

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE, ON THURSDAY  
12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2015, AT 6.30 P.M.**

96. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P.Knott, Mrs. S.King, Mrs. S.A.Gibbons.
97. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor P.M. Whiteman.
98. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk.
99. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest were received.
100. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read and confirmed, subject to the insertion of No Objection to Planning Application No,14/05169/TCA at Minute No. 93, and signed by the Chairman.
101. **POLICE MATTERS:**  
No reports received from the Police.
102. **ROAD SAFETY POLICY:**  
Councillor Knott reported that a joint bid from Much Wenlock Town Council, Broseley Town Council and Barrow Parish Council would be submitted to Shropshire Council in the near future.
103. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT:**  
Shropshire Councillor D. Turner presented his report a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes. The topics reported were as follows:
- Great War Communications
  - Highways
  - Child Protection
  - Council Tax Support Grant
  - Empty Homes
  - Anti Social Behaviour
  - Advice Surgery
104. **REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:**  
The Chairman reported that he had attended 3 meetings of the Severn Gorge

**Countryside Trust.**

**The Chairman also reported that he was actively pursuing for the provision of a Defibrillator in Broseley Town Centre in conjunction with Broseley Town Council. One machine was located at the Lady Forester Centre.**

**The Clerk stated that he would make enquiries regarding a machine and also the possibility of having a guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting from the West Midlands Ambulance Service.**

**Councillor Mrs. King reported as follows:**

**January – LJC Planning Meeting and Community Assets Transfer Meeting.**

**Much Wenlock and Shipton LJC – Chief Executive of Shropshire Council was the main speaker. Outlined the difficulties Shropshire Council was facing now and in the future.**

**February – LJC Victoria Hall. Highly charged discussion on Shropshire Councils proposals to withdraw funding for the Youth Service in Broseley with effect from Easter 2015 or Summer 2015. Further discussions would be held locally to try and find means of alternative funding.**

**Attended Broseley Town Council Planning Sub Committee to listen to the discussion on the Planning Application for Fifield, Barratts Hill, Broseley, to avoid entering into a dispute.**

**March - Attended Trustees Meeting of the Broseley Wood Charity. Provisional grant of £500 agreed for Broseley Youth Service subject to additional funding from other organisation.**

**Met with Gemma Lawley, Shropshire Council Highways and Reps. From Broseley Town Council on site at Fifield, Barratts Hill, Broseley, to discuss the proposed access. Councillors recommended refusal on the grounds of road safety.**

**105. TRANSFER OF ASSETS BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL:**

**Councillor Mrs. King reported on a recent joint meeting with Broseley Town Council and Shropshire Council regarding the transfer of assets to the Town Council. This would include Broseley Library, which meant that the Town Council would have the responsibility of running the Library and the costs associated with it. Money would be available from Shropshire Council for a time.**

**106. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**The Chairman reported that the Planning Sub-Committee had considered the following Planning Applications.**

**15/00363/FUL Erection of a two storey side and rear extension which incorporates existing outbuilding, the existing pigsty is also to be modified to create a new workshop/store at 48 The Mines, Benthall.**

**OBJECTION: Although we consider that poor decisions have**

been made in the past, we nevertheless object to the application as the plan shown are over-development of an existing rural cottage in a conservation area. However, we accept that the proposed design is sympathetic to the area.

**14/04056/FUL Amended Plans. Erection of one dwelling and 2-bay car port Barratts Hill Farmhouse, Barratts Hill, Broseley.**

In October, 2014 we made the following comment

This application is for land which is classed as agricultural and which is outside the parish development boundary. In addition it is in a particularly important part of the Broseley Conservation Area, is adjacent to several listed buildings, is opposite to the ancient Penn's Meadow site. As stated in the conservation officers report, dated 03/07/14, for the previous application "...clear justification and reasoning must be provided for the loss of this green space and it's impact on the Conservation Area". The form, scale and character of the proposed dwelling would not preserve or enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area. We therefore object to this application.

We note that changes have been made to the design of the building but would stress that we are still opposed to the development and believe that the design would still not preserve or enhance the Conservation Area. The proposed site is part of the green open space, which includes Penn's Meadow, that separates Benthall from Broseley and we feel that it is important to maintain this separation; we have seen no justification for the loss of this space.

**15/00327/OUT Outline application for residential development for up to 4 No. Dwellings and associated garaging to include means of access at land to the rear of Fifield House, Barratts Hill, Broseley.**

**OBJECTION:** The proposed development site, which is in the Conservation Area, is outside the development boundary and threatens the green valley that separates Benthall from Broseley. It's proximity to nearby green spaces would be a threat to wildlife havens and in addition an archaeological survey would be needed to ensure that local historical artefacts were not damaged.

Barratts Hill is a narrow and busy road and the restricted-view exits proposed would present a danger to pedestrians and to other traffic.

**15/00626/TCA To fell one Sycamore tree lying within Broseley Conservation Area at 63 Bridge Road, Benthall.  
NO OBJECTION.**

**107. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
HMRC	£107.20
E.On Energy Ltd.	£115.79
Willey Village Hall	£ 16.00

**RESOLVED accordingly**

**Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.**