' throughout.

para 2.119 'retained' should be 'retaining'.

para 3.2 4th bullet point, sustainable travel using 'old railway line' appears unachievable. Remove reference.

Figure 19 et al, substitute 'back streets' for 'alleys' throughout.

para 4.1 replace "vision" with more appropriate version.

para 4.3 support Strategic Objectives.

P 47 replace out of date picture with current image.

Figure 20 include pedestrian/cycle route from end of Clifford Street to West Craven Sports Centre, and, if possible from there down to canal (and Salterforth, providing less of a climb to get over the watershed at the High School.

Figure 21 ditto, with inclusion of route to school as well.

para 5.23 Kelbrook Road gateway closer to Essex Street. Question reference to 'southern' end of Town Green?

Town Centre - support enhanced pedestrian provision, some of which should be implemented as part of current UKSPF supported work. Recent previous upgrades should not be ripped up, but added to as needed in due course.

project 1.3 Church Street. Key access to The Butts (Filtrox) is difficult enough now for large vehicles. This should not be impaired. Bottom of Newtown should be shared space as a minimum.

para 5.43 question value of Skipton Road/Leonard Street link? Support route over Town Green with relocated pedestrian/cycle crossing of Skipton Road east of mini-roundabout.

para 5.42 EV charging points should be in Wellhouse Road car park.

para 5.58 specifically ask residents affected for their views on treatment of back streets.

Graphic P 77 correct name of Cravenside (from Cavendish). Remove garden proposals from area used for informal kickabouts.

para 5.62 Rainhall Road car park possible Health Centre site with undercroft parking; Delete proposals re My Dentist; Delete proposal re former Butts Clinic (probable use by Filtrox to consolidate their international HQ in Barnoldswick); Site 'X' delete reference to Arts and Crafts; delete references to 'riverside' and substitute 'beck'; 'Z' is subject of current planning application; 'Y' is underused 'garage' site, but is filled land and not suitable for development, could be attractive greened area given funding.

In addition the Council would like to add that the former St Andrews Church be added as a grot spot.

Delivery and funding - there appears to be precious little funding available!

23/99Correspondence/Items for information

To advise the Councillors that we have 2 new members of staff who are Sarah Wilson and Sam Stuart and they will be working part time.

Approved as a correct record of the above meeting

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr Chris Church – Chair of the Full Council

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 10th April 2024

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