# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017, AT 6.30 P.M.

- 71. PRESENT: Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Mrs. S. King and Mrs. S.A. Gibbons.
- 72. IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, 4 Members of the public and PCSO M. Watkins..
- 73. APOLOGIES: Shropshire Councillor D. Turner.
- 74. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

## 75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest received.

### 76. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## 77. TRAFFIC SPEED – BENTHALL LANE AND BRIDGE ROAD, BENTHALL:

Members expressed their concerns over the speed of traffic on Benthall Lane and Bridge Road, Benthall, to PCSO M. Watkins.

PCSO Watkins informed Members that speed checks were carried out by the Safer Road Partnership and he would inform them of the Members concerns. In the meantime the Police can record traffic speeds with their hand held camera any consequences of vehicles being driven over the 30 mph speed limit, the drivers would be stopped and given appropriate advice on breaking the speed limit, this method was for educational purposes only.

Members also expressed their concerns over the parking of vehicles on the footpath on Bridge Road, Benthall, particularly a lorry which parked wholly on the footpath resulting in pedestrians having to walk on the highway to avoid the vehicle. Councillor Knott produced photographic evidence of the offending vehicle parked wholly on the footpath.

PCSO Watkins informed Members that he would pass their complaint onto Shropshire Council who were responsible for enforcement. In the meantime he would investigate and advise the offending vehicle driver.

PCSO Watkins issued a supply of 30 mph stickers and suggested Members affix to their dustbins, in the hope that this would help to bring to drivers notice that they were in a 30 mph zone.

### **78. ELECTIONS 2017:**

The Clerk reported that he had received sufficient nomination papers for each member and distributed a nomination paper to each member. The Clerk explained that only the Nomination Register should be used to identify their proposer and seconder.

The election would be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, and dependent on whether their would be an election or not, the date of the Annual Meeting would be changed.

## 79. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING CONSULTATION:

The Chairman requested the views of Members on the proposed changes to the Planning Consultation. Members welcomed the extension to 31 days for responding to Planning Applications. They noted, with some concern, that in future the Planning Applications would only be sent out to those who wished to pay £15 per application. Another concern was that the Council would have to meet where there was broadband access.

Members agreed that they would leave any decisions until May when a new Council would be in place.

### 80. GRANT AID:

The Clerk reported that Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew had requested a grant towards sending 12 pupils from Barrow 1618 Free School to the Crucial Crew event in June at £10 per pupil.

RE3SOLVED that a grant of £120 be approved.

## 81. STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2017/2020:

The Clerk reported that E.On Energy were offering a 3 year contract for a 3 three year lamp renewal cycle, annual lantern cleaning and call out facility for repairs at £600.49 plus V.A.T. per annum.

**RESOLVED** that the agreement be accepted.

## 82. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Chairman requested the views of Members on the following Planning Application.

17/00811/TCA Various works to tree within Broseley Conservation Area at 35 Simpsons Lane, Broseley.

NO OBJECTION subject to the County Arborculturist agreeing to the works.

### 83. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£316.62
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Nigel Wyke	£240.00
P. Knott	£ 8.39
E.On Energy Ltd.	£154.28
Willey Village Hall	£ 8.00

**RESOLVED** accordingly.