*BARKBY & BARKBY THORPE PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting On Tuesday 25th June 2024 @ 7.30 pm at Barkby Village Hall

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| **Present:** : Cllr Chris Thompson (chair), Cllr Owen Bentley, Cllr Phil Saunders, Cllr Paul Fletcher, Cllr Dwayne Toon, Cllr Matthew Brookes  **Members of Public:**  **Apologies**: Cllr Darren Hayes, Cllr Brenda Seaton  028/24**Parishioner Business**  A letter has been posted to the chairman about the mis-management and dismal state of the  local woodland areas on the Pochin estate, specifically around the lack of management on  the vast amount of Ivy on so many tress on their land, which are and will cause many  problems. The Parish council have asked the clerk to send a copy to the Pochin estate, and  that has been completed on 26th June 2024.  029/24**Police Report**  Nothing to report  030/24 **BABTAG Report**  It has been a relatively quiet time for the last few months on the housing development front  but the pace is now picking up. There is now a planning consultation application from  Taylor Wimpey for the 960 houses HA1 Land South East of Syston complete with  Masterplan for the development.  We’ve also had the details of the Charnwood 5 year housing supply which manages to  reach its target without including any houses from the local HA sites.  There has been an offer to meet the parish council by Jelsons concerning the HA8 former  Woodgate Nurseries site, and a mystery planning application regarding land west of Hilltop  Road on what must be the site of the proposed southern link road from the Leicester ring  road into Thorpebury. This is so bound in confidentiality that rumours will soon start  circulating.  However not everything is moving. Despite everything being agreed between the  authorities and the builders there is still no date for the road closure on Hamilton Lane to  allow the two new access roads into Thorpebury to be built and no safety improvements on  Barkbythorpe Road.  Barkby Meadows is now open at Barkby Thorpe. It offers secure dog fields.  **HA1 Land SE of Syston**  Cllr Owen Bentley has examined the Taylor Wimpey glossy Masterplan for the south-east of  Syston HA1. It purports to have paid attention to the concerns and objectives of local people  Page 94  who attended consultation workshops in October 2022. This has resulted in the  concentration of much of the new housing on the Syston fringe and the creation of a wooded  buffer on the north side of Barkby Lane and of a sizeable green park alongside the Barkby  brook.  However many questions still demand answers not least because many local people in the  consultation made it abundantly clear that they did not want the development in any form  believing that the 4500 house of Thorpebury were more than enough for the area.  **Negative impacts of the scheme**.  **1 Rural to Suburbia**. No wide wooded buffer is declared alongside the proposed housing  on the west side of the Queniborough Road but a narrow strip of allotments over which the  houses will be highly visible thus suburbanisng what is currently a rural road into Barkby.  Also, inevitably the area of separation/green wedge is substantially reduced by the housing  estates which the developers claim could accommodate even more than the 960 houses of  the Charnwood Local Plan.  **2 Traffic.** The plan underplays the proximity of the Thorpebury development on the south  side of Barkby Lane and does not really address the  huge burden of traffic these two major  developments will impose on Barkby Lane and Queniborough Road which will each have  accesses onto the south-east of Syston estates.  **3 Flooding risk.** The plan estimates that only 27 hectares out of 64 are at risk of flooding  and appears to underestimate the risk of climate change by building on the flood plain.  **4 Loss of prime agricultural land**. The plan casually accepts it will be building on  valuable  grade 2 agricultural land when such rich land is vital for food security.  **5. Pressure on local services.** The plan does not fully address the pressure on local services  providing only for a single shop and  a single school on site.  **6 Need for the houses?** Whilst the HA1 site features in the “emerging” Charnwood Local  Plan it does not appear in the sites contributing to the current 5 year housing supply. There is  surely then time to assess whether a development of this scale is needed in the 2030s and  40s?  Taylor Wimpey has offered the Parish council a meeting about the Masterplan framework  document (MFD) on the new development south-east of Syston, which is due to be arranged  as soon as possible.  031/24 **Declarations of Interest on the Agenda – Personal &**  **Prejudicial**: None  Page 95  032/24 **To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting and**  **the meeting minutes for the Annual parish council meeting held**  **on the 4th May 2024 in Barkby village hall:-**  The minutes were signed by as a true record. No matters arising. The  meeting minutes will be posted on the parish council website. The clerk will also put a  draft copy of the meeting minutes of this meeting on the noticeboard.  033/24**Borough Councillor Report**  Cllr Matthew Brookes confirmed that the mystery planning application regarding land  west of Hilltop Road on what must be the site of the proposed southern link road from the  Leicester ring road into Thorpebury is at the moment confidential. Cllr Brookes did  suggest that Charnwood will be putting in strong objections.    034/24**County Councillor Report**  None available  035/24**Financial Reports:**  B**ank Reconciliation:**  The balance on the 31st May 2024 was £ 32,739.55  **Payments**  Total authorized payments for the period 1st May 2024 – 31st May 2024 = £1471.23  **Receipts**  Total income received for the period 1st May 2024 – 31st May 2024 = £0.00  As of today the “Platinum group” have spent £7630.57 leaving them  with a balance of £2369.43  036/24 **Jelson’s update on Barkby Lane**  Cllr Chris Thompson is organising a meeting between Rob Thorley (Land and planning  director) and the Parish council on the 3rd September 2024 to establish what they are  going to do to re- instate the land at the former Woodgate nursery site.    037/24 **Pre-application consultation (Framework Document) relating to**  **land South of Syston - P/24/0975/2**  See under BABTAG report  Page 95  038/24**Clerk’s Report**   1. J1 Footpath – LCC have now spoken to the Fisher German land agent regarding the brook wall.  They have explained that the footpath is a Public Right of Way only and that the land it sits on is not owned or maintained by LCC, and that they are only responsible for making sure that it is safe for the public to pass.  “LCC believe that the brook and the retaining wall is owned under riparian ownership and have said that unless they have any evidence to prove otherwise then the Pochin estate will need to maintain it”. Fisher German reported they were going to go back and try to find the correct land ownership documents to see if they say anything regarding the brook. The Parish council have requested the clerk to invite Fred Hammond on behalf of the Pochin estate to the next parish council meeting to discuss further. 2. Footbridge (J1b) along Brookside – The quote for the works is too high at the moment to work with, and so other options/funding are being explored.   039/24 **General Correspondence**   * Street light out along Brookside near No.64 & 66 is still not working. Leicestershire County Council has passed the enquiry to the National grid who the clerk is communicating with to try and resolve. The Parish council have asked the clerk to find out the specification of the bulb to see if that can be sourced to then address the problem. * Declaration of office – Cllr Darren Heyes to sign at the next parish council meeting. * Parking on Holt Lane/Beeby road/School Lane. The clerk has contacted the Head teacher of the Pochin school to suggest they speak to the new owners of the Brookside pub to see if staff members can use the carpark to help reduce cars on the roads. * Cemetery fees have now been increased and the clerk has informed funeral directors and published them on the parish council website.     040/24 **Items for Next Months Agenda**  Model financial regulations 2024 (following meeting after September)  Standing order review (following after September)  Footbridge  Footpath  Street light along the Brookside  HSBC account - updates    **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm at**  **Barkby Village Hall**  The meeting closed at 8.30pm    Chairman:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Clerk to do  Clerk to do  Clerk to do  Cllr Heyes  Clerk to chase | |
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