

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020 AT 6.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL WILLEY

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. No members of the public were present.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES: Apologies were accepted from Shropshire Councillor Turner.

3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Downes, Knott, Whiteman, Skinner and Churchill were all present.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None.

5. MINUTES:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 21st January 2020. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020.

6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member. Shropshire Councillor Turner emailed a report this was noted.

7. POLICE MATTERS:

To receive any reports from the beat manager. PC Jess Hindley sent her apologies and will try to attend in the future.

8. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.

1. Plot A has become vacant and the next person on the waiting list would like to take it.
2. Cllr Skinner and clerk has investigated the plot and it will be difficult to divide it into two. It tapers to nothing at the far end. So, one plot will be very small. Noted. It was RESOLVED to leave plot A as one plot.
3. Shropshire Council officers are now looking into the matter of the fencing erected on Plot E. Clerk has given a brief summary of events and photographic evidence along with the maps. A comprehensive response was received about the entrance and land sale. No action needed by the Parish Council.
4. Cllr Skinner and Clerk inspected the site. Activity of varying levels is taking place on all the plots except Plot E and F1. These two sites were overgrown at the time of inspection.
5. I have struggled to find guidance on minimum cultivation rules. This is not part of allotment law and it does not form part of our tenancy agreement. The booklet forwarded a place to grown page six talks about guidance. Noted.
6. The condition of all the plots has been reviewed and needs another review before any action is taken to ensure all plots are under cultivation.
7. It was RESOLVED to charge a half plot £23.25 and full plot £46.50 plus a £5.00 per plot contribution towards the water bill.

8. It was RESOLVED to waive all water costs for the last two years since the last water bill from Severn Trent Water. Clerk is trying to sort out a water bill with Waterplus. Clerk to sort out.

9. HIGHWAYS

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. No issues to report.
- b. Response from previous reports. All reported.
- c. Shropshire Council capital works 20/21. Noted.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUTSIDE BODIES MEETINGS.

- a. Any other meetings. Meeting of Broseley Wood Charity. Councillors Knott and Skinner attended. Councillor Skinner has recently become a trustee.
- b. Councillor Downes took part in a skype meeting with SGCT. The open evening has been cancelled.

11. PLANNING

a. New applications to be considered.

- **20/00729/FUL** Alterations to boundary walls, insertion of retaining wall (6.7m in length). Ambleside Bridge Road Benthall. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.
- **20/01116/TCA** Works on various trees 41 bridge Road Benthall Broseley. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.
- **20/01117/TCA** Crown reduction and works on various trees Little Gables Benthall. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.

b. Decisions: None.

c. Appeal Decision

- APP/L3245/W/19/3238000 Land West of Bayliffs House Spout Lane. **Dismissed.** Noted.

d. Broseley Neighbourhood Plan. Noted.

e. Any other planning matters. It was RESOLVED to give clerk full delegated powers to manage the affairs of the parish council after consultation with councillors.

12. FINANCE:

a. It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

1. Mr P Knott £23.98 chq 920
2. Mrs J Madeley £378.94 chq921
3. HMRC £55.80 chq 922
4. Willey and District Village Hall £35.00 chq 925
5. E. on £282.00 chq 924
6. Allotment Association. Direct debit
7. Consider paying Mrs Madeley for April in new tax year between meetings. It was RESOLVED to pay this salary.

b. Bank reconciliation. Noted.

c. Street lighting contract for power. This should take effect from April 2020.

d. Consider grant to ESSP. Clerk to ask the school if uses the service.

e. Consider grant to Crane Quality Counselling. Noted.

13. STREET LIGHTING.

1. The streetlight opposite Barrow School should be on the parish council inventory. There is also one within the school grounds but that has not been confirmed as one of the parish council's lights.
2. Clerk attended a presentation about the SALIX loans for local government to reduce their carbon footprint. For the street lighting replacement scheme to be eligible for a grant it must reduce the carbon used by a certain amount; the interest free loan must be approved via SALC by DCLG.
3. The scheme size fits the funds clerk has yet to work out the carbon bit.
4. Clerk has obtained one quote a further two quotes are required.
5. Clerk has obtained a quote for removal of two lights suggested by Councillor Knott. The one light on Benthall Lane is close to one in Broseley TC area owned by Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council has looked at the situation and confirm it is close to their light but that the next one is too far away for safe street lighting.
6. Street lighting power. This will take effect from the new financial year. The cost will be £1578.00 with the current bulbs. Currently the cost is £2757 so a considerable saving. The saving will be more once the led lights are installed.
7. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the replacement of fittings with LED clerk to progress.

14. SMART WATER PROJECT. The project has ground to a halt with the current covid-19 virus. The invitations to apply have been handed to the chair. Clerk to contact the We don't buy crime team to let them know.

15. PARISH PLAN. It was RESOLVED to adopt the recently updated plan. It will be available online for residents.

16. WEBSITE AND DDA LEGISLATION. Hugo Fox the hosts of the website have issued a statement stating it will be dda complaint before the deadline.

17. ELECTIONS 2021. Clerk to write a briefing for interested parties about what Barrow Parish Council is and does.

18. CORRESPONDENCE: All noted.

- a. Connecting Shropshire Programme update. (Linley Brook is within this programme).
- b. Allotment and Leisure Gardener.
- c. Calor's Rural community fund.
- d. Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia Police Road Safety Strategy
- e. Shropshire Council climate change information
- f. Connecting Shropshire newsletter
- g. Severn Trent Water Funding
- h. Shrewsbury North West Relief Road consultation.
- i. Shropshire Council Statement regarding departure of Chief executive.

19. Date of next scheduled meeting 19th May 2020. Annual Parish Meeting also. The meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.

