

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON  
THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017, AT 6.30 P.M.**

36. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Ms.A. Skinner, S. Churchill.
37. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner and 4 members of the public.
38. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
Members of the public again expressed their concerns at the speed of vehicles on Benthall Lane, they referred to vehicles speeding down Barratts Hill on the approach to Benthall Bank. It was also pointed out that there was no speed limit signs after vehicles leave Broseley towards Benthall.  
The Clerk reported that a Police Officer had been asked to attend this meeting with regard to the issues of speeding, their reply was that they were on duty on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
In their Email they stated that monitoring had been conducted during the summer months and would continue to be conducted by the team. This is conducted by two officers in high visibility uniform with a marked Police vehicle and using a laser speed device. PCSo's do not have the power to enforce the speed limit, they send warning letters to the owner of any vehicle where the speed is in excess of the limit. So far, they had not had any reason to send letters as a result of checks in the area.  
A member of the public expressed his concern at the overgrown hedge on Penns Meadow which blocked the view of motorists emerging on to Benthall Lane. The Chairman undertook to speak to Mr. Phil Revell the Chairman of the Friends of Penn Meadow.
39. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest were received.
40. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
41. **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

Planning  
Place Plan  
Highways  
Local Joint Committee  
Advice Surgery

**42. POLICE MATTERS:**

No reports received.

**43. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of progress on the speeding Issues on Benthall Lane and agreed that a letter be forwarded to the Safer Road Partnership setting out their concerns on excessive speed of vehicles on Benthall Lane and the lack of signage.

Councillor Whiteman reported that he had attended a meeting at Shirehall regarding car parking and he had received a lot of support.

Councillor Knott reported that with regard to Folk and Gentry the booklets had been distributed. There was a surplus of money and he proposed that a further bench be provided, possibly on Lodge Lane. Members supported this proposal. Councillor Knott reported that the yellow lines on Bridge Road were partly showing signs of wear and needed to be renewed. The Clerk undertook to write to Graham Downes at Shropshire Council.

The Chairman reported that he had attended one meeting of the SGCT.

The Chairman reported that there was not a notice board at Barrow and as a result he had contacted the Church Warden at Barrow Church who had given permission to place notices of the Parish Council on the Church Notice Board.

**44. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

Members considered the Email received from a resident in Barrow particularly with regard to the speed of vehicles approaching Barrow School from the Much Wenlock area. Members agreed to include this in the letter to the Road Safety Partnership.

**45. ALLOTMENTS:**

It was reported that there was one vacant plot on the allotments.

**46. GRANT AID – BARROW 1618 CofE PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL:**

The Clerk reported on the reply from the Head Teacher of the School thanking the Council for considering their project. The children of the school had worked incredibly hard to raise the money and they are keen to see their efforts rewarded by getting the defibrillator up and running. The Head Teacher will be engaging an installer to visit the site and offer feedback about the best options for the installation.

Members agreed that the grant of £250 be sent to the school.

**47. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/2017:**

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had completed the audit of accounts for 2016/2017 and there were no matters they wished to bring before the Parish Council.

**48. DEFIBRILLATOR – BENTHALL AREA:**

The Chairman reported that it was proving difficult to locate a suitable site for a power supply at Morris Corfields Factory and suggested that he and Councillor Skinner investigate the possibility of one being sited at Benthall Hall. Members agreed that this could be a possible site.

**49. FINANCE:**

The Clerk submitted the following accounts for approval and payment.

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| Salary                               | £316.32 |
| Petty Cash                           | £ 30.00 |
| Willey Village Hall                  | £ 16.00 |
| P. Knott (Folk and Gentry)           | £ 52.49 |
| Barrow 1618 CofE Primary Free School | £250.00 |
| Madeley Print Shop                   | £270.00 |

**RESOLVED** accordingly.

**Chairman**

**9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**