

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH
MARCH 2019 AT 6.30PM AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL.**

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Six members of the public were present. Two residents attended and spoke regarding the allotment site including reading out their letter of appeal. No other comments were made by the public.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT: All councillors were present along with Shropshire Councillor Turner. They all signed the attendance book.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None.

5. MINUTES: To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2019 and 15th January 2019. The minutes of both meetings were signed and approved.

6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

Shropshire Councillor Turner reported he obtained an update on the planning application for the Eco pod site on Spout Lane. He is pressing for a swift decision. Highways dept are introducing 29 new posts which should make a substantial difference to the highway condition. He has met with senior officers regarding the HGV scheme and lack of completion. There is still a fair bit to do on the snagging list. The Broseley end of the scheme has not yet started. The Place Plan meeting had representation from the Parish. The council tax band D rate for Shropshire Council will be £1388. On top will be the police, fire service and parish amounts. His next advice surgery will be at Much Wenlock Museum on 6th April 2019.

7. LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE: No meeting no report.

8. POLICE MATTERS:

PCSO Goddard was in attendance. He reported there is no police constable allocated to the Much Wenlock and Broseley Safer Neighbourhood team at present. There are times when an officer with a warrant card is required. The current team will be attending as many parish council meetings as work load allows. The inspector and Sargent that head up the SNTeam are responsible for several other SNTeams. There are 115 new police officers due to start work soon. That is 115 more than the current number. These officers should be steered towards the smaller rural stations. Bridgnorth Station does have an active reactive team. It was agreed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief superintendent requesting a new SNT police constable is installed for the Much Wenlock area. **Clerk to action.**

9. HGV SCHEME. A. update. The scheme is not complete Councillor Churchill and Knott are keeping an eye on the snagging work. It is noted that the Benthall Hall signs send people in different directions. The signs are at St Mary's road. **Clerk to report.**

10. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.

a. report from meeting 19th February 2019. Noted.

b. update from meeting with Shropshire Council officer. The report presented to the meeting and an appendix to these minutes was adopted actions to be taken. **Clerk to action.** Cllrs Skinner and Churchill to measure plots on the right hand side of the site.

c. notice to quit update including two appeals. It was RESOLVED not to up hold either appeal. Both notices to quit stand.

d. contractor works. The works have commenced and have made a huge difference already.

- e. waiting list. Clerk has contacted most people on the waiting list. There are several from Barrow Parish.
- f. CIL funds update. The CIL funds can be spent on the renovations.

11. BARROW CHURCHYARD

- a. Current status update. No update clerk to pursue.
- b. Approve contractor for 2019-20 grass cutting season including what works to be done. It was RESOLVED to ask Mr Wyke to carry out 10 cuts at £24.00 a cut.
Clerk to action.

12. HIGHWAYS

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. **Clerk to request a new pole for the sign at Posenhall for Wyke.**
- b. Road Closure 21st-27th March B4375. Noted.
- c. Overhanging hedgerow. **Clerk to** contact Shropshire Council regarding overhanging hedges in Benthall.

13. STREET LIGHTING

- a. Confirmation of transfer to Shropshire Council power purchase. Noted.
- b. Consider exploring joining Shropshire Council project for replacement of street lighting. **Clerk to** provide more information at the next meeting. **Clerk to** find out more about the street lights that have been replaced in Broseley.
- c. Replacement of concrete poles. **Clerk to** provide more information at the next meeting.

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

- a. Broseley Place plan meeting. Councillor Churchill gave a comprehensive report about the meeting. Clerk presented the updated place plan.
- b. Any other meetings. Councillor Downes reported on the latest Severn Gorge Countryside Trust meeting. He reported the AGM will be at Barrow School on 22nd May. There will be a talk on bee keeping and a report on the activities of The Trust.

15. PLANNING

- a. **New applications to be considered.** 19/01034/FUL Erection of steel portal framed building for storing and conditioning grain. Posenhall Farm Posenhall Broseley. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.
- b. **Applications since last meeting.**
 - 19/00576/TCA To fell 1 sycamore tree and reduce a row of conifers to a height of 6ft within. 12 Bridge Road Benthall (no comment).
 - 19/00641/TCA Reduce crown by a third of 1 willow Pipe House 43a Bridge Road Benthall. (no comment).
- c. Letter from Galloway about upgrade of mobile telephone structure. (no action needed).
- d. Consider giving clerk delegated power to determine planning application responses (see suggested policy). Defer to next meeting.

16. FINANCE:

- a. **Invoices to pay.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:
1. Npower £1952.30 chq 880
 2. Mr N Wyke £216.00 chq 881
 3. E.on £360.29 chq 882 Annual contract.
 4. Mrs J Madeley £ 453.79 Chq 883
 5. HMRC £102.00 Chq 884
 6. NEST £20.58 being £9.36 parish council contribution £11.22 staff contribution. (direct debit).
 7. Willey and District village hall £51.00 chq885.
 8. RBL Poppy appeal £36.00 chq 886
- b. Consider grant to Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew event £120.00. It was RESOLVED to give a grant of £120.00.
- c. CIL funds. Noted.
- d. NEST Pension. The rates will increase from April.
- e. Asset Register. Clerk was informed of the assets.
- f. Consider review of clerk's hours and pay scale. (consider a small working party to bring a recommendation). A meeting of cllrs to prepare a recommendation is arranged.
- g. Bank reconciliation. Defer.

17. CORRESPONDENCE: All noted.

- a. Information about community grants for communities without mains gas.
- b. New support group for family carers of someone with dementia. Shropshire RCC.
- c. Email with concern about access and costs of using Shropshire Archives centre.
- d. Information from BHIB insurers regarding trees local councils may be responsible for.
- e. NALC grant finder.
- f. Heal Hooper associates offer to help project to spend CIL.
- g. Clerks and Councils Direct.

18. **Date of next scheduled meeting 21st May 2019 which will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual parish council meeting.** The meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.