

**Minutes of Barrow Parish Council's meeting held at WilleyVillage Hall,  
Willey, on Tuesday 17th January 2023, at 6.30 p.m.**

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Members of the public will have the opportunity to raise Parish matters between 6.30 p.m. and 6.40p.m. No members of the public are present.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies all councillors present.

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

Councillors Downes, Skinner, Knott, Churchill and Hancox were present. Also present Shropshire Councillor Thomas and PSCO Goddard.

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

None declared.

**5. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

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

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member. Shropshire Councillor Thomas reported that a traffic survey is to be carried out on the Gaskell Corner along with the rat runs around Much Wenlock. The Barrow Street Closure is in place for the works needed. There is to be a change in policy leading to 2<sup>nd</sup> homes being charged double council tax. The local plan is still being inspected by the planning inspectorate. Some good road repairs have been carried out in Benthall. Councillors reported issues to Shropshire Councillor Thomas. An overflowing drain on Bridge Road near the house involved in the subsidence. The gritting route was discussed. It was agreed to set up a meeting with Shropshire Council highways officer, West Mercia police roads officer a parish councillor or two and Dan Thomas at around 4pm to view the concerns regarding traffic. The 8 and 18 bus service will no longer travel along Cape Street.

**7. PLANNING**

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

No new applications.

**b. Applications since last meeting.**

None.

**c. Decisions:**

- **22/04121/FUL** Erection of a detached garage. Birchfield Coppice Benthall Lane. **Grant Full Planning Permission.** Noted.

**d. Any other planning matters.** None.

## 8. FINANCE:

### a. Invoices to pay. It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

1. Mrs J Madeley £251.07 Chq1065, £250.87 Chq 4166
2. HMRC £66.20 Chq 1067 £66.00 chq 1068
3. Nest Pension. dd. £23.12, £23.12
4. Waterplus £8.39 Nov 22, £9.82 Dec 22
5. Willey and District Village Hall. £ chq 1069
6. Shropshire Council £298.74 Chq 1070

### b. Bank reconciliation.

Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2023 Dec 22	
	£
Balance b/f 31.3.22	7,520.95
Plus, income	11,358.49
Total	18,879.44
Less: expenditure	6,480.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,399.32</b>
<b>Balances 28.2.22</b>	
Current account	9,088.81
savings account	3,310.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,399.32</b>
Less: unrepresented expenses	
Add unrepresented income	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,399.32</b>

### c. Approve budget and set precept.

It was RESOLVED to raise a precept of £11000.00.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the budget presented to the parish council.

### d. Defibrillator purchase.

Clerk has applied to the Angel-James trust and is awaiting a response. A donation of £400.00 has been offered.

### e. Price for street lighting power.

Possible prices 34p or 37p. results awaited.

## 9. POLICE MATTERS:

a. To receive any reports from the beat manager. PCSO Goddard reported on recent reports to the SNT Team. He explained there is still a vacancy for a PCSO on the team. He reported on an incident in Bridgnorth that evening.

b. Speed data. The speed data taken from a police speed check on Benthall Lane. Noted.

## 10. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.

a. Report from Cllr Skinner & Cllr Churchill. A meeting with a plot holder regarding the trees behind plots C1 and B2 was held. Clerk to obtain quotes for tree works.

b. Plots. No update.

c. Tree works.

- d. Broseley TC allotment site. Clerk is referring applicants from Broseley Town Council area to the town council offices.

#### **11. BARROW CHURCHYARD**

- a. Email from Diocese of Hereford regarding works to be done. noted. The minutes of the pcc meeting agreeing to support the proposals will be forwarded by Councillor Hancox.
- b. Barrow Churchyard management. Clerk to report at the next meeting next steps.

#### **12. HIGHWAYS**

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. Clerk to try to contact Severn Trent about the untidy state of the Bridge Road pumping station.

#### **13. STREET LIGHTING**

- a. Cost of part night. Clerk obtained a quote of £627.00 for existing replaced lights and £408 plus VAT for ongoing project. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the quote and carry out the works. Clerk to arrange for the works to be carried out.

#### **14. ANNUAL REVIEW**

The annual review has been produced. It was RESOLVED to accept it once the chair's report has been installed. It will be added to the website.

#### **15. BARROW PARISH, BROSELEY TOWN COUNCIL AND MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL IN WORKING GROUP.**

Councillor Skinner attended the joint meeting and discovered the Parish Council is doing well towards carbon neutral status. More meetings to follow.

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

- a. Any other meetings.
  - Councillor Knott attended the online SALC AGM. The paper about solar farms was withdrawn.
  - Councillor Skinner attended the carol service at Willey Church and the evening of mulled wine and mince pies at the village hall.
  - Councillor Downes attended the AGM of Severn Gorge Countryside Trust and the farewell event for former CEO.

#### **18. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. various consultations Shropshire Council. Noted.
- b. Dates of WHS consultations. Noted.
- c. Ward Boundary review. A consultation. It was RESOLVED to ask the electoral commission to keep the parish in the Much Wenlock Ward. Clerk to arrange.

#### **19. Date of next scheduled meeting Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> March 2023.** The meeting was declared closed at 20.25pm.

