

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON
THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2018, AT 6.30 P.M.**

- 80. PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, Ms. A. Skinner, S. Churchill.
- 81. APOLOGIES:** Councillor P.M. Whiteman and Shropshire Councillor D. Turner.
- 82. IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Mr. P. Revell and 38 Members of the public.
- 83. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**
The Chairman introduced Mr. P. Revell who had been invited to talk on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Broseley and possibly Benthall.
Mr. Revell explained that a Neighbourhood Plan give a community direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.
A Neighbourhood Plan sets out where new homes, shops and offices might be built, and allows a community a say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.
Much Wenlock and Shifnal have already gone through the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, in our area a Neighbourhood Plan would be a natural development from the current Broseley Town Plan and would, if successfully implemented offer additional planning protection for the area.
It is necessary to define the boundary of a Neighbourhood Plan and at a recent public meeting it was thought that the area of Benthall could be included in the plan, seven members of the public were from Benthall and voted in favour of being in the plan.
Once the boundary has been decided it is sent to Shropshire Council and ultimately a Planning Inspector assesses the document and if passed by the Inspector it becomes law and has to fit the Shropshire Council plan.
If Benthall does become part of the plan the Parish Council will still take their own planning applications and the Council boundaries would not change.
Members of the public queried why just Benthall was being proposed and not all of the Barrow Parish. Mr. Revell explained that the reason was purely on cost. Several questions were put to Mr. Revell, including what grant money would possibly be available it was through that this would be in the region of £9k plus a further £8k. Broseley Town Council had made £10k available.
The Chairman asked the members of the public if they wished Benthall to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan and by a show hands the majority voted against being included. Some members of the public stated that they had not had sufficient time to consider the matter.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Parish Council would vote on whether or not Benthall should be included in the Broseley Neighbourhood Plan and their decision would be final.

A proposition that Benthall should not be included in the Broseley Neighbourhood Plan was taken and it was RESOLVED by 3 votes to 1 in favour of the proposition. The Chairman thanked Mr. Revell and the members of the public for their attendance.

84. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

No Declarations of Interest were received.

85. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January, 2018, copies of which had been circulated to Members were taken as read, confirmed subject to Minutes 77 being rescinded, and signed by the Chairman.

86. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR:

The Chairman reported that Shropshire Councillor David Turner was unable to attend through illness but had submitted his report. A copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes. The headings were as follows:-

- a) Shropshire Council Tax Increase
- b) Shropshire Councillors' Allowances
- c) Highways and Snow
- d) Advice Surgery

87. SPEED LIMITS – BENTHALL LANE:

Councillor Knott reported that Shropshire Councillor Turner had arranged a site meeting on Benthall Lane for Officers of Shropshire Council, Parish Councillors, and residents for 11.00 a.m. on 28th March, 2018.

88. POLICE MATTERS:

No reports.

89. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Members reported that they had attended the Local Joint Committee when the Broseley Neighbourhood Plan had been discussed.

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

90. DEFIBILLATOR BOX:

The Chairman reported that a Defibrillator would be provided at Leo Farm, Benthall, by kind permission of Mr. Nigel Wyke.

91. PLANNING APPLICATION:

The Chairman requested the views of Members on the following Planning Application.

**18/00896/TCA To crown lift to 2.5m and remove dead wood above Footpath, sever and clear ivy from ground to 1.5m
1 No. ash tree within Broseley Conservation Area at Hill Top House, Bridge Road, Benthall.
NO OBJECTIONS.**

92. CLERKS RETIREMENT:

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had confirmed that he wished to retire, and he had agreed to remain in post until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

The Clerk reported that he had served the Parish Council for 46 years. At the Meeting in November, 2010, the Parish Council had agreed that on his retirement they would pay a gratuity based on final salary and number of years service up to the age of 70 years. This had been confirmed by the National Association of Local Councils.

93. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£ 316.32
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
E.On Energy Ltd	£ 123.28
E.On Energy Ltd	£ 104.33
Willey Village Hall	£ 24.00
SALC	£ 274.40 (to be paid from 1.4.18)
L.E. Oakley (Gratuity)	£2840.04

RESOLVED accordingly.

**Chairman
10th May, 2018.**