

**Minutes of Barrow Parish Council's meeting held at Willey  
Village Hall, Willey, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023, at  
6.30 p.m.**

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public were present.

**2. BROSELEY TOURISM GROUP.**

No one attended to give presentation.

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:**

No apologies were received.

**4. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Downes, Skinner, Hancox, Churchill and Knott were present.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

**6. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**7. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Chair congratulated Councillor Thomas for the birth of his daughter Penelope Rose. The proposed speed limit around Barrow School will go to public consultation in new year. The Willey Village Hall advice surgery was busy with 50 residents in attendance. The issues with the 436 bus service at busy times are now solved. The boundary of the Much Wenlock ward will change and now include Jackfield and not Broseley wood. Much Wenlock was heavily hit with flooding. There is a proposal within Shropshire Council to bring in a county wide public space protection order for dog fouling and managing dogs in public spaces. His next advice surgery will be on 21.12.23. He thanked the parish council for their thoughts and reported mother and daughter were doing well.

## 8. PLANNING

### a. New applications to be considered.

- 23/04263/DSA Discharge of S106 agreement attached to planning permission reference 14/02614/FUL. Noted.
- 23/04864/TPO The Haven Bridge Road Benthall. To shorten lateral growth on lowest 4 limbs (east side) by 4 metres (as per photo) of 1 Oak (T1) and to fell 1no Ash (T2) protected by the BDC TPO 1982 (Ref. BR/TPO/47. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.

### b. Applications since last meeting. None.

### c. Decisions: none.

### d. Possible development Benthall. There is a community group that has been formed to oppose anything that happens on the site.

### e. Any other planning matters. None.

## 9. FINANCE:

### a. Approve annual cost of living pay rise £1 an hour. It was RESOLVED to accept the pay rise.

### b. Invoices to pay. It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices.

- Mrs J Madeley £670.96 chq 1099
- NEST £22.19 dd
- Waterplus £14.96 and £15.21 dd
- S Churchill £60.00 Chq 1100
- Willey and District Village Hall
- Mrs J Madeley £54.98 poppy wreaths. Chq 1101
- E.on £138.86 and £118.07 Chq 1102
- HMRC £190.20 dd.
- N Downes £30.00 Hedge Cutting. Chq 1103
- Hugo Fox £11.99dd

### c. Bank reconciliation. Sep 23

Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2024		Oct-23
	£	
Balance b/f 31.3.23	9,801.60	
Plus income	12,647.87	
Total	22,449.47	
Less: expenditure	7,942.82	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,506.65</b>	
<b>Balances 31.3.24</b>		
Current account	11172.84	
savings account	3,333.81	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,506.65</b>	
Less: unrepresented expenses		

Add unrepresented income	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,506.65</b>

- d. First draft budget. Noted.
- e. Defibrillator purchase. No update.
- f. Consider online banking. Deferred the next meeting.
- g. September budget report.

**September 23 budget report.**

The street light budget is overspent because of faulty street lights.

All other cost centres are either under budget or no spend has been required to date.

**10. POLICE MATTERS:**

- a. To receive any reports from the beat manager. No report received.

**11. Website.**

- a. Update on recommendations. Councillor Knott is still investigating the best way forward.
- b. Hugo Fox website. The website is now being paid for.

**12. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.**

- a. Report from Cllr Skinner & Cllr Churchill.  
The new plot F1 has been let and the new tenant is already preparing for the new growing season. The new plot E is not yet ready for re letting. Plots. See above.
- b. Tree works. Three trees have been removed and others will be moved.
- c. Rebate promised. It was RESOLVED not to issue the rebate to plots F1 and E to cover some of the costs of works to make them useable by others.
- d. Tenants request for a mini skip on site.  
The tenant of Plot C2 would like to hire a mini skip to clear part of the plot and nearby to enhance the growing capacity. It was RESOLVED to allow a skip on site on condition it is not preventing access for other plot holders. That all works are carried out at the tenant's own risk. That no damage is done to other plots, and it is a one off. **Clerk to email.**
- e. Padlock code change. The code has been changed and the padlock on the shed is the same. Tenants have been informed.

**13. BARROW CHURCHYARD**

- a. Working Party. Schedule of works. **Clerk to** obtain quotes from grounds maintenance contractors.

**14. NOTICEBOARDS AND BENCHES.**

No actions to report.

## **15. HIGHWAYS**

- a. STW Site. No update.
- b. B4376 Road Closure. Noted.
- c. Clerk to ask for pavements in Benthall to be swept.

## **16. STREET LIGHTING.** No update.

## **17. CONSIDER SAFEGUARDING POLICY.**

Recommended policy handed to Councillor Hancox for recommendations.

## **18. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS.**

- a. Councillor Hancox represented the parish council at the Broseley remembrance service.
- b. Councillor Skinner represented the parish council at the Willey Remembrance Service.
- c. Willey Village Hall recently held a conker and curry night which was a sell out and very successful. There will be a church service on 16<sup>th</sup> December followed by refreshments in the village hall at 6pm. The AGM will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- d. Councillor Downes attended the SGCT trust agm.

## **19. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. SGCT nomination form and notice of AGM. **Noted.**

## **20. Date of next scheduled meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** The meeting was declared closed at 20.34pm.