

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON
THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2014, AT 6.30 P.M.**

41. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Mrs. S. King and Mrs. S.A. Gibbons.
42. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner and 8 members of the public.
43. **APOLOGIES:** P.C. Cowan.
44. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Mr. G. Jones expressed his concern at the overgrown state of the hedge at Penns Meadow. Councillor Mrs. King stated that she had sent Emails regarding overgrown hedges.
Mr. M. Davis raised the question of enforcement notices at Tiffany Stable and enquired if the Parish Council had heard any further from the Enforcement Officer. The Chairman informed Mr. Davis that a reply had been received from the Enforcement Officer and that the information that had been received was to be treated as exempt information and was for the information of Parish Councillors only. The Enforcement Officer had also stated Mr. Davis had been provided with an update in the last week to the matter and he would be further updated when decisions have been made.
A member of the public reported that the street name plate BENTHALL LANE was not legible, the signs is located at the top of Bridge Road.
45. **POLICE MATTERS:**
No reports.
46. **ROAD SAFETY POLICY:**
Members referred to Priority 1 Bridge Road and Benthall Lane for a HGV ban on traffic using Bridge Road and Benthall Lane as a through route to Broseley and Much Wenlock.
Members considered that a joint co-ordinated approach with Broseley Town Council and Ironbridge Gorge Parish Council could well be the best way forward and it was agreed that the Clerk write to these Council's with a view to setting up a meeting to discuss the matter.
Members referred to the fact that the Parish Council had agreed to fund the sign 'SCHOOL' at Barrow School and to date Shropshire Council had not erected the sign. Shropshire Councillor D. Turner stated that he would speak to the Officer concerned.

47. STREET LIGHTING:

Councillor Knott reported that he had examined the Street Lighting Plans and as a result the following issues need to be addressed.

- a) Light No. 10 Bridge Road is within the Telford and Wrekin area. Members agreed that the Clerk take the matter up with Telford and Wreking Council with a view to them taking responsibility for the street light.
- b) Light No. 11 Bridge Road. This may not be needed as it lights a footpath to 2 houses which now have drives from Bridge Road. Members agreed that further research was need on this item.
- c) There should be a Council policy on Street Lighting and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

48. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

A copy of the report is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes.

49. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Knott reported that Shropshire Council were looking to resurface the pavements on Bridge Road and Benthall Lane next year.

Councillor Mrs. King reported that there were a number of items outstanding from the maintenance schedule sent to Ross Simpson in July. Of particular urgency was the high hedge at the junction of Bridge Road and Benthall Lane obstructing the sight-lines thus creating a danger for traffic.

Another issue was the Hard-standing on Bridge Road and Councillor Mrs. King agreed to contact the Planning Authority to ascertain if any progress had been made on the legality of the construction.

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

14/02903/FUL Erection of 4 No. terraced dwellings (to include 1 No. affordable) and formation of new vehicular access at land off Benthall Lane, Benthall.

OBJECTION: Land is in the Broseley Conservation Area and very close to 3 Grade Listed Buildings.

The development of for a terrace of houses which is not in keeping with the style of buildings surrounding it.

The development would ruin the orchard and other trees on which the garden is based.

The new vehicle access would also remove a number of oaks and increase the flow of traffic near to an already busy junction.

The development shows a very crowded site with parking

and waste storage which would give a detrimental visual impact on those passing a neighbouring properties.

Concern about the wildlife.

Would the site need archeological survey?

14/02972/FUL Erection of single storey extension following demolition of Existing at The Bayliffs House, Spout Lane, Benthall.

OBJECTION: The age, prominence and history of the building, which is listed and in a conservation area, means that we have some concerns about the current proposals.

Although we would not disagree with the desire to replace the existing extension the consensus of opinion is that the the proposed development would be unsympathetic to the existing building. The proposed glazed area on the south elevation of the extension is out of keeping with the historical features already visible and we therefore object to this application.

We would also like some clarification on the material to be used for the proposed resurfacing of the access road.

51. CORRESPONDENCE:

Members considered a letter from the friends of Penn Meadow requesting a grant to support the work to maintain Penns Meadow.

Members agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the November meeting.

52. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/2014:

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had completed the audit of accounts and there were no matters to be placed before the Parish Council.

Other matters not affecting their opinion are as follows:

- 1) In future years an explanation of all significant year-on-year variances In the accounting statements (Section 1 of the Annual Return_ - refer to guidance notes sent at the start of the audit. No explanation was initially provided for the change in Box 3 (total other receipts).
- 2) Ensure that the Annual Return is fully completed before submission for Audit. Section 1 Box 11 for the year ending 31st March, 2014 should state 'No'.

53. SAMDEV:

Members noted this correspondence.

With regard to the Place Plan it was pointed out that Members should be aware of CIL section before submission in November.

54. ALLOTMENT RENTS:

The Clerk reported that at the September meeting rents for that allotments should be considered for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that the rent remain at £40 for the ensuing year,

55. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Nigel Wyke	£192.00
Shropshire Council.	£100.00
Salary	£313.83
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
HMRC	£
Willey Village Hall	£ 8.00

RESOLVED accordingly.

Chairman
13th November, 2014.