

Minutes of the meeting of Barrow Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 6.30pm at Willey Village Hall.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Hancox.

2. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present Councillors Downes, Knott, Skinner and Churchill. Also, present Shropshire Councillor Thomas. PSCO S Breeze was also present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

None.

4. MINUTES:

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021.

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021.

5. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member.

Shropshire Council Thomas reported a busy month of training and meetings culminated with a full council meeting today where the next step of adopting the local plan was approved. It will now be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for scrutiny. The Buildwas Power Station planning application was deferred for more information until August. Much Wenlock Town Council has presented Mr M Whiteman with the freeman of Much Wenlock. He reported Mr Whiteman is enjoying his retirement. The Covid infection rate is high. Many residents are being "pinged" because of contact with residents with positive tests. The rates are similar to those in January 2021. He reminded the parish council that free lateral flow tests kits are available in Much Wenlock and Broseley. He will be holding surgeries.

6. PLANNING

a. New applications to be considered.

- **21/02794/FUL Clementine Cottage 49 The Mines Broseley TF12 5QY.**

Reinstatement of decking, garden and parking/turning area following previous slope stabilisation works. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.

- **21/02978/FUL Council Allotments Floyer Lane Benthall Broseley.** Formation of new vehicular and pedestrian access to the allotments from Floyer Lane. The application is noted but no comment will be made.

b. Applications since last meeting.

- **21/01479/FUL Benthall Grange Benthall Lane Benthall Broseley.** Formation of new vehicular access. (No objection).

c. Decisions:

- d. Any other planning matters.** Enforcement matter reported. Clerk to report a further concern.

7. FINANCE:

- a. **Invoices to pay.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:
 - a.1. Mrs J Madeley £256.88 Jun Salary chq 983.
 - a.2. HMRC PAYE £67.60 Chq 984
 - a.3. Mrs J Madeley Jul salary and expenses £297.33 Chq 985
 - a.4. HMRC PAYE £67.60 Chq 986
 - a.5. Nest Pension £23.66 x 2 DD
 - a.6. SALC £298.81 sub Chq 987
 - a.7. Shropshire Council £313.12 Street Lights Electricity Chq 988
 - a.8. ICO £25.00 data protection register. DD.
 - a.9. E. on £257.77 Street light contract. Chq 989
 - a.10. M Partridge £100 grounds maintenance Chq 990
 - a.11. BHIB Insurance £302.30 Chq 991
- b. Bank reconciliation. Noted.
- c. Npower Business Solutions account at zero. Noted.
- d. Defibrillator. Update including paying £395 to the charity. It was RESOLVED to pay. **Councillors to find an electrician.**
- e. Internal Audit Recommendations. Noted **clerk to** action. **Councillor Churchill** to carry out cost benefit analysis on converting to LED streetlights.
- f. Changing bank signatories. Actions completed.
- g. Street lighting joint energy agreement 2021/2022. The agreement will be for an annual fee of £1043.72 plus VAT. Being quarterly fees of £260.93 plus VAT. **Clerk** to forward.

8. POLICE MATTERS:

- To receive any reports from the beat manager. PSCO Steven Breeze introduced himself as a new member of the Broseley and Much Wenlock Safer Neighbourhood Team. He reported there were 38 Incidents throughout the whole area in May. He explained the Police Charter. He informed the meeting of the role of Graham Donaldson who is the rural business crime officer for Shropshire. There is a new system you can sign up to Neighbourhood Alerts. <https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>. There will be regular newsletters and visits to parish and town council meetings. He also explained operation SNAP, a facility that allows owners of DASH cams to upload unsafe driving. Speeding traffic through Benthall and weight limit abuse through the 7.5 tonne weight limit area. He also said a speed survey could be carried out. The noisy vehicles that regularly travel through Benthall were also discussed.
- Request for three top issues. These have been reported.
- West Mercia PCC safer roads fund. Noted.

10. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.

- a. Report from Cllr Skinner & Cllr Churchill.

Councillor Churchill reported that one quote has been received and another is being sought. The contact details of the contractor will be given to the neighbours. Councillor Downes will move the rubbish. Quotes were around £250 for a man with a van. All the plots are let with Plots c1 and c2 let recently.

- b. Planning Application. Clerk has asked Shropshire Council fencing.

11. BARROW CHURCHYARD

- a. Barrow Churchyard management. It was RESOLVED to adopt the action plan prepared by Councillor Churchill and his wife. Clerk to share with Revd. Penn and the churchwardens of St Giles Barrow. **Clerk to share.**

12. HIGHWAYS

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. There is a damaged weight limit sign near the junction to Shirlett. A large pothole in Posenhall area is causing problems. The bus stop sign is still not repaired. The footpath from Bentlands to Bridge Road is narrower and needs a pavement sweep. **Clerk to** thank Shropshire Council for the improvements to Bridge Road pavement and Spout Lane.

13. STREET LIGHTING

- a. Update. Clerk has been unable to get hold of the relevant officer for an update. **Clerk to** chase.
- b. Streetlights off Bridge Road. **Clerk to** chase.

14. SMARTWATER

It was RESOLVED to post the remaining kits out to properties who have not had a pack.

15. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS.

- a. Any other meetings.
1. Councillor Knott attended the Bridgnorth area committee of SALC. The presentations were by Shropshire Council officer about the transport plan. There was a presentation about climate change. Finally, about a planting a tree for the queen's platinum jubilee. The tree can be obtained [freehttps://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/communities-and-groups/](https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/communities-and-groups/)
 2. Councillor Skinner attended a village hall meeting in person. Sadly, long term member of the committee, having held various roles Mrs Shaw has passed away and will be greatly missed. 3 smoke alarms and heat alarm have been fitted. A new water boiler has been installed for 40 cups of tea/coffee. Wifi will be installed and will be free for a year. The disabled access has been repaired. Apple day will on 26th September. There will be a heartstart defibrillator course on 13th September. The course will be free presented by the first responders. Refreshments will be served
 3. Councillor Downes chaired his last meeting of Severn Gorge Countryside Trust. He carried out the CEO's staff appraisal. Budgets are tight. There will be a

picnic for trustee volunteers.

16. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a.** West Mercia local policing team newsletter. Noted.
- b.** Ironbridge Gorge WHS steering group. Noted.

17. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING 21ST SEPTEMBER 2021.

The meeting was declared closed at 8pm