

**BARROW PARISH COUNCIL**

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**9<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

To: The Chairman and Members of Barrow Parish Council

You are requested to attend the Meeting of Barrow Parish Council to be held at Willey Village Hall, Willey, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at 6.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,



Jayne Madeley BA  
Clerk to the Council

**AGENDA**

**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.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:**

**3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

**5. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:**

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member.

**7. POLICE MATTERS:**

To receive any reports from the beat manager

**8. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.**

- a. See report and list of actions.

## **9. HIGHWAYS**

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council.
- b. Response from previous reports.
- c. Shropshire Council capital works 20/21.

## **10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUTSIDE BODIES MEETINGS.**

- a. Any other meetings

## **11. PLANNING**

### **a. New applications to be considered.**

- **20/00729/FUL** Alterations to boundary walls, insertion of retaining wall (6.7m in length). Ambleside Bridge Road Benthall.

### **b. Decisions:**

### **c. Appeal Decision**

- APP/L3245/W/19/3238000 Land West of Bayliffs House Spout Lane. **Dismissed.**

### **d. Broseley Neighbourhood Plan.**

### **e. Any other planning matters.**

## **12. FINANCE:**

### **a. Invoices to pay.**

1. Mr P Knott £23.98
2. Mrs J Madeley £379.94
3. HMRC £55.80
4. Willey and District Village Hall no more than £60
5. E. on £282.00
6. Lewis Arborcare no more than £600.00
7. Allotment Association. Direct debit
8. Consider paying Mrs Madeley for April in new tax year between meetings.

### **b. Bank reconciliation.**

### **c. Street lighting contract for power.**

### **d. Consider grant to ESSP**

### **e. Consider grant to Crane Quality Counselling**

## **13. STREET LIGHTING. Next steps**

## **14. SMART WATER PROJECT. Next steps**

## **15. PARISH PLAN**

## **16. WEBSITE AND DDA LEGISLATION**

## **17. ELECTIONS 2021**

**18. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Connecting Shropshire Programme update. (Linley Brook is within this programme).
- b. Allotment and Leisure Gardener.
- c. Calor's Rural community fund.
- d. Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia Police Road Safety Strategy
- e. Shropshire Council climate change information
- f. Connecting Shropshire newsletter
- g. Severn Trent Water Funding
- h. Shrewsbury North West Relief Road consultation.
- i. Shropshire Council Statement regarding departure of Chief executive.

**19. Date of next scheduled meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Annual Parish Meeting also.**

## Report:

### 9.

#### Allotments

1. Plot A has become vacant and the next person on the waiting list would like to take it.
2. Cllr Skinner and clerk has investigated the plot and it will be difficult to divide it into two. It tapers to nothing at the far end. So, one plot will be very small.
3. Shropshire Council officers are now looking into the matter of the fencing erected on Plot E. Clerk has given a brief summary of events and photographic evidence along with the maps. A reply has been asked for in time for this meeting.
4. So, the allotment tenancy agreement has been breached on Plot E. 7g says not fence the allotment garden without first obtaining the Council's written consent. No consent has been given.
5. Cllr Skinner and Clerk inspected the site. Activity of varying levels is taking place on all the plots except Plot E and F1. These two sites were overgrown at the time of inspection.
6. All tenants agree to the tenancy by signing and returning a copy of the agreement.
7. Any breach can result in termination with one months' notice if within 3 months of taking the tenancy they have not carried out the conditions in clause 8.
8. I have struggled to find guidance on minimum cultivation rules. This is not part of allotment law and it does not form part of our tenancy agreement. The booklet forwarded a place to grown page six talks about guidance.
9. So once all the facts are available to the parish council a decision on how to proceed is needed.
10. The condition of all the plots has been reviewed and needs another review before any action is taken to ensure all plots are under cultivation.

### 10.

#### Street lighting

1. The streetlight opposite Barrow School should be on the parish council inventory. There is also one within the school grounds but that has not been confirmed as one of the parish council's lights.
2. A copy of the presentation clerk attended at the recent SLCC conference has been circulated. The replacement scheme must reduce the carbon used by a certain amount; the interest free loan must be approved via SALC by DCLG.
3. The scheme size fits the funds clerk has yet to work out the carbon bit.
4. Clerk has obtained one quote.
5. Clerk has obtained a quote for removal of two lights suggested by Councillor Knott.
6. The one light on Benthall Lane is close to one in Broseley TC area owned by Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council has looked at the situation and confirm it is close to their light but that the next one is too far away for safe street lighting.
7. Street lighting power. This will take effect from the new financial year. The cost will be £1578.00 with the current bulbs. Currently the cost is £2757 so a considerable saving. The saving will be more once the led lights are installed. Example Ditton Priors pay £535 currently including VAT for 21 led bulbs with part night switches. Little Wenlock pay £520.00 per annum for 29 led bulbs. Ditton Priors borrowed the funds and added the repayments over the power savings on the precept. 3p a week for five years. Little Wenlock had funds for their works.
8. If the parish council agree to go ahead with a new scheme it will take some time to get new quotes from three sources, choose a contractor, apply for the loan and set off on the scheme.