

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM AT WILLEY AND DISCTRICT VILLAGE HALL.**

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Members of the public will have the opportunity to raise Parish matters between 6.30 p.m. and 6.40 p.m. Three members of the public were present. They asked questions about Penns Meadow Hedge and speed issues in Benthall.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** Apologies were accepted from Councillor Skinner.

**3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Downes, Knott, Whiteman and Churchill were present. Shropshire Councillor Turner was also present.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** None.

**5. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:** Shropshire Councillor Turner reported that as part of the 2016-2036 local plan consultation a meeting was held at Buildwas Village Hall where the focus was on the Ironbridge Power Station proposed site. Concerns were raised about Highways, Medical center access amongst other things. A newsletter has been issued by the owners of the Ironbridge Site answering some frequently asked questions. Some of the concerns regarding the hgv signage scheme raised at a meeting recently have been addressed. Some suggestions to the junctions at each end of Merrywell Lane were discussed. There is a lack of attention on highways to works such as vegetation and other simple tasks. The relationship between Kier and Shropshire Council is strained and it appears only emergency works are being carried out.

**7. POLICE MATTERS:**

To receive any reports from the beat manager. No report. Clerk to invite new police constable for the area to the next meeting.

**8. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.**

**Allotments report:**

- a. Councillors have been working on grounds maintenance. The tree on plot H. Also, some works on the hedge in the common ground. Noted.
- b. Clerk has informed the residents of Floyer Hall the fencing will be deferred until the land transfer has been carried out.
- c. Clerk has informed the fencing contractor the same.
- d. Clerk informed Shropshire Council's N Billingham. He has asked the fencing is done to enable the relevant boundary to be measured efficiently. He has asked if the parish council can review the decision. The reason being the measurement of the land to be sold will be easier to measure with the new

fence in place. The alternative will involve several temporary markers. In view of the new information parish council can review the decision. It was RESOLVED to confirm to Shropshire Council that the fencing will not be installed until the deed of surrender, planning application, land transfer and new land registry documents have been completed.

- e. The waiting list is growing. Noted.
- f. Clerk has emailed all plot holders reminding them they are responsible for the upkeep of their plots all year round.
- g. Clerk has emailed all the people on the waiting list explaining the current position.
- h. A decision needs to be made on the internal hedge. It needs cutting back. Tenancy agreement says the tenants are responsible for the cutting back.
- i. A tenant who has no need for a green bin at her home would like to have her bin at the site and have it collected from there. Clerk to investigate. Clerk to investigate Veolia Community Grant.

**9. HGV SCHEME. A.** New plans have been received for part of the scheme. Noted.

**10. BARROW CHURCHYARD:** a. The Rector and Parochial Church Council have confirmed the following:

- 1. Barrow PC have responsibility to cut the grass only.
- 2. The Graves in the burial ground are the responsibility of the next of kin and pcc. But he is unsure who is responsible for the trees in the graveyard.
- 3. Benthall Church Yard is still open for burials at the discretion of the rector and PCC.

#### **11. HIGHWAYS**

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. Clerk to contact Safer roads partnership about speed through Benthall. Clerk to add Police and Crime commissioner grants on the next agenda. Clerk to report the following issues to Shropshire Council: There is a damaged manhole cover on Spout Lane. There is a blocked gully on the Junction of The Mines and Bridge Road. There is water from the mines in the area running into the blocked gully. Excavations on Bridge Road have caused water to gush out of a retaining wall at 45 The Mines.
- b. Report on blocked rights of way. The two rights of way have been cleared.

**12. STREET LIGHTING.** There has been a change of staff at Shropshire Council. The relevant information has been resent to the lighting team.

#### **13. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUTSIDE BODIES MEETINGS.**

- a. Any other meetings.
  - 1. Councillor Whiteman attend Bridgnorth and Shifnal area committee meeting at Quatt village hall. Shropshire Council leader Peter Nutting and portfolio holder for communities Gwilym Butler attended the meeting. Councillor D Beechey (Abrighton PC) was elected chair and councillor D Cooper (Bridgnorth TC) Vice Chair. They reported on national rural sparsity, a

boundary review countywide after next election in 2021 and the new Shropshire Council housing company.

2. Councillor Downes attended the meeting of Slaney Almshouse Trust. They are situated opposite the school in Barrow. There will shortly be one available to rent. The Trust would like to advertise on the parish council website. The homes have long gardens and the trust is looking to building three more.
3. Councillor Skinner sent a report via the chair regarding a meeting about the closure of Waterloo Street and others in Ironbridge. Various roads will be closed during the works into 2020.

#### 14. PLANNING

##### a. **New applications to be considered.**

- 19/03511/TEL Installation of a 15m Telegraph Pole design mast on a concrete base accommodating 2 shrouded antennas and 2 300m transmission dishes for the EE emergency Services Network. Including small buildings. Bank Farm Haughton Bridgnorth. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection
- 19/03685/TCA The Haven Bridge Road Benthall Broseley. Fell 1 Lawson Cypress within Broseley Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.
- 19/03955/FUL Erection of single storey side and rear extension. Penns Meadow House Legges Hill Broseley. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.

##### b. **Decisions:**

- 19/01445//FUL 61 Bridge Road Benthall Broseley. Erection of first floor extension. **Grant Full planning permission.**
- c. 2 enforcement notices received. Acknowledged.
- d. Ironbridge Power Station FAQs. Noted.
- e. **Any other planning matters.** Clerk to report a possible planning enforcement matter on Bridge Road. The property is on The Mines. Building of a garage.

#### 15. FINANCE:

- a. **Invoices to pay. A.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:
  1. E. on £360.29 chq 903
  2. Mrs J Madeley no more than £481.16 Sept and Oct chq 904
  3. HMRC no more than £97.40 chq 906
  4. Willey and District Village Hall £24.00 chq 907
- b. Bank reconciliation. Clerk presented the bank reconciliation and budget comparison. **Clerk** to update accounts papers.
- c. Approve financial regulations 2019. It was RESOLVED to adopt the new financial regulations.
- d. Approve salary changes for clerk including hours log. It was agreed to defer the decision until November.

#### 16. CONSIDER APPLYING FOR THE WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER SMART WATER PROJECT. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the grant application. **Clerk to arrange.**

**17. PARISH PLAN:** defer until November.

**18. CORRESPONDENCE:** a. SALC AGM 2019. Consider entering the Jan Snell Award 2019. Clerk to enter the renovation of allotment site.

b. Letter from Salvation Army asking to site a clothes bank within the parish. Noted.

c. Road Closure Cobwell Road 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 . Noted.

d. Allotment & Leisure Gardner. Noted.

e. Environment Agency advice on preventing fly tipping. Noted.

f. SALC September Bulletin. Noted.

g. "Our Customer & Communities Improvement Fund." Noted.

**19. Date of next scheduled meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.** The meeting was declared closed at 8.30pm.