

BAUMBER PARISH COUNCIL

(Village Hall open from 7.00pm to view Red Lion Planning Application plans & documents.)

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Baumber.

Those Present: Mr M Jones (Chairman), Mrs J Fable (Vice-Chair), Councillors R Espley, S Willerton, M Grosvenor (Clerk).

Also in attendance: Cllr P Bradwell, Mr P Bulwinkle Mr T Davies, Elaine Welham, Mrs J Williams, Mr P Williams.

Apologies: Cllr S Elton, Cllr M Harrison, Cllr S Scholey.

71/18/03. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 made under the s.30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011. There were no disclosures.

72/18/03. Welcome to Cllr P Bradwell Deputy Leader LCC Representing Woodhall Spa & Wragby Division.

73/18/03. Guest Presentation by Trefor Davies of JoeFest Festival at Stourton Estates between 10-12 August 2018. The Festival organisers are keen to cause minimal disturbance to local residents. A special £5.00 ticket discount is available to any Baumber resident attending the event.

74/18/03. Baumber Village Hall committee members, Elaine Welham and Jayne Williams informed BPC that they were seeking support for a claim to ELDC for Discretionary Council Tax relief of £142.00, levied on Baumber Village Hall. It was resolved unanimously to support the Village Hall's application. Cllr P Bradwell as Local Ward Councillor present, also registered her support.

75/18/03. Minutes of the last Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 were read out by the Chairman, it was agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record the minutes.

Agenda Item 6 Clerk's Report on matters outstanding & Cllr Bradwell's LCC Highways update.

76/18/03. Cllr P Bradwell gave an over view of the changes and improvement in services LCC Highways have undertaken. She also advised of her commitment to assist BPC in raising and dealing with LCC matters. Brief discussion on the LCC Coastal Highways Route project.

77/18/03. Update minute ref 66/18/01. Surface condition of Mere Balk Lane. Cllr Bradwell confirmed that Mere Baulk Lane is classified by LCC Highways as a bridleway, previously known as a Green Lane. In the main this classification of road means residents living on the Lane are responsible for the maintenance. Cllr Bradwell agreed to write to the residents and copy the Clerk in confirming who is responsible for the maintenance.

78/18/03 Update minute ref 67/18/01. Clerk submitted BPC's consultation response on ELDC's Local Plan Main Modifications (2017) on 15/02/2018, in respect of Para 4.3, Proposing to "*allow Windfall developments on Greenfield sites in small and medium villages, rather than just Brownfield sites*", accepting that any submissions were limited in scope to be either on the grounds as "*non compliant on legal grounds*" and or considered "*to be unsound*". A full record of BPC's submission is available on request.

Financial Matters & Financial Statement.

79/18/03 Update minute ref 69/18/01. LCC have provided BPC with an updated highway verges grass cutting map and 2018/19 grass cutting agreement, advising BPC will receive a transitional funding relief payment of £394.42, increased from £239.15 in 2017/18. BPC resolved that the Clerk sign the agreement in acceptance. LCC will provide 2 highway verge safety cuts in 2018.

80/18/03 Glendale MS Ltd 2018 Grass Cutting quotation proposes 8 village cuts @ £139.43 per cut and 2 St Swithins Churchyard cuts @ £141.61. BPC resolved to accept an amended quotation of 6 village cuts, + 2 churchyard cuts @ a cost of £1119.80, less LCC's relief of £394.42 = £725.38. Comparable grass cutting costs for 2017 were £951.83 less LCC's relief of £239.15 = £712.68

81/18/03. Reconciled Bank Account balance, with all cheques cleared is £2336.73.
Invoices due to be paid: LALC 2018/19 Annual subscription, £81.60.
Balance C/f £2,255.13 @ year end 31/03/2018.

82/18/03. Clerk reported that BPC's 2017/18 year end accounts and internal audit were being prepared.

83/18/03. Update Baumber Parish Plan Steering Group (SG). Clerk had circulated to Cllr's prior to meeting a draft of the proposed Village plan document & community questionnaire. These were considered and it was unanimously resolved, with one slight amendment to the questionnaire, that these be finalised at the next SG meeting scheduled for 24/04/2018. This 1st stage of the proposed Village Plan - Community Vision document-questionnaire would be published and presented at the Baumber Annual Community Meeting scheduled to be held on 22/05/2018.

Planning.

84/18/03. Planning Application No S/011/00183/18 Housing Development at Red Lion Inn. (Consultation period had been extended from 1st published date 03/03/18 to 29/03/2018 to enable BPC to comment.) The submitted plans are reduced from the 7 dwellings granted outline planning permission on appeal, to 3 detached houses and 1 pair of semi detached, comprising of 5 plots. BPC resolved to support the application in principle, but with reservations concerning the dwellings in close proximity to the adjacent Grade 2 listed Thatched Cottage, with a recommendation to ELDC that this could be resolved with a mix of bungalows and houses. BPC supported the submissions made by Bulwinkles Garage, concerning potential visibility restrictions to vehicles accessing the garage forecourt when passing the frontage of the new development. Clerk to submit comments to ELDC in response.

85/18/03 Planning Application No S/011/00083/18. The Walled Garden Baumber LN9 5NL. (Change of use to provide mix of leisure facility and events venue and the erection of a semi permanent marquee). Information: ELDC Consultation letter notification to BPC dated 24/01/2018 - consultation closed 16/02/2018. Details circulated to Cllr's by email 29/01/2018 & clerk's response to ELDC planning to support application submitted 14/02/2018.

86/18/03 Planning Application No S/011/00066/18 & S/011/00312/18 Land at Stourton Woods Baumber LN9 5PB. (Erection of an amenity block, construction of a vehicular parking area & play area). Information: ELDC Consultation letters to BPC dated 30/01/18 & 19/02/18, consultations closed 22/02 & 14/03. Details circulated to Cllr's by email 02/02/18. Clerk's responses to ELDC planning to support applications submitted 14/02/18 & 12/03/18 respectively.

Correspondence.

87/18/03. Letter from Chris Panton ELDC, re Parish Council's consultation responses to planning applications, requesting that for typical small scale planning applications these are communicated electronically to and from ELDC to reduce printing and postage cost, as annually 2000 hard copies of documents are sent to Parish Councils. The clerk already forwards links to ELDC's planning portal for Cllr's to access submitted plans on line prior to BPC's meetings. ELDC consultation response was requested by 9/03/2018. BPC resolved to assist ELDC with small scale applications, but with the proviso that larger scale applications, such as Red Lion type housing developments, hard copies of plans continue to be provided by ELDC.

The date of the next Meeting, (AGM followed by Ordinary Meeting) was set at Tuesday 15th May 2018 7.30pm Baumber Village Hall.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed by the Chairman, 

Dated: 15th May 2018.