

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON
THURSDAY, 14TH JULY, 2016, AT 6.30 P.M.**

- 18. PRESENT: Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Mrs. S. King.**
- 19. APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs. S.A. Gibbons.**
- 20. IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, C.S.O. Goddard and 5 members of the public.**
- 21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
No items put forward by the public.
- 22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
No Declarations of Interest received.
- 23. MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May, 2016, and the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May, 2016 copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 24. 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 headings were as follows:
 - HGV ROUTING**
 - HIGHWAYS**
 - CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN**
 - ADVICE SURGERY**
- 25. POLICE MATTERS:**
The Chairman welcomed C.S.O Goddard to the meeting.
C.S.O. Goddard reported that there had been several shed thefts in the area and that the Police had been active in following these cases, 2 arrests had been made, and he urged residents to ensure that their properties were made as safe as possible.
- 26. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**
Councillors Mrs. King and P. Knott reported that they had attended the LJC meeting on 6th July, 2016.
Kate Garner the Locality Commissioning Manager had given a lengthy presentation on Shropshire Council plans to farm out some Shropshire Council jobs to smaller Councils. This would involve more major councils (Bridgnorth, Broseley etc.) forming 'clusters' with smaller parishes. The larger parishes will take on jobs

and pay for them and they will try, but can not compel, smaller parishes to help fund.

SALC is setting up a working group to submit plans with regard to how this will work.

George Candler the Director of Commissioning reported on some of what would be retained by Shropshire Council with some of the services such as grass cutting being taken over and paid for Parish Councils.

It was noted that the Library and Leisure facility takeover in Broseley did not quite work as the model suggested, although there was discussion initially with LJC members, they were not involved in any consultation or decision making.

There would have been uncertainty around the future funding of the Birchmeadow Park by Shropshire Council, they are the custodian trustees, but it is now certain that there is zero funding for these facilities from 2017. Broseley Town Council is most concerned that they do not have the finances or capacity to take over all the suggested additional facilities and services. Councillors Mrs King and P. Knott reported that they had attended a meeting of the Bridgnorth Area Committee held at Chelmarsh Village Hall where the transfer of services had also been discussed.

The Chairman reported that he attended a meeting of the Slaney Almshouse Charity and the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust.

Councillor Mrs King reported that she had requested Shropshire Council to provide a dog litter bin near to Willey Village Hall.

27. EVERYBODY ACTIVE BROSELEY AND BARROW:

Councillor P. Knott proposed that although there has been some uptake with bids for the £30k available funding, members will recall that it is necessary to have at least £40k in bids to secure the full £30k. At present there is a long way to go. I propose a joint effort with Broseley Town Council to put in a bid for 'Everybody Active Broseley' to encourage people of all ages to 'Walk a little further'. It would consist of positioning benches and producing walk-routes, possibly with distance boards, in order to encourage exercise extension. There would be no upfront cost to the Parish Council, only the time of the LJC councillors, although long term there could be maintenance required for benches. Although a serious bid, it is envisaged partly as a means of building up the total to nearer the £40k and may fail to get sufficient votes.

RESOLVED that the proposal be fully supported by the Parish Council.

28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Members considered the following planning applications.

**16/02611/TCA To reduce the height of a row of Sycamore trees to below
The telecom wires within Barrow Conservation Area at
46 The Mines, Benthall.
NO OBJECTIONS**

**16/02613/FUL Erection of a steel portal framed building for use as a
Workshop at Little Posenhall Farm, Posenhall.
NO OBJECTIONS.**

29. CLERKS SALARY:

The Clerk reported that the National Salary Award was 1% with effect from the 1st April, 2016.

RESOLVED that the increase be implemented.

30. REVEALING THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE BOROUGH OF WENLOCK:

The Clerk reported that the launch event of the above would be held on Tuesday, 19th July, 2016 at The Priory Hall, Much Wenlock, at 8.00 p.m.

Much Wenlock Town Council had enquired if the Parish Council were able to make a contribution towards the project.

Members asked that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the September Meeting.

31. DEFIBILLATOR:

The Chairman reported that the box had been made and he was trying to contact Mr. Medlicott regarding the actual Defribillator.

32. FINANCE:

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

E.ON Energy Ltd.	£360.29
Npower	£ 66.93
Salary	£313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Willey Village Hall	£ 8.00

The Clerk reported that as at 6 30th June, 2016 there was a credit balance of £11987.21 in the current account.

Chairman
8th September, 2016.