

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY ON THURSDAY,
9TH NOVEMBER, 2017 AT 6.30 P.M.**

50. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Ms. A. Skinner, S. Churchill.
51. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, PCSO M. Watkins and 2 members of the public.
52. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
Nothing to report.
53. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
No Declarations of Interest were received.
54. **MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th September, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
55. **REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:**
Shropshire Councillor D. Turner submitted his report a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes. The heading were as follows:-
56. **SPEED LIMITS – BENTHALL LANE, BENTHALL:**
The Clerk reported that he had written to the Road Safety Partnership expressing the concerns of the Parish Council and residents regarding the speed of traffic on Benthall Lane and the lack of 30 mph signs through Benthall.
The Partnership had replied that they had spoken to the local Police and Alice Dilley from Shropshire Council. They had passed the request for the speed camera van to the appropriate officers and they had pointed out that with the street lighting being continuous from Broseley through Benthall it indicated that the highway was restricted to 30 mph.
PCSO M. Watkins reported that to have the speed camera van on location the average speed of vehicles must be 35 mph and above. They were at present reviewing the position for the attendance of the speed camera van. Members of the public were encourage to report any speeding vehicles by calling 101 and giving the registration number of the vehicle the date and time in order that data can be created to support the Police in eliminating speed on Benthall Lane.
It was agreed that a leaflet be distribute to all residents on Benthall Lane to encourage the reporting of speeding vehicles.
Members agreed that Shropshire Council should be asked to provide 30 mph repeater signs on Benthall Lane and a flashing 30 mph sign for Broseley to

Benthall.

Members also agreed to set up a meeting on Benthall Lane with the Raod Safety Partnership, Shropshire Council, Police and residents to observe the speed of traffic particularly in the early evening and it was suggested a time of 5.30 p.m would be satisfactory.

57. UNOFFICIAL CAR PARK – BRIDGE ROAD, BENTHALL:

Councillor Knott reported that he had received complaints regarding the parking of vehicles on land to the east of Bridge Road, Benthall and he had taken the matter up with the Planning Enforcement Officer.

The Enforcement Officer having checked records there does not appear to be a direct owner of the land in question. The land is largely not registered with the Land Registry and a small parcel of land appears to be owned by the same owners of Bridge Road (which might be the council).

The size of the original parking area has been increased in size in recent weeks/ months – some hardstanding has been laid over existing overgrown verge covering an area approximately 6 metres x 3.5 metres. The hardstanding is visible from public vantage points but is not, in officers view, visually intrusive or prominent. The laying of stone is not considered to be significantly detrimental to character and appearance to The Conservation Area. It is not considered there are any significant highways safety concerns relating to the informal parking arrangements and taking all matters into consideration the operations are not considered to result in any planning harm to warrant formal action in planning terms. The site will continue to be monitored.

Members agreed no further action on this matter.

58. VEOLIA GRANT:

The Chairman reported that a grant had been applied for to fund a box for the Defibrillator but they were still waiting to hear if they had been successful.

59. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Watkins reported on the increase in thefts of plant etc.

He reported that WPC Jane Cowan had been seconded to another section and at the present time just he and PCSO Goddard covered the Broseley and Much Wenlock area and it was unclear whether or not WPC Cowan would be returning to the area.

Members expressed their concerns that the Broseley and Much Wenlock area was not covered by a Police officer and it was agreed to write to the Police Commissioner expressing their concerns.

60. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Members expressed concern at the narrowing of the pavement on Benthall Bank, where the grassed verge had encroached onto the pavement

thus narrowing it and making it difficult for pedestrians particularly those with push chairs or prams. The Clerk was asked to write to Shropshire Council asking them to bring the pavement to its original width.

Members also expressed their concern at various hedges overhanging the footpaths within the Parish and the Clerk confirmed it was the landowners responsibility to cut them back.

Members reported that substantial building was taking place at a property In Bridge Road and could not recall a planning application. Councillor Knott stated that he would look into the matter.

61. PLACE PLAN REVIEW:

Members discussed the Broseley Place Plan Review and after discussion it was **RESOLVED** to note the plan.

62. PLANNING APPLICATION:

The Chairman requested the views of Members on the following planning application.

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Erection of one holiday let unit and garage at Barratts Hill Farmhouse, Barratts Hill, Broseley
OBJECT – The proposed development is on land which, as well as being classed as ‘agricultural’, is outside the parish development boundary and is in a particularly important part of the Broseley Conservation Area being part of the Benthall valley which marks the division between Broseley and Barrow. It is adjacent to several listed buildings and also opposite the ancient Penns Meadow site. The form, scale and character of the proposed development would not preserve, contribute to or enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area.

We would also have an issue with the proposed access, and consider that it would be a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians using what is a busy section of road.

63. STREET LIGHTING:

The Clerk reported that Eon Highway Lighting had reported that due to an EU Directive all SOX (Low Pressure Sodium) lighting is to be phased out by the end of 2019. Further information and costings had been requested but were still awaited.

Members agreed that they would wait until a particular lights needed to be replaced

Members reported that the street light at the junction of Bridge Road and Benthall Bank was not working, the Clerk stated that he would report the defect to Eon High Lighting.

64. GRANT AID:

The Chairman requested the views of Members on the request from Telford Samaritans for grants aid.

Members agreed that this was a worthy cause, but for the present time they would not be making a grant.

65. DEFIBRILLATOR – BARROW 1618 FREE SCHOOL:

The Clerk reported that the school were now close to an install date which would be fitted by Welmedical. It will be fully automatic and housed in a charging case outside the school and would be accessible year round. It was anticipated that it would be fitted this side of Christmas.

65. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval any payment.

Salary	£316.42
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Willey Village Hall	£ 16.00
Npower	£247.76 (Paid)
HAHN Plastics Ltd.	£532.02 (Paid)

RESOLVED accordingly.

Chairman
11th January, 2018.