

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON THURSDAY,  
11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2017, AT 6.30. P.M.**

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Ms. A. Skinner, S. Churchill
2. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor P.M. Whiteman.
3. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner and 6 members of the public.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The Chairman presented gifts to former Councillors Mrs. S.A. Gibbons and Mrs. S. King and thanked them for their sterling work on the Parish Council over many years.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Ms. A. Skinner and S. Churchill to the Parish Council.

A member of the public referred to a tree at Barratts Hill which needed attention. There seemed to be some confusion as to who was responsible for the tree and Shropshire Councillor D. Turner undertook to look further into the matter.

The Chairman reported that a power source at Morris Corfield's for a defibrillator was being pursued.
- 4A. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:**

Members duly completed and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Members agreed that Councillor P.M. Whiteman would sign his Declaration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.
5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**

Nominations were received for the appointment of Chairman for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor N.D. Downes be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
6. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Nominations were received for the appointment of Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor P. Knott be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
7. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No Declarations of Interest received.
8. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, copies of which had been

circulated Members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**9. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT:**

The Clerk submitted the Annual Governance Statement and this was duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

**10. ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2016/2017:**

The Clerk submitted the Accounting Statement 2016/2017 and this was duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

**10. ACCOUNTS 2016/2017:**

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2016/2017 for approval by the Council. The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had examined and approved the Accounts and had completed and signed the Internal Auditor's Report.

**RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved and they were duly signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

**11. 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 headings were as follows:

WW1 Remembrance  
Boundary Commission.  
Advice Surgery.  
Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

**12. STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT:**

Members re-confirmed the above.

**13. POLICE MATTERS:**

No reports received.

**14. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Slaney Almshouse Trust and the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust.

The Chairman expressed his concern at the vandalism on a Bridleway Way at Shirlett, broken glass had been distributed over a large area and holes had been dug. The Chairman appealed to anyone who knew or had seen the vandalism to report it to the Police.

**15. LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE:**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors P. Knott and S. Churchill be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

**16. PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

**RESOLVED** that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Ms. A. Skinner be

appointed to serve on the Planning Committee for the ensuing year.

**17. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING CONSULTATION:**

Members discussed the proposed changes to the planning consultation and In particular the withdrawal of hard copy planning applications. It was suggested that to enable Members to view a planning application and the plans, a Projector and Screen be purchased, the estimated cost would be in the region of £750. Members agreed that the Vice Chairman and Councillor S. Churchill investigate the possibility and report back to the Council.

**18. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Members agreed that the Planning Committee meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017 and consider the following Planning Application.

**17/01823/FUL Conversion of former chicken shed to ancillary accommodation to main residence at Agricultural Building S.W. of Chimneys, Posenhall.**

**19. BUILDWAS POWER STATION – PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY:**

Members considered the Email from the Telford and East Shropshire Ramblers proposing a PROW to be dedicated through Buildwas Power Station Site and across one of the bridges that serve it.

**RESOLVED the the proposed be supported by the Parish Council.**

**20. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Npower	£ 249.48 (paid)
Shropshire Council.	£ 15.00
SALC.	£ 272.21
AON UK Ltd.	£ 356.08
N.H. Whyles	£ 60.00
Salary	£ 316.32
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Broxap Ltd	£1644.00
EON Energy Ltd.	£ 92.20
Willey Village Hall	£ 8.00

**RESOLVED accordingly.**

**Chairman  
13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.**