

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON THURSDAY,  
13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014, AT 6.30 P.M.**

56. **PRESENT:** Councillors P. Knott (in the chair), P.M.Whiteman, Mrs. S. King and Mrs.S.Gibbons.
57. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor N.D. Downes.
58. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, WPC Jayne Cowan and Colleague and several members of the public.
59. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
Members of the public stated that they were pleased the overgrown hedgerows reported at a previous meeting had now been cut back.  
Concern was expressed that the National Trust web site for Benthall Hall, directed traffic to Bridge Road instead of Ironbridge Road as preferred Shropshire Council.  
The Clerk stated that he would write to the National Trust.
60. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest were received.
61. **MINUTES:**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
62. **POLICE MATTERS:**  
The Chairman welcomed WPC Cowan and her colleague to the meeting.  
WPC Cowan asked that any matters of concern should be forwarded directly to her.  
Members referred to the speed of traffic on Benthall Lane. WPC Cowan Stated that rubber strips had been placed on Benthall Lane to record the speed of traffic and that she would provide the Council with the results of these tests.
63. **ROAD SAFETY POLICY:**  
Referring to Road Safety Policy No. 1 HGV ban on Bridge Road and Benthall Lane, Councillor Mrs. King reported that she together with Councillor P. Knott and Shropshire Councillor D. Turner had met with representatives of Broseley Town Council and Shropshire Councillor Jean Jones and following a cursory discussion It was agreed that the Shropshire Council Members should discuss the matter with Alice Dilley in an attempt to find a way forward.

Representatives from the Gorge Parish Council had declined the invitation as there is a weight limit on the Free Bridge and there were few lorries that use the area and no one felt the need or able to join in the project barring lorries.

**64. STREET LIGHTING:**

(a) The Clerk reported that with regard to Street Light No. 10 Bridge Road, Telford and Wrekin Council had requested specific information regarding the street light and that E.On Energy had supplied the necessary information.

b) The Clerk reported that E.On Energy had reported that during the recent maintenance, Column 3 The Bentlands had a crack at the base to the left hand side of the door, the door entry also has also small pieces of steel showing through the concrete. This can be repaired at a cost of £45.12 plus VAT. This would be a short term fix that may last a couple of years. The Clerk stated that he had authorized the repair. The cost of replacing the light would be in the region of £1000. Members agreed that they would consider this during the Precept process.

c) Members discussed the possibility of a policy for street lighting as follows:

The Council will consider requests for alterations and additions to street lighting taking into account the following:

- i) The quantity of pedestrian traffic (during lighting up times)
- ii) The proportion of such traffic that could be considered to be from vulnerable groups
- iii) The safety of the site either due to its terrain (trip hazards etc.) or if it is a high crime area
- iv) The environmental 'cost' of the changes
- v) The financial cost of making the changes

**RESOLVED** that the above be incorporated in the Parish Plan.

**65. ANNUAL PLACE PLAN REVIEW:**

The Clerk reported that to date there were no resources within the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Members agreed that they would add street lighting for their CIL priority.

The document was signed by the Chairman and Shropshire Councillor D. Turner.

**66. PARISH PLAN REVIEW:**

Members agreed that the existing committee continue with the review of the Parish Plan and that the street lighting policy be added to the Plan.

**67. PAVEMENT PARKING:**

The Clerk reported that he had written to Philip Dunne MP regarding vehicles parking of footpaths. To date no reply had been received.

**68. 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.

WW1 Remembrance

Planning

Highways

Advice Surgery

**69. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

Councillor Mrs. King reported that a reply was still awaited on the legality of the hardstanding in Bridge Road.

Members also recorded their thanks to Shropshire Councillor D. Turner for all the work that he carried out for the Parish of Barrow.

**70. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Councillor P.M. Whiteman reported that he had attended the South Planning Committee regarding the planning applications for Hazeck, The Mines, Benthall, and was more than happy that the application had been refused.

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

**14/04056/FUL**Erection of 1 No. dwelling and 3 bay car port at Barratts Hill Farmhouse, Broseley.

**OBJECTION:**

The application is for land which is classed as agricultural and which is outside the parish development boundary. In addition it is in a particularly important part of the Broseley Conservation Area. It is adjacent to several listed buildings and is opposite the ancient Penn's Meadow site. As stated in the conservation officer's report dated 03/07/14 for the previous application 'clear justification and reasoning must be provided for the loss of this green space and its impact on the Conservation Area'. The form, scale and character of the proposed dwelling would not preserve or enhance the appearance of the conservation area. We therefore object to this application

**14/03989/VAR Removal of condition number 3 attached to planning Permission 89/0186 dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1989 to lift the agricultural use on the land at Bishtons Nursery, Benthall Lane, Benthall.**

**OBJECTION**

The applicant gives a detailed list of reasons why the Nursery that he has recently purchased cannot be a commercial success. However, it is clear that he knew this information when he made the purchase and that he was aware of the restrictions on the use of the attached house.

We continue to raise strong objections to the removal of the agricultural condition of the planning permission.

**14/04523/TCA Removal of trees (as per schedule) with Broseley Conservation Area at the Woodlands, Spout Lane, Benthall.**

**NO OBJECTION to the works outlined in the plans.**

**71. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:**

The Clerk submitted the revised Financial Regulations for adoption by the Council.

**RESOLVED that the Financial Regulations be adopted.**

**72. GRANT APPLICATION:**

Members considered the application from the Friends of Penns Meadow for a Grant towards the maintenance of Penns Meadow.

**RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be made and a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Mr. Revell for the excellent work they carry out on the meadow.**

**73. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk submitted the following correspondence for the information of Members.

a) Severn Gorge Countryside Trust – Notice of Annual General Meeting On 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 and notification that Mr. Nick Downes the nominated representative will serve for a further 3 years.

**74. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

**E.On Energy Ltd.**

**£351.11**

Severn Trent Water Ltd	£ 33.64
Salary	£313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
HMRC	£107.00
Friends of Penn Meadow	£100.00
Willey Village Hall	£ 8.00
Royal British Legion (Broseley Branch)	£ 34.00

**RESOLVED** accordingly.

**75. ALLOTMENTS:**

The Clerk reported that there was now a vacancy for one plot on the Allotments.

**Chairman**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.**