

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON
THURSDAY, 12TH MAY, 2016, AT 6.30 P.M.**

- 1. PRESENT: Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, Mrs. S. King, Mrs. S.A. Gibbons and P.M. Whiteman.**

- 2. IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, representing the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site, Ms. Anna Brennand, Mr. Les Sparks and Ms. J. Totfon and 3 members of the public.**

- 3. IRONBRIDGE GORGE WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN:
The Chairman introduced the representatives from the above.
Anna Brennand, informed members that they were in the final stages of completing a new Management Plan for the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site. The Museum is commissioned by Telford and Wrekin Council to lead on this work and as part of the process they were consulting with relevant Town and Parish Councils.
Mr. Les Sparks the Independent Chairman of the Steering Group stated that there were four main issues that needed to be addressed.**

- 1) History of the Gorge**
- 2) Identify Issues**
- 3) Management**
- 4) Action Plan.**

He pointed out that most World Heritage sites had just one main feature but the Severn Gorge had many features that needed to be managed. It was important that there was an adequate traffic management plan to cope with vehicles particularly in the Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale areas.

With the closure of the Ironbridge Power Station would this be the ideal site to accommodate vehicles with a possible rail connection.

The Market Square in Ironbridge was another feature that would have to be looked at as it was not considered to be of a high enough standard for a World Heritage Site particularly with regard to tourism which was a most important aspect.

With the River Severn running through the Gorge stability of the river banks was causing problems and a major stability project had been taken in Jackfield and no doubt there would be other problems that would have to be identified.

Ms. Totfon a Planning Officer with Shropshire Council pointed out that the Management Plan would fit alongside other Local Plans.

Ms. Brennand thanked Members for their time and stated that she would let them have a copy of the draft plan and any comments would be most welcome.

- 4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**
Nominations were received for the appointment of Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor N.D. Downes be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 5. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**
Nominations were received for the appointment of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor P. Knott be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
No Declarations of Interest were received.
- 7. MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March, 2016 and the Planning Committee held on 18th April, 2016, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT:**
The Clerk submitted the Annual Governance Statement, this was duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
- 9. ACCOUNTS 2015/2016:**
The Clerk presented the Accounts for 2015/2016 for approval by the Council. The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had examined and approved the Accounts and had completed and signed the Internal Auditor's Report.

RESOLVED that the accounts be approved and they were duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer. The Annual Return was also signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.
- 10. STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT:**
Members re-confirmed the above matters.
- 11. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:**
Shropshire Councillor D. Turner reported that Members had met with the Minister for Local Government and put forward a strong case for better funding for Shropshire. Unfortunately the Minister had indicated that there would not be any additional funding for Shropshire.
- 12. POLICE MATTERS:**
No reports received.

13. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:

No reports.

14. SLANEYS ALMSHOUE CHARITY:

The Clerk reported that he had been the Parish Council's representative and Trustee for over 40 years and that he now wished to stand down.

RESOLVED that the Chairman be elected to serve on the Charity together with Mrs. J. McGorman who also acted as administrator to the Charity.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Members considered the following planning applications.

16/01250/FUL Installation of 1 No. Dormer Window on front elevation
To match existing at Clementine Cottage, 49 The Mines,
Benthall. **NO OBJECTION.**

16/01235/FUL Re-consultation following amendment for new vehicular
access at Posenhall, Benthall Lane, Benthall.
**NO REASON TO CHANGE THE ORIGINAL OBJECTION TO
THE APPLICATION.**

16. INSURANCE:

The Clerk reported that AON Ltd had offered a discount on the premium if the Parish Council agreed to a long term agreement of 3 years. This years premium would be reduced from £366.16 to £348.10.

RESOLVED that the Council accept the long term agreement of 3 years.

17. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Npower	£276.57 (Paid)
Shropshire Council	£ 15.00
SALC	£273.90
AON Ltd.	£348.10
Tower Mint Ltd	£247.80
E.ON Energy Ltd.	£136.08
Salary	£313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Severn Trent Water Ltd	£ 19.01
Willey Village Hall	£ 24.00
HMRC	£107.20

Chairman
14th July, 2016