

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
16th July 2019 at 6.30pm.**

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. It was reported that the hedge around Penns Meadow especially the Bridge Road Junction is overgrown. **Chair to ask** the tenant to cut the hedge back.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES: Councillor N Downes will arrive late.

3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT: Present Councillors Knott, Churchill, Whiteman and Skinner. Shropshire Councillor Turner was also present. Councillor Downes arrived at point 12.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: None required.

5. MINUTES:

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019.

6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member. Shropshire Councillor Turner reported that the planning committees are to be reduced from three to two. This has resulted in difficulty obtaining 22 volunteers to sit on the two committees. Shropshire Councillor Turner attended the Harworth public meeting about highways. There is to be a local plan review meeting at Buildwas Village Hall. He has news about the HGV scheme. The final part of it is part of 15 highway safety schemes to be carried out in this financial year. The Bridge Road part will be part of this. His next advice surgery will be on 10th August 10.30am Shipton Village Hall.

7. POLICE MATTERS:

To receive any reports from the beat manager. No update.

8. CONSIDER ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

It was RESOLVED to adopt the four policies.

1. Councillors/Clerks Protocol.
2. Complaints procedure.
3. Disciplinary policy
4. Grievance policy.

9. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.

- a. Clerk presented a report to Parish Council it was RESOLVED to take the following actions:
1. Response regarding access to the site. Councillor Skinner has spoken to each of the tenants who claim they are only opening the gates long enough to travel through them. No further action.
 2. The Line the fence was agreed with Shropshire Council. Clerk to confirm via email.
 3. Support for clerk when dealing with threat of police and legal action. It was RESOLVED to support clerk in any actions required if the threats made materialise.
 4. Consider informing insurance company. Clerk to inform the insurance company.
 5. Set date for formal inspection of plots. The plots were inspected on the day of the meeting. Clerk to write to plot holders with the results. The site is improved with more work to do.
 6. Consider arranging hedge cutting along highway and inside the site. Clerk and Chair to arrange.
 7. Approve payments for fencing. It was RESOLVED to pay any invoice before the next meeting.
 8. It was RESOLVED to support the Broseley in Bloom bed of primulas.
 9. It was RESOLVED to give permission for Councillor Knott and Churchill to carry out tree works on the Floyer Lane allotment site.

10. HGV SCHEME. A. update. It appears the works to complete the HGV scheme will be carried out soon.

11. BARROW CHURCHYARD

- a. Discussion with ministry team regarding maintenance. No contact has been made.
- b. Discussion with ministry team regarding burial spaces. It appears burials can take place at Closed Church at Benthall.

12. HIGHWAYS

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. The following rights of way are blocked:
1. Footpath between Benthall and Broseley
 2. Across Floyer Lane to Bridge Road.
 3. The right of way behind Floyer Lane behind Hilltop Cottage is very overgrown.

Clerk to report.

The following issues were raised on the highway Rocks and cut grass are on the pavement on Benthall Lane. Shropshire Councillor Turner will report.

13. STREET LIGHTING. Clerk has realised no invoices have been received it appears the officer carrying out the transfer has left Shropshire Authority. Clerk to investigate.

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

a. Any other meetings.

1. Councillor Skinner reported that the village hall is holding a training session on how to use the defibrillator at Willey. It is a two hour session and involves first aid training. The results of the calor gas competition will be announced later in the week. The next event will be the bbq and games event. There will be an apple pressing day in October which will be ticket only. There will be a VE day event on 8th May 2020. The outside of the village hall is to receive some tlc.
2. Councillor Downes has attended three meetings of SGCT the open evening, a committee management meeting and a personnel meeting. The manager will be known as the CEO.

15. PLANNING

- a. **New applications to be considered.** None.
- b. **Applications since last meeting.** None.
- c. **Decisions:**
 - 19/01034/FUL Erection of steel portal framed building for storing and conditioning grain. Posenhall Farm Posenhall. **Grant Full Planning Permission.**
 - 19/01445/FUL Erection of first floor extension. 61 Bridge Road Benthall. **Grant full planning permission.**
- d. Information about Ironbridge Highways Parish council meeting with Harworth. Noted.
- e. Shropshire Council strategic sites allocations consultation. Noted.
- f. Any other planning matters. None.

16. FINANCE:

- a. **Invoices to pay.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:
 1. Willey and District Village Hall £40.00. Chq 898.
 2. SDH Accounting £100.00. Chq 899.
 3. Mrs J Madeley £597.96 chq 900.
 4. HMRC £97.60 chq 901.
 5. NEST Pension payments £40.98 direct debit
- b. Bank reconciliation. The reconciliation was noted along with comparison with Budget.
- c. VAT Return amount reclaimed £1081.29. Funds received. Noted.
- d. Consider paying information commissioner's office via direct debit £35 as opposed to £40 by chq. It was RESOLVED to complete the direct debit form.

17. WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL SURVEY: Clerk and Chair to complete the form.

18. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Notice polling districts and polling places and polling stations. Noted.

- b. Notice of Annual General Meeting and SALC's 70th Anniversary celebration 15th November 2019. Noted.
- c. Shropshire Council public meeting regarding Ironbridge B process. Noted
- d. Shropshire Council changes in Highways and Transport Dept. Noted.
- e. Broseley Festival of Motorcycling road closure. Noted.
- f. Communications from Broseley Town Council. Noted.

19. Date of next scheduled meeting 17th September 2019. The meeting was declared closed at 8pm.