

**Minutes of Barleythorpe Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7.15pm  
Rutland Showground Pavilion, Barleythorpe**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. Malcolm Phillips – Chairman Cllr. Julian Richardson Cllr. Andrew Burton Cllr. Hilary Hudson Cllr. Sarah Clark</p> <p>Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk 8 members of the public</p>
Item 2024/31	<p><b>To elect a Chairman.</b></p> <p>It was proposed that Malcolm Phillips be elected as Chairman.</p> <p>All in favour</p>
2024/32	<p><b>To elect a Vice Chairman</b></p> <p>It was proposed that Julian Richardson be elected as Vice Chairman</p> <p>All in favour</p>
2024/33	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Planning application 2024/0488/MAF was discussed. Concern was raised that the development will create a large volume of surface water and insufficient regard has been given to drainage and flooding. Flood mitigation measures in place in various Barleythorpe locations were discussed.</p>
2024/34	<p><b>To approve absences</b></p> <p>Apologies received from C. Cllr. Carr and C. Cllr. Zollinger-Ball. The absence of David Blanksby was approved.</p>
2024/35	<p><b>To co-opt a Parish Councillor</b></p> <p>It was proposed that Sarah Clark be co-opted as a Parish Councillor Proposed Cllr. Phillips Seconded Cllr. Burton All in favour</p>
2024/36	<p><b>To receive declarations of member’s interests and requests for dispensations.</b></p> <p>None</p>
2024/37	<p><b>To adopt standing orders</b></p> <p>It was proposed that the Standing Orders be adopted. Proposed Cllr. Phillips Seconded Cllr. Richardson All in favour</p>
2024/38	<p><b>To adopt Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>It was proposed that the Code of Conduct be adopted. Proposed Cllr. Phillips Seconded Cllr. Hudson All in favour</p>

2024/39	<p><b>Election of Officers (Chair in bold)</b>          Planning Committee – <b>Cllr. Phillips</b>, Cllr Burton, Cllr. Richardson.          Environment Working Group – <b>Cllr. Clark</b>, Cllr. Hudson, Cllr. Burton, Cllr. Phillips.          Flood Prevention and Risk Management Group – <b>Cllr. Burton</b>, Cllr. Hudson, Cllr. Phillips, Cllr. Clark.          Community Development Working Group – Cllr. Clark, Cllr Hudson.</p>	
2024/40	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>          Proposed Cllr. Phillips          Seconded Cllr. Hudson.          The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
2024/41	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 not listed separately on the agenda.</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
2024/42	<p><b>Clerk's report &amp; correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Parish Council vacancies – the Parish Council has leave to co-opt to fill the current vacancy.</li> <li>b) CIL return &amp; report to RCC – this has been submitted to RCC with details of projects to be included in the RCC annual report.</li> <li>c) King's Portrait – the Parish Council's official portrait of the King has been received. This will be donated to Rutland Showground.</li> <li>d) TTRO 24/0028 Rutland Show 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.</li> <li>e) The closure of the Melton Road during July &amp; August was noted and the potential increase in traffic passing through Barleythorpe.</li> <li>f) Removal of barbed wire, Linear Park – Allison Homes have confirmed that the removal and replacement of the barbed wire will be dealt with as a matter of urgency.</li> </ul>	
2024/43	<p><b>Parking on residential roads</b></p> <p>Cllr. Hudson raised the issue of dangerous parking on Stud Road during drop off and pick up times for Catmose College. The road is currently unadopted but consideration to implementing double yellow lines, after adoption, will be given.          Catmose College have contacted all parents to remind them to use the school car park for dropping off and picking up.          Allison Homes will be contacted to ascertain if they are able to take any action.</p>	
2024/44	<p><b>County Councillors report</b></p> <p>There were no County Councillors present at the meeting.</p>	

2024/45

**Planning**

- a. To receive planning application responses since last meeting –

2024/0509/PED 1 Land's End Way. Prior approval for the conversion of former office space to 15 no. residential units comprising 9 one-bed units and 6 two-bed units (Class C3): The building is currently unused, the proposal to convert the building into flats is better than letting it go derelict. The flats have adequate off-road parking. No objections.

2024/0499/FUL Land at Cold Overton Road. Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of 2023/0428/FUL (Erection of nine single storey dwellings with associated vehicular access, parking, landscaping, and open space): Plans appear satisfactory. This is a good use of and with the welcome construction of bungalows. No objections.

- b. To receive planning application decisions from Rutland County Council:

2024/0161/ADV Unit 2A-2C Tungsten Park, Panniers Way. Installation of various externally illuminated signage and non-illuminated signage. Granted 02/04/24.

2024/0310/FUL McDonalds Restaurant Ltd, Land's End Way. Convert 2 no. parking spaces to electric vehicle charging bays and installation of 2 no. rapid electric vehicle charging stations within existing carpark. Granted 14/05/24.

- c. To consider planning application 2024/0488/MAF Land to rear of Hilltop Drive and Redland Road. Erection of 72 dwellings with associated vehicular access, parking, landscaping, surface water balancing and public open space.

This development is not necessary as Rutland already has sufficient housing planned for at least the next five years.

**LOCATION:**

The location of the planned development is near the top of Cold Overton Road on the right-hand side of the road when leaving Oakham. The development is basically a cul-de-sac, has only one access road serving some 81 dwellings. A single road access for so many houses will cause problems to traffic on Cold Overton Road both during the proposed development and for residents in the future.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Access for emergency vehicles could be very difficult with cars parked on the single access road. If an accident should block the road for any reason the residents would either be unable to leave the area or return to the area until any blockage was removed.

	<p><b>TRAFFIC SAFETY:</b></p> <p>Traffic approaching Oakham on an unrestricted road from the west will be unable to see the site entrance until they crest the hill giving very little time to react to any vehicles entering or leaving the site. This would be a particular problem with large trucks arriving during the planned development being built.</p> <p>Traffic arriving and leaving the site during the building of the site and once the site is finished will also cause to the houses in Hilltop Drive and Redland Road. The proposed development will also affect the draining of the land, more traffic problems on the town end of Cold Overton Road and the level crossing.</p> <p><b>EFFECT ON CURRENT HOUSING:</b></p> <p>This proposed new development will have a very detrimental effect on the current housing in Hilltop Drive and Redland Road. The proposed development will be considerably above the current housing. This will have a detrimental effect on the privacy of the houses on Hilltop Drive and Redland Road and impact on the light available disturbing the soil during building will reduce its stability, possibly causing problems to the residents of Redland Road. The area already is subject to waterlogged gardens during heavy rain.</p> <p><b>FLOOD RISK:</b></p> <p>The planned development will result in additional surface water runoff. This is proposed to be channeled into the brook at the bottom of the hill to the north. In 2024 the brook broke its banks several times, on one occasion this caused several houses in Barleythorpe to be flooded. The spring of 2024 has been unusually wet, meteorologists tell us with global warming this wet spring will become the norm in the future. Any additional water being channeled into the brook will increase the risk of severe flooding in Barleythorpe and further downstream where flood management is already required.</p> <p><b>SITE:</b></p> <p>The site is on a very steep slope requiring multiple levels across the area, the movement of land to produce these multiple levels could result in the land being unstable. The retaining walls could collect water behind them again causing instability of the land resulting in the walls failing to retain the land. This instability could impact on the housing in Hilltop Drive and Redland Road.</p>	
2024/46	<p><b>Flooding Prevention &amp; Risk Management Group</b></p> <p>Cllr. Burton gave a report.</p> <p>We held 3 meetings since the flooding earlier this year. Representatives from Barleythorpe Parish Council, Oakham Heights Management company, Allison Homes and members of the public were in attendance. Allison Homes were quick to respond to early measures required to help alleviate and control the early flooding. Our County Councillors attended the first meeting but we're not present at the following meetings. Although we invited RCC officers, disappointingly none were present</p>	

	<p>at any of the meetings.</p> <p>The focus of discussions centred around the beck that runs through the village and the changing flow, and effect of any blockages of the grill in the beck caused by branches, logs and other detritus washed downstream from further up the beck, the state of cleanliness/maintenance of the gullies throughout the village. The urgent need for adoption of roads and infrastructure throughout the estate by RCC so the correct agencies can be directed to dealing with prevention of further flooding events.</p> <p>We discussed the possibility of financial help for those affected and we lobbied RCC and our MP to try to get some help that had been made available to flood victims in other areas but were not able to get the rules changed so that Barleythorpe residents could get access to funding.</p> <p>We have tried and will continue to try to get RCC to engage with us regarding flood defence and adoption of roads and infrastructure across Barleythorpe and recognise that this is key to further flood prevention and protection.</p> <p>A meeting with the Rutland County Council Head of Highways is agreed to take place in July.</p>	
2024/47	<p><b>Environment Working Group</b></p> <p>a) It was proposed that permission to install a bench with commemorative plaque be installed on the verge Manor Lane and Main Road junction be sought from Rutland County Council.</p> <p>All in favour.</p>	
2024/48	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a. To receive the Annual Internal Auditor's Report 2023/2024 This was received and no action required.</p> <p>b. To complete and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024 This was approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>c. To receive and sign the Accounting Statements 2023-2024. This was approved and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>d. To receive and consider the bank reconciliation 2023-2024. This was received and approved.</p> <p>e. To receive and consider the explanation of variances. This was received and approved.</p> <p>f. To receive and consider the breakdown of reserves held. This was received and approved.</p> <p>g. To agree the dates for the period of public rights. These were agreed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr. Phillips Seconded Cllr. Richardson All in favour</p>	

2024/49	The meeting closed at 8.15pm Next meeting Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.	
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