

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WILLEY VILLAGE HALL, WILLEY, ON
THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2016, AT 6.30 P.M.**

70. **PRESENT:** Councillors N.D. Downes, (Chairman), P. Knott, Mrs. S. King, P.M. Whiteman.
71. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs. S.A. Gibbons.
72. **IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk. Shropshire Councillor D. Turner and 6 members of the public.
73. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
Members of the public complained at the large number of potholes around the Parish. One member stated that it was over 12 months that she had complained about potholes in the Willey area and nothing had been done about them. Shropshire Councillor Turner expressed his concern that nothing had been done and assured everyone that he would take this matter and other complaints with the appropriate officers.
A member of the public, on behalf of Mr .M. Davies of Benthall, informed members that a Fire Appliance had been called to Tiffany Stables to deal with a fire in a caravan and that the stables resembled a scrap yard where scrap cars were being broken up. Shropshire Councillor Turner stated that he was following this matter up with the Planning Authority.
74. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
No Declarations of Interest were received.
75. **MINUTES:**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January, 2016, and the Planning Meeting held on 8th February, 2016, copies of which had been circulated to Members were taken as read and confirmed, subject to the addition of Shropshire Councillor Turner being in attendance, and signed by the Chairman.
76. **POLICE MATTERS:**
No reports received.
77. **REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR:**
A copy of the Shropshire Councillors Turner report is attached to the signed copy of the Minutes. The main topics were as follows:-
- Planning
 - Shropshire Council
 - Register to Vote
 - Web Site
 - Advice Surgery

78 REPORTS BY PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Member reported that they had attended the LJC meeting and the following items were discussed.

- Transfer of Broseley Library. Broseley Town Council would be taking over the running of the Library. The Council office would be moved into the Library. It had been made quite clear that if funding from Shropshire Council stopped the Library would close.
- Shropshire Council budget. Shropshire Council have to save £77M over the next 3 years. In the future Government Grants would be withdrawn and the Council would have the Business Rate in it's place, this would cause problems with the finances as the Business Rate would not be the same as the Government Grant.
- Shropshire Council would be repairing the footpath in Bridge Road, Benthall.
- Broseley is one of four towns in Shropshire who have been identified to be offered to take part in Shropshire public health funding as part of Shropshire's Everybody Active Every Day.

79. IRONBRIDGE GORGE WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Clerk reported that representatives of the above would like to visit the Council to explain the site management plan. The Clerk had suggested to them that the May meeting would be the ideal date when members of the public attend and would have the opportunity to ask questions. The Clerk stated that they had not come back to him to confirm or otherwise their intentions.

80. HAYBROOK TERRACE, BENTHALL:

The Clerk reported on an Email he had received from the Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council regarding possible car sales from a private property. The Enforcement Officer had asked if it would be possible for residents to carry out an audit of the activities taking place. Members considered that this would be impracticable due to the lack of privacy.

81. DEFIBILLATOR:

The Chairman reported that the box had now been made and he would be contacting Mr. Cliff Medlicott to ascertain if the dimension were accurately suitable.

82. TRANSPARENCY CODE:

The Clerk reported that the grant of £498.62 had been received and it was agreed that Councillor Knott and the Clerk look to purchase a laptop and Scanner.

Members expressed their satisfaction with the Web site and thanked Councillor Knott for all his work on achieving this.

83. **AUDIT ARRANGEMENT FOR SMALLER PARISH COUNCILS:**
The Clerk reported that the new arrangements would be effective from 2017. Under the arrangements Parish Councils would automatically included In the new arrangement if they did not wish to opt out.
84. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**
The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish meeting would be held on Thursday, 12th May, 2016. The Ironbridge World Heritage Site Management Plan would be included on the agenda if the representatives were available to attend.
85. **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – LAND AT POSENHALL RESERVOIR:**
Member raised no objections to the above Order
86. **COMMEMORATIVE COIN – QUEEN ELIZABETHS 90TH BIRTHDAY:**
The Clerk submitted a sample coin from Tower Mint that had been produced for possible presentation to school children. The cost of the coin was £1.99 plus VAT.
Members agreed that each pupil at Barrow School should be presented with the coin and the Clerk was authorised to order 100. Any spare coins can be sold at the appropriate cost.
87. **FINANCE:**
The Clerk presented the following accounts for approval and payment.

Salary	£313.88
Petty Cash	£ 30.00
Willey Village Hall	£ 16.00
HMRC	£107.00

RESOLVED accordingly.

Chairman
12th May, 2016.