

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BARROW PARISH
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON
THURSDAY, 12TH MAY, 2016, AT 7.45 P.M.**

1. **PRESENT:** Coucillor N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, Mrs. S. King, Mrs. S.A. Gibbons, P.M. Whiteman and 3 members of the public.

2. **CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

The Chairman reported as follows:-

It has been another busy year in our parish. Planning issues continued to be the main focus of our work over the last twelve months. As Shropshire Council has implemented its Samdev policy we have a 5 year housing stock in place, so there is less need for individual or small scale developments (5 homes or fewer) to be granted in rural parishes like ours.

We have endeavoured to continue to make the Council's work more accessible for the public to view with the creation of our own web site which is

www.barrowparish.org.uk

This allows people to see where we meet, what decisions we make, particularly Planning, and the agendas and minutes of our parish meetings. Paper copies are still displayed on parish notice boards.

Parish Councillors still represent the interests of the Parish and parishioners on several committees.

Before next years AGM local elections will be held. It is an opportunity for everyone interested in becoming a Parish or Town Councillor to make inquiries. be warned though, it isn't a case of just attending 6 meetings a year, there is a lot more work involved and you may not always make popular decisions.

I would like to thank a few people.

Firstly the members of the public who attend our meetings.

Secondly, Willey Village Hall for allowing us to use this hall for our meetings.

Thirdly, Councillor David Turner, our Shropshire Council member for all the hard work he does for our benefit and in attending our meetings.

Fourthly, our Clerk Mr. Les Oakley, who continues to guide and support us through all our meetings.

And lastly my 4 fellow Councillors, Mrs. Shirley King, Mrs. Sally Gibbons, Mr. Philip Knott and Mr. Milner Whiteman OBE, who provide me with guidance, ease my work load and make my position as Chair a pleasure.

Thank you all.

3. **EVERYBODY ACTIVE BROSELEY:**

Councillor Knott reported on the Everybody Active Every Day Community Fund

Project. A need for a cultural turnaround in attitudes to physical activity, which is why an appeal to Town and Parish Council to use their influence to help motivate residents to reduce physical inactivity in their local community.

To help address this challenge in Shropshire, public health funding is being made available as part of Shropshire's Everybody Active Every Day Community Fund Project.

Broseley is one of four towns in Shropshire who have been identified (based on evidence of need) to be offered to take part in this project, which will also include the Parish of Barrow.

We want everyone in Broseley and Barrow to be more physically active, especially those who are not usually. Being more active could save your life.

Groups and organisations are invited to submit their projects to encourage physical activity, in particular the less active communities. The projects can be targeted to any or all ages across the life course.

Funding for each community will be available up to a maximum of £30K, with a number of projects required ranging from between £500-£5000. Projects must focus on those who are least active, rather than those who are already engaged in exercise and sport or who take regular exercise.

To get involved visit the website www.healthyshropshire.co.uk to read the supporting information and download the expressions of interest form.

If selected contact will be made to inform you about applying for the next stage, where if successful local communities will be asked to choose. There is no guarantee of funding so if there is little or no interest the funds will go to other towns.

The closing date for expressions of interest is the 31st August, 2016.

Various flyers about the scheme are being distributed around the Parish.