

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON  
THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2015, AT 6.30 P.M.**

80. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Mrs. S. King.
81. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner and 6 members of the public.
82. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs. S. A Gibbons.
83. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
A member of the public complained about the number of potholes in the Willey area, particularly by the Workshops and Rectory and also by Willey Pools, it was claimed that the potholes were deep and dangerous to road users.  
Shropshire Councillor D. Turner indicated that he would follow up these complaints.  
Residents from The Mines, Benthall expressed their strong concerns regarding the numerous planning applications at Hazeck, The Mines, Benthall. The proposed 2 storey double extension would be overbearing on adjacent properties and a sizeable office above the garage is going to be a problem. The parking of vehicles at this property was also causing problems with residents.  
The Chairman informed the residents that the Parish Council would be considering the planning applications later in the meeting.
84. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest were received.
85. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 and 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 copies of which had been circulated to Members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
86. **POLICE MATTERS:**  
No reports from the Police.
87. **ROAD SAFETY POLICY:**  
(i) HGV traffic  
Councillor P. Knott reported that he and Councillor Mrs. King had a second meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 with Broseley Town Council and Alice Dilley. The problems with HGV traffic both in Barrow and Broseley was discussed and also the difficulties in dealing with traffic heading for Broseley centre. It was emphasized that we did not want heavy traffic heading for shops and factories in the centre of Broseley to travel via Benthall.  
Alice Dilley had listened to the points raised and thought that it would be sensible to put in a joint bid with Much Wenlock who were also having HGV problems.  
No further action to date but there was a need to set up a joint meeting with Much Wenlock, Broseley, Barrow and possible the Gorge Parish Council and Shropshire Councillor D. Turner to be asked to act for us on this.
- (ii) BARROW SCHOOL

Councillor Knott reported that on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, he met with Alice Dilley, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, the Headteacher and a contractor/ Engineer to look at the plans drawn up to improve road safety. Some changes were needed because the school's route to the forest had changed. A modified plan would be drawn up the works to include:

Paving on part of the road edge and alteration in levels to give no-step crossing.

Signs modified to be operated by staff as and when needed.

Barrow Village signs to each end to make traffic aware that there is something there and road at these signs 'narrowed' by the use of lines on the road.

New bollards with reflectors along the road edge by the school.

Sign indicating the school entrance.

(Note signs and bollards will be made out of black, non fading, recycle plastic that looks like wood – seen on the Pembrokeshire coast Path.

It is intended to start and complete the works during the next school Easter Holidays.

**88. PRECEPT 2015/2016:**

Members considered their Precept requirements for 2015/2016.

**RESOLVED** that the Precept be set at £7000.

**89. PARISH PLAN REVIEW:**

The Parish Plan review was submitted and approved with particular thanks to Councillor Knott for all the work he had carried out on this item.

In view of political literature appearing on the Parish Council notice boards Members agreed that the following policy be approved, adopted and included in the Parish Plan, and to be inserted after Tourism.

**POLICY – NOTICE BOARDS**

Barrow Parish Council has three Notice Boards located at  
Floyer Lane, Benthall.  
Willey Village Hall  
Shirlett

The use of these Notice Boards is predominately for the purpose of the Parish Council to meet its statutory duty to display notices and information Concerning the running of the Council for the benefit of its parishioners. The Parish Council recognize that it needs to support community groups local organizations and local businesses who reside or operate within it boundaries and whose work and efforts may benefit parishioners and the Parish Council will therefore allow the above mentioned groups access to display suitable information, notices and promotional material that will be of the benefit to them and provide useful information of benefit to parishioners.

Use of the Notice Boards will be monitored by Members of the Council and Clerk and should the Clerk of Members require space on the Notice Boards for notices necessary to conduct the council business, they will remove such items as necessary to create sufficient space to fulfill the the councils needs.

Members of the Council and the Clerk have the rights to decline or remove any such notices that are deemed unsuitable for display on these Notice

Boards and remove notices that are out of date.

A notice advertising a fete or other event run by a political party would be suitable but a notice promoting a political party would not be acceptable.

Notices giving contact details or informing of meetings with elected representatives are permitted.

No notices may be displayed on street furniture belonging to the Parish Council.

**90. PAVEMENT PARKING:**

The Clerk reported that Philip Dunne MP had replied to the Parish Council regarding footpath parking.

Mr. Dunne pointed out that in 2011, the Government gave all councils authorization to use a sign banning parking on the pavement without first asking Whitehall for permission. Ministers also wrote to Council's encouraging them to use their powers to prevent parking on the pavement where it is a problem. Mr. Dunne believes that local authorities are in the best position to decide where and whether pavement parking should or should not be permitted. In some streets pavement parking may in practice be inevitable to maintain free passage of traffic. For that reason the Government does not wish impose a blanket ban.

In view of the reply Members requested Shropshire Councillor D. Turner to take the matter up with Shropshire Council.

**91. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR:**

Shropshire Councillor D. Turner submitted his report a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

The following topics were included in the report,

Asset transfers from Shropshire Council

School rolls in Shropshire

Advice Surgery

Much Wenlock and Shipton Local Joint Committee

The Chairman and Members asked that their thanks Councillor Turner for all that he does for the Parish be recorded.

**92. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

Councillor Mrs. King reported that the following matters had been drawn to the attention of the Parish Council.

- (1) The unusually high number of vehicles parked on the frontage of a private dwelling in Benthall Lane. One vehicle had a 'For Sale' notice  
Could this be a commercial enterprise?
- (2) A new vehicular access had been constructed at 15 Benthall Lane and Enclosed by high gated closeboard fencing. Direct access on to the B.4375 Broseley to Much Wenlock Road.
- (3) Nursery Lodge Lane – a derelict, partly demolished building at the Nursery had been restored or rebuilt.

Members agreed that the Clerk inform the Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council for investigation.

Councillor Mrs King reported that she had attended a meeting in December with

Representatives from Shropshire Council, Broseley and Barrow LJC and other Interested bodies/representatives to discuss the feasibility of transferring Shropshire Council owned assets in Broseley to Broseley Town Council, ie Maypole Green, Birchmeadow Car Park, Park View Recreation Ground, Guest Road this has protected use as a public open space and the Library. Discussions are ongoing. Although earlier meetings had been held without representation from Barrow, it was at the request of Shropshire Councillor Jean Jones that Barrow were invited to the main meetings as our residents use the facilities in Broseley.

**93. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

The Chairman reported that the following planning applications had been considered by the Planning Sub-Committee.

**14/05191/TCA** To fell 4 No. Hawthorn trees within Broseley Conservation Area, land at Workhouse Lodge, Spout Lane, Benthall.

**NO OBJECTION.**

**14/05169/TCA** To fell 2 mature Ash trees, 2 mature Holly trees and crown Lift one mature Ash tree within Barrow Conservation Area Spring Corner, 58 Spout Lane, Benthall.

Members considered the following planning applications.

**14/05209/FUL** Proposed side kitchen extension at Hazeck, The Mines, Benthall.

**OBJECTION** – The proposed changes to the existing permitted building would add to the over-development of the site. The existing footprint of the permitted building is already too large for its position within the conservation area and for its impact on neighbouring properties. The style of the proposed development is not in sympathy with the conservation area.

In view of the number of applications submitted for this property, we would request that when decisions are made, the changes due to previous successful applications are taken into account and that in addition the new applications are all considered at the same time.

**14/02510/FUL** Installation of chimneys at Hazeck, The Mines, Benthall.

**OBJECTION** – We note that there is no information as to the proposed use of these chimneys. Until we can be assured that the overall design is sympathetic to and not intrusive in the Conservation Area and that their proposed use is such that any smoke or fumes do not adversely affect neighbouring properties we will object to their installation.

In view of the number of applications submitted for this property, we would request that when decisions are made, the changes due to previous successful applications are taken into account and that in addition the new applications are all considered at the same time.

**14/05211/FUL** Revision of existing plans at Hazeck, The Mines, Benthall.

**OBJECTION** – The proposed changes to the existing permitted

building would add to the over development of the site. The existing footprint of the permitted building is already too large for its position within the Conservation Area and for its impact on neighbouring properties. The proposed increase in height would further impact on both the Conservation Area and neighbouring properties. Because of the position of this building, these changes would be visible from the road as well as from many properties in the area. In view of the number of applications submitted for this property, we would request that when decisions are made, the changes due to previous successful applications are taken into account and that in addition the new applications are all considered at the same time.

**14/05212/FUL Erection of a two storey garage at Hazeck, The Mines, Benthall.**

**OBJECTION –** Although we accept that there may be a need for a small garage to replace that which was demolished in recent times the proposed development for a two storey building with exterior staircase is unsympathetic to the Conservation Area. The building, because of its height, would impinge greatly on neighbouring properties and the staircase would add to the intrusion on both neighbours and Conservation Area. A two storey garage would be clearly visible from the road.

In view of the number of application submitted for this property we would request that when decisions are made the changes due to the previous successful applications are taken into account and that in addition the new applications are all considered at the same time.

**94. PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOX – BENTHALL:**

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had been advised by BT that it is their intention to remove the above telephone box.

Members agreed that the telephone box was very little used and was dirty inside and that they would have no objection to its removal.

**95. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Npower (Paid)	£674.86
Salary	£313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
E.On Energy Ltd	£100.14
Willey Village Hall	£ 24.00

**RESOLVED** accordingly.

**Chairman**  
**12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.**