

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM AT WILLEY AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Members of the public will have the opportunity to raise Parish matters between 6.30 p.m. and 6.40 p.m. No members of the public were present.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** No apologies were received.

**3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Present Councillors Whiteman, Skinner, Churchill, Knott and Downes. Also, Present Shropshire Councillor Turner.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** None.

**5. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Shropshire Councillor Turner reported that more traffic appears to be using Wyke Lane during the road closures in Ironbridge and demolition works at the power station. **Three** houses have been evacuated on Bridge Road and The Mines because of the land instability. To prevent further slippage onto Bridge Road. There is a lot of running water on Bridge Road which he has been reporting to highways to sort out. He has taken cabinet members and senior officers on a road trip around his ward showing the condition of the highways. Some assurances of works have been promised. He has an advice surgery in **Much Wenlock** on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019. He reported on a question asked at the last **advice surgery** about County Lines. He is investigating and will reply direct to the resident. He wished everyone Happy Christmas.

**7. POLICE MATTERS:**

To receive any reports from the beat manager. Clerk has met the new safer neighbourhood officer PC J Hindley she is keen to meet the parish council but was unable to attend a meeting this evening. Shropshire Councillor Turner reported that the PCSO team are going to sticker cars parked inappropriately on Bridge Road.

**8. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.**

- a. A decision has to be made on allotment bee keeping. **It was RESOLVED** not to allow beehives on the allotment site.
- b. Fencing. Clerk reported to Shropshire council and to the residents of Floyer Hall. To date there has been on reply from Shropshire Council.
- c. Clerk received an email from the solicitor of the Floyer Hall Residents and responded a copy of the response has been circulated. To date no further correspondence has been received.
- d. Clerk has emailed all tenants reminding them they are responsible all year round for their plots.

- e. Clerk also informed all tenants that the sign on the gate to Floyer Hall that is constantly fastened open does not prevent them using the access. The Parish Council and its tenants have right of access 24/7.
- f. Clerk has contacted all prospective tenants on the waiting list confirming their interest still. Some left the list for various personal reasons, others remain.
- g. One tenant has given provisional notice but will work his plot until he leaves the area.
- h. The green bin idea brought forward by one tenant has been accepted by Veolia.
- i. Councillor Churchill with the aid of Claire has been busy removing tree roots and keeping the common area tidy and improving it.
- j. The access gate with the padlock had dropped making it hard to open and close. The main reason for this is the weight of the wooden fencing that has been placed on it. The fencing is also damaging the hinges on the gate. The hinges are no longer fit for purpose. The extra weight of the fencing has caused this. The gate needs to be monitored. The padlock needs oiling. Councillor Churchill will repair.
- k. Councillor Churchill has offered to make a sign for the entrance. Giving the site a title and contact details. The back of the sign will be a noticeboard for any information that may be useful to plot holders. The sign will be situated within the allotment site. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the sign with Councillor Churchill making the sign.
- l. Mr Wyke removed much of the debris however his is still working out how to move the glass from behind the shed in the far corner. Noted.
- m. One tenant would like one of the oil drums used as a bowser. It appears no one is using them as bowser and the tenants who replied did not have a problem with the removal of one. It was RESOLVED to allow an oil drum to be removed.
- n. Clerk to investigate a condition that each plot should have a % of it growing food.
- o. The hedge on the north west border needs the height reducing to ensure the base remains secure. Clerk to obtain quotes.

**9. HGV SCHEME. A. update.** Telford and Wrekin have introduced a no waiting traffic regulation order along Ladywood.

## **10. HIGHWAYS**

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. Clerk to report the list of gullies provided by Cllr Knott that are blocked to Shropshire Council.
- b. Report on Bridge Road. The report is within Shropshire Councillor Turner's report. It was RESOLVED that Clerk is to write to senior Shropshire Council officers expressing concern about activity on Bridge Road and The Mines including requesting an article 4 directive to prevent any permitted development and express concerns about the instability in the area.
- c. Calcutts Road Closure 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020. **Noted clerk** to write to Shropshire Council ensuring Calcutts Road is not closed at the same time as Ladywood.

**11. STREET LIGHTING.** There are two faulty lights one marked number 3 outside Ashfield House and one marked one on Benthall Lane at the junction with Bridge Road.

## **12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUTSIDE BODIES MEETINGS.**

- a. Any other meetings.

1. Councillor Whiteman attended the SALC AGM and Dinner recently where he collected a certificate as part of the Jan Snell award for the work the Parish Council has done renovating the allotment site enabling 12 plot holders to grow food for their families. Clerk to promote the award on local Facebook pages.
2. Councillor Skinner attended a recent meeting of the village hall and reported six new committee members have been appointed. The AGM is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. The apple pressing event held in conjunction with Shropshire Smallholders was a great success along with the conker and curry event.
3. Councillor Skinner laid a wreath on behalf of The Parish Council at Willey Park War Memorial. The event was well attended.
4. Councillor Downes laid a wreath on behalf of The Parish Council at the Broseley Memorial. The event was well attended.
5. Councillor Skinner attended the Harvest Festival Service at Barrow Church on behalf of The Parish Council.
6. It is the AGM of SGCT tomorrow evening Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Councillor Downes will be attending. It was RESOLVED he would continue as The Parish Council representative.

- 13. NOTICEBOARDS:**
1. Floyer Lane Noticeboard. The noticeboard has been painted by a neighbour. Clerk to write and thank him.
  2. Shirlett Noticeboard. Is in good condition and does not require and work.
  3. Willey Noticeboard. Councillors Skinner and Downes will discuss renovation with the village hall committee.

#### **14. PLANNING**

- a. **New applications to be considered.** None.
- b. **Decisions:**
  - 19/03511/TEL Installation of a telegraph pole design mast etc at Bank Farm Houghton. **Prior Approval is not required.**
  - 19/03685/TCA Fell Lawson Cypress within Broseley Conservation area. The Haven Bridge Road. **No objection.**
- c. **Appeal:** 19/02774/REF proposed Camping Lane West of The Bayliffs House Spout Lane Benthall. Use of land for stationing of 8 eco-pods for holiday use with associated car parking (revised scheme) Appeal against refusal. Noted.
- d. **Any other planning matters.** None.

- 15. APPROVE NEW TERMS OFFERED TO CLERK.** It was RESOLVED to adopt the new terms offered to clerk.

#### **16. FINANCE:**

- a. **Invoices to pay. A.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:
  1. E. on £147.22 chq 903.
  2. Npower £864.83 chq 908
  3. Mrs J Madeley no more than £536.59 Nov and Dec inc back pay. Chq 904.
  4. HMRC £141.20 chq 906.
  5. Willey and District Village Hall £30.00 chq 907.
  6. Mr N Wyke £144.00 chq 908.
- b. Bank reconciliation. Clerk presented the bank reconciliation it was accepted and noted.

- c. Street lighting contract for power. No update.
- d. Letter from Internal Auditor. SDH Auditors can no longer carry out the internal audit for the parish council.
- e. Consider new internal auditor. It was RESOLVED to appoint RLT Auditing as the new auditors.
- f. Police and Crime Commissioner Grants. The current grant scheme available is for Smartwater.
- g. First Draft of Budget for year ended 31.3.21. Clerk presented the first draft of the draft for the next financial year.

**17. SMART WATER PROJECT.** Next steps. Smartwater has not yet been received.

**18. PARISH PLAN.** Councillors Knott and Churchill will start work on a new edition.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. SGCT AGM 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Noted.
- b. 20 Actions parish and town councils can take on the climate and nature emergency. (Friends of The Earth). Noted.
- c. Winter Maintenance Presentation Shropshire Council. Noted.
- d. Local Councils and VE Day 75. Noted.
- e. Citizens Advice AGM 21<sup>st</sup> November. Noted.
- f. West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner Rural Crime Strategy. Noted.
- g. Therapy -led ward to open at RSH. Noted.
- h. Library Strategy Consultation Shropshire Council.

**20. Date of next scheduled meeting 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.** The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting to be held at 6pm.