

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON  
THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2014, AT 6.30 P.M.**

27. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes (Chairman), P. Knott, P.M. Whiteman, Mrs.S. Gibbons and Mrs. S. King.
28. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk, Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, P.C. M.Goddard and 9 members of the public.
29. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
A member of the public reported that the hedge opposite the New Inns was overhanging the footpath, and the hedge adjoining Penns Meadow needed to be cut.  
Mr. M.J. Davis referred to the illegal caravan at Tiffany Stables, he stated that the Enforcement Officer for Shropshire Council had been made aware of this caravan and nothing had been done about it to date, clearly the Enforcement Officer was not doing his job. The barn at the stables had also been occupied since September 2013 and again nothing had been done about it.  
The Chairman informed Mr. Davis that the Parish Council had now powers over this matter other than to write to the Enforcement Officer and acquaint him with the allegations. The Parish Council had written to the Enforcement Officer in November and he had Emailed Mr. Davis on the 21<sup>st</sup> November with his response. Members agreed that they would again Email the Enforcement Officer and ask him to hurry the matter along.
30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
No Declarations of Interest were received.
31. **MINUTES:**  
The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
32. **POLICE MATTERS:**  
P.C. Goddard reported that there had been no major crime reported in the area. There had been in shed break ins and it was thought that this was being carried out by travelling criminals. He advised that serial numbers of personal equipment should be noted.  
Members referred to speeding vehicles and asked that speed checks be carried out on Benthall Lane and Bridge Road, it was also requested that speed limit cables be placed on Bridge Road.
33. **ROAD SAFETY POLICY:**  
Shropshire Councillor D. Turner reported that finance had been made available for works to be carried out outside Barrow School..  
The Parish Council also re-affirmed that they would cover the cost of the School Sign.

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

Shropshire Council member Councillor D. Turner reported on the following Matters:

- Highways
- Local Joint Committee
- Planning
- Advice Surgery

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

**35. REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Councillor Mrs King reported that she along with Shropshire Councillor D. Turner, and Councillor P. Knott had met with Richard Ealey the Networks Manager South Highways Transport Team to discuss the problems created by the increase in HGV's and the volume and speed of traffic using Bridge Road which was not only creating a danger but causing damage to the single footpath. Mr. Ealey had stated that he would pursue with Alice Dilley the possibility of erecting a 'Unsuitable for HGV' sign at the top of Bridge Road. A subsequent reply from Alice Dilley stated that a sign would be erected as soon as possible. She pointed out that an existing sign had evidently been stolen. Members agreed that they should continue a more embracing permanent solution to road safety measures for Bridge Road and Benthall Lane.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, family members and Mr. Gene Jones were thanked for their services in installing the extremely heavy oak benches at Shirlett and Floyer Lane which now created a resting place for residents and visitors alike. Members discussed suitable wording for a plaque to be placed on each bench it was agreed the following should be adopted.

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**In memory of all who have died in the service of their country**

Councillor Mrs. King reported that the Ochra water flowing down both sides of Bridge Road had been abated after a blocked chamber had been located with the help of Richard Ealey of Shropshire Council. Thanks were also due to Mr. Peter King who, with his local knowledge and drawings spent time with the men and they eventually located the chamber buried beneath a graveled driveway.

Co-councillor Mrs King also passed on the thank of the LJC to the members of Willey Village Hall Committee for generously providing refreshments at their meeting. Councillor P. Knott reported that he had contacted Ross Simpson who had said that he would deal with the gullies and potholes at Willey and that he would also look at pavements on Bridge Road and Benthall Lane and report back. The gullies had been completed, the potholes were more or less complete and the pavements to be looked at shortly.

With regard to the Dark Lane development in Broseley it was suggested that we ask that if the application is successful it should include restrictions on the route to be used for works traffic and that Bridge Road should be barred.

**36. POLLING PLACE REVIEW:**

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council were carrying a review of Polling

Places and it was generally agreed that residents in Benthall vote at The Victoria Hall, Broseley and Willey Village Hall be used for the remainder of the Parish.

**37. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

The Chairman reported that the Planning Sub Committee had considered the following Planning Applications:

- 14/02399/FUL**      **Erection of 1 No. dwelling and 3 bay car port at Barratts Hill Farmhouse, Barratts Hill, Broseley. – Recommend Refusal**  
In the correct place this would be an attractive Environmentally friendly residence. However we wish to object to these plans for the following reasons.  
(i)The proposed site is in a conservation area and the planned Building would not blend in well with the existing properties given it's size, construction style, materials to be used and roof style. It would not preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area.  
(ii) The site, although described as 'unwanted garden' is an area that has never received permission for a change of use to such, it is part of the countryside surrounding the area and, importantly, part of the belt land separating the parishes. It cannot be described as 'infill'.  
(iii) The farm gate and lane which is the proposed access to the site does not give a safe exit for regular traffic. Existing traffic would be a danger to pedestrians and other road users.
- 14/02683/FUL**      **Erection of 2 detached dwellings including creation of new vehicular access at land adj. 14 Legges Hill, Broseley.**  
**Object = The size and style of the proposed houses is not consistent with the majority of surrounding properties, especially given the difference in scale.**  
**Would not preserve or enhance the conservation area.**  
**New access is very unsuitable for the narrowness of Speeds Lane.**
- 14/02614/FUL**      **Erection of 3 detached dwellings (Revised Scheme) at Benthall Grange, Benthall..**  
It would be an improvement to the existing brownfield site. Would there be an assurance that the builder's yard would move to a distant site.  
Is the density of the build too much for the now reduced size of the site and with the main bedroom upstairs there would not be ideal for more mature residents.

**38. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Members agreed that the Planning Sub-Committee should now be The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs. S. King and Councillor Mrs. S. Gibbons. All Planning Applications to be forwarded to the Vice Chairman.

**39. SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:**

The Clerk reported that the above service were hosting a public meeting to discuss It's Phase 3 Options. The public meeting will be held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2014, At Bridgnorth Fire Station, commencing at 6.30 p.m.

**40. FINANCE:**

The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£ 313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Willey Village Hall	£ 16.00
E.On Energy Ltd	£2469.77 (Paid)

**RESOLVED accordingly.**

**Chairman**

**11<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.**