

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON  
THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018, AT 6.30 P.M.**

66. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), S. Churchill, Ms. A. Skinner.
67. **IN ATTENDANCE:** Shropshire Councillor D. Turner and 2 members of the public.
68. **APOLOGIES:** Councillors P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman and the Clerk.
69. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Members of the public expressed their concern that during the recent snow conditions the footpaths in Benthall were poorly maintained. Shropshire Councillor Turner replied in his report to the Parish Council.
70. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declaration of Interest received.
71. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and the Planning Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
72. **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 heading were as follows:-
- 1) Planning
  - 2) Shropshire Council Tax Increase
  - 3) Snow
  - 4) Parking strategy
  - 5) Advice Surgery
73. **SPEED LIMITS ON BENTHALL LANE:**  
Shropshire Councillor D. Turner reported that he would be organising a meeting on site at a later date. Members considered a letter from Mr. Blanchflower regarding various highway issues and it was agreed that an appropriate response would be forwarded to Mr. Blanchflower.
74. **H.G.V. ROUTING SCHEME:**  
Councillor S. Churchill reported on the recent meeting with Shropshire Council.

The H.G.V. route in Much Wenlock is to be updated and Benthall would be removed as a destination for H.G.V's. In February 2018 work would commence in Much Wenlock and take approximately 6 weeks.

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

**75. VEOLIA GRANT:**

The Chairman reported that the application for a grant for a defibrillator box (£375) had been successful. Discussions as to where the box should be located was ongoing although the telephone box at the end of the drive to Benthall Hall was a possibility.

**76. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**

In the absent of Councillor P. Knott the Chairman read out his reports as follows:

**a) Weather related footway problems.**

The footways blocked by trees/bushes on Bridge Road (not those of Shirley King as I am assured that a contractor is dealing with it). My report to Shropshire Council included the blocked gullies and rapidly sinking kerb, in addition I reported the flattened Give Way sign at the top of Bridge Road.

**b) Speeding traffic/hedge cutting reminder notice.**

Leaflets distributed to The Bentlands, Benthall Lane and Bridge Road by myself and Councillor S. Churchill.

**c) Folk and Gentry Walks.**

The Folk and Gentry walk project is now officially completed, the monies being spent and assessment form returned to the NHS/Shropshire Council. See attached copy of the report and three of the walk leaflets. We still have a bench to fit, when the weather is a little more clement and there will be another walk leaflet completed covering the last bench site, all materials for this final work have been purchased. We have managed to do more than we originally intended because we have had considerable voluntary assistance, the majority of this from the Downes family.

The Chairman in his capacity of Chairman of the Severn Gorge Country-Side Trust presided at the Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman and Councillor Ms. A. Skinner attended the Remembrance Service at Broseley and Willey.

**78. PRECEPT 2018/2019:**

Members considered the Precept requirements for 2018/2019.

**RESOLVED** that the Precept remain at £7000 for 2018/2019.

**79. FINANCE:**

**Members approved the following accounts for payment.**

<b>Salary</b>	<b>£316.32</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>£ 30.00</b>
<b>Nigel Wyke</b>	<b>£346.00</b>
<b>Severn Trent Water Ltd</b>	<b>£ 28.88</b>
<b>E.On Highways Lighting</b>	<b>£360.29</b>
<b>P. Knott</b>	<b>£191.76</b>
<b>Willey Village Hall</b>	<b>£ 16.00</b>

**RESOLVED accordingly**

**Chairman**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**