

Minutes of the meeting of Barrow Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th March 2021 via zoom.

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. This being the last meeting before the scheduled elections on 6th May Councillor Whiteman was presented with the Freeman of Barrow Parish and a gift from the councillors and clerk. A toast was raised to him. Councillor Whiteman has been connected to Barrow Parish Council since its formation in 1966. Having served as chair many times. He was given his gifts in a socially distanced way by one of his family members. He thanked everyone and was overwhelmed. A toast was also raised to Shropshire Councillor Turner who is not seeking re-election. The candidate replacing him as the conservative candidate is the Dan Thomas who attended the meeting for this part in his capacity as Mayor of Much Wenlock because Councillor Whiteman is also a Town Councillor there.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

All Councillors were present. Councillors Downes, Knott, Skinner, Churchill, and Whiteman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

No interests were declared.

5. MINUTES:

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 19th January 2021. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2021.

6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member. Shropshire Councillor Turner reported the current local plan review consultation period has been extended meaning the submission to the Secretary of State will now be in July 2021 with a response by May 2022 meaning it should be adopted in July 2022. West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner has offered to fund litter picking equipment. Councillors agreed to ask Councillor Turner to explore this opportunity further. The Power Station application will be considered at a special planning committee in June. The £40k improvement scheme for Bridge Road is scheduled for the next financial year. He finished stating he will continue to be a councillor until the elections on May 6th

7. POLICE MATTERS:

To receive any reports from the beat manager. The Safer Neighbourhood team sent a newsletter introducing the new sergeant for the Bridgnorth area teams. They continue to patrol and deal with calls about covid 19 rule breaches. Some fines have been issued.

8. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.

- a. Update from Shropshire Council. No update was received. Clerk to find out why and what is proposed next.
- b. Cultivation Standards. It was RESOLVED to adopt the presented cultivation standards. It was also resolved to inspect regularly to ensure the standards are being met and use two warnings before notice of eviction is issued. Councillor Skinner reported on condition of the plots. It was RESOLVED to investigate the hiring of a skip for the rubbish onsite. **Clerk** to action.

9. St GILES CHURCHYARD

The offers from Caring for God's Acre were noted. A working party of councillors will visit and start to make plans. Councillor Downes agreed to investigate local funding.

10. HIGHWAYS

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. Clerk to remind Shropshire Council of the dangers to the edge of Floyer Lane. Confirm the details to councillor Turner too. Clerk to report the country roads in the parish that are in poor condition. The bus stop has still not been repaired. The bus timetables have been replaced with suggestions that the website should be checked. **Clerk** to find out why.
- b. Response from previous reports. No updates.

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

- a. Any other meetings. **Clerk to** update the name of this item.
 1. Councillor Skinner attended a Willey Village Hall meeting. The roof will be replaced from 5th April. The lights will be replaced with LED. The doors have swollen and may need to be replaced. A covid risk assessment has been carried out ready for the election on 6th May. **Clerk** to find out how to obtain a sign for the hall.
 2. Councillor Downes attended an electronic meeting of Severn Gorge Countryside Trust.

12. PLANNING

a. New applications to be considered.

- **21/00228/CPL** Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension. The Poplars Benthall Lane.

(For information). Noted.

b. New applications considered using clerk's delegated power.

- **21/00040/OUT** Outline application (all matters reserve) for the erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of all existing buildings. Benthall Grange Benthall Lane Benthall. (*Barrow Parish Council has no objection to this application. Barrow Parish Council would ask if Shropshire Council were minded to give consent that conditions are added to restrict working hours, prevent bonfires on site and any traffic management required is put in place. to ensure neighbours are not disturbed during the development of the site.*) noted.

- **21/00315/FUL** Erection of a single storey rear extension and porch to front elevation following removal of existing conservatory. Bagley Cottage 70 Shirlett. (no objection). Noted.
- **21/00762/TCA** To lift the crown of 1 mature sycamore tree by removal of 5 branches from the bottom (t1) to fell 1 greengage tree (t2) and reduce height of 4 leylandii trees (t3-T6) to 3m within Broseley Conservation area. 50 The Mines Benthall. (*no objection*). Noted.

c. Decisions:

- **20/03322/FUL** Erection of a single storey sunroom extension following removal of existing conservatory, erection of a two-storey detached outbuilding to provide a garage annex accommodation and a home office. Woodside Spout Lane Benthall. **Refused.**
- **20/04106/FUL** Erection of detached garage with accommodation over 11 Bridge Road Benthall. **Granted** (in Broseley Town Council area).
- **20/05239/FUL** Chimneys Posenhall Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement front porch. **Grant Full Planning Permission.**
- **21/00315/FUL** Erection of a single storey rear extension and porch to front elevation following removal of existing conservatory. Bagley Cottage 70 Shirlett. **Grant Full Planning Permission.**
All noted.

- d. Any other planning matters.** Possible enforcement matters. Concerns have been raised about the garage at 45 The Mines accessed off Bridge Road. **Clerk** to report.

13. FINANCE:

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

1. Mrs J Madeley £218.88chq 967 paid Feb21
2. HMRC £57.60 chq 968 Paid Feb 21
3. Shropshire Council £333.43 chq 969
4. NEST Pension £20.16
5. Mrs J Madeley £218.88 Chq 970
6. HMRC £57.60 Chq 971
7. NEST Pension £20.16 DD
8. Waterplus £22.91

b. Bank reconciliation. Feb 21

Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2021	
	£
Balance b/f 31.03.20	4,785.51
Plus income	11,246.74
Total	16,032.25
Less: expenditure	11,140.05
Total	4,892.20
Balances at 31.03.21	
Current account	1,582.05
savings account	3,310.15
Total	4,892.20
Less: unrepresented expenses	
Add unrepresented income	
Total	4892.2

- c. Street lighting contract for power. Npower is still pursuing the parish council for the last invoice. All funds owed have been paid.
- d. Consider signing up for Parish Online a free mapping service with BHIB Insurance. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the free offer by signing up until 2023.
- e. Consider purchase of defibrillator for Benthall. Defer until next meeting.
- f. Consider offer of litter picking equipment grant. It was RESOLVED to apply for litter picking gear.

14. STREET LIGHTING.

- a. Update. The SALIX funding stream cannot offer the full amount of funding for the scheme. Clerk to investigate other options.

15. SMART WATER PROJECT. A. update.

- b. decision on remaining kits. It was RESOLVED to distribute once the roadmap allows.

16. CLERK'S REPORT OF ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST MEETING.

All within the agenda. Noted.

17. FUTURE MEETINGS AFTER MAY 6TH.

It was RESOLVED to continue with Zoom using clerk's delegated powers.

18. ELECTION 6TH MAY 2021

Nomination packs have been distributed. There are dates to hand them in at Bridgnorth or Shrewsbury (nearest sites.)

19. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW.

Shropshire Council will be carrying out a community governance review after the election.

20. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a.** Email from Environment agency re salmon and sea trout. Noted.
- b.** Road Closure Spout Lane Broseley 6-9th April. Noted.
- c.** Information regarding Airband. Noted.
- d.** Local Police Newsletter. Noted.

21. Date of next scheduled meeting 18th May 2021. The meeting was declared closed at 20.35pm.