

**Minutes of the of Barrow Parish Council be held at WilleyVillage Hall, Willey,
on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 6.30 p.m.**

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:

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Hancox.

3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Downes, Skinner, Knott and Churchill were present. Also present Shropshire Councillor Thomas.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

None.

5. MINUTES:

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025.

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025.

6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:

Shropshire Councillor Thomas presented a written report including information about the withdrawn Local Plan, the proposed devolution of local government. He answered questions.

7. PLANNING

a. New applications to be considered.

- **25/00748/FUL** Land Adjoining Birchfield Coppice Benthall Lane Erection of an agricultural storage building. It was RESOLVED to raise no objection.

b. Applications since last meeting.

- **25/00322/FUL** Linley Brook Cottage Linley Brook. Demolition of existing single storey room and replacement with two storey rooms and erection of rear staircase extension. No objection.

c. Decisions:

- **24/04584/FUL** Bridge Bank Cottage 17 Bridge Road Benthall. Erection of ground and first floor rear extension and detached double garage with loft room above. **Grant Full Planning Permission.** Noted.
- **25/00322/FUL** Linley Brook Cottage Linley Brook Linley. Demolition of existing single storey room and replacement with two storey rooms and erection of rear staircase extension. **Grant Full Planning Permission.**

d. Any other planning matters. None.

8. FINANCE:

- a. **Invoices to pay.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:
- i. Mrs J Madeley £275.96 fpo salary
 - ii. Mrs J Madeley expenses £176.80 fpo
 - iii. NEST £ dd
 - iv. Waterplus £.6.11.
 - v. Willey and District Village Hall £40.00 £1130
 - vi. Hugo Fox £11.99 dd x 2
 - vii. Shropshire Council Street lighting. £636.67 dd.
 - viii. Mr P Knott 7.16 chq 1129
- b. Bank reconciliation

Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2025	
	£
Balance b/f 31.3.24	9,348.85
Plus income	17,285.34
Total	26,634.19
Less: expenditure	7,969.59
Total	18,664.60
Balances 31.3.25	
Current account	5,162.47
savings account	13,502.13
Total	18,664.60
Less: unrepresented expenses	
Add unrepresented income	
Total	

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- c. Consider bench for Willey Village Hall. No update on the project.
- d. Debit card. Clerk presented the form for signature.

9. POLICE MATTERS:

- a. To receive any reports from the beat manager. No report.

10. ALLOTMENTS.

- a. Report from Cllr Skinner & Cllr Churchill. 10 plots are working well. The remaining ones have started working.
- b. Tree works. The works have been completed.
- c. Storm damage. Clerk has contacted an officer in Shropshire Council Estates to try to establish responsibility for the damaged fence. Further conversations will be held before a decision is made.

11. WEBSITE AND EMAILS UPDATE.

The website and emails transfer has been completed. Clerk to set up the emails.

12. BARROW CHURCHYARD

- a. Works consider a new contractor. Clerk obtained a verbal quote from Watch Oak. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the new quote providing it is not more than £500.00. clerk to confirm. *Emailed 4-4*

13. STREET LIGHTING.

- a. Consider future of pole 11 off Bridge Road. E. on would like to change the type of pole on this streetlight to a raise and lower streetlight because there is not access via a ladder or cherry picker. Clerk has asked for quote for removal and the change. It was RESOLVED to ask for a quote to shut the lamp down for now and see what reaction the community has. Clerk to arrange. *Emailed 4-4 re turn of*

14. HIGHWAYS

- a. Any issues to report. Councillors continue to report via fix my street.
b. Report on highway works. No report.

15. DAMAGE TO BENCH AND NOTICEBOARD AT SHIRLETT.

A quote is awaited from Severn Gorge Countryside Trust.

16. SID/VAS project.

Clerk to continue project.

17. DEFBRILLATOR TRAINING.

Chair to ask Broseley first responders.

18. JOB EVALUATION.

Defer for now.

19. ELECTIONS 2025. 1st May 2025.

Nomination papers were completed, and Councillors will submit them to the elections team at Shropshire Council.

20. SAFEGUARDING POLICY.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the policy and to consider appointing a safeguarding officer.

21. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS.

- The SALC area committee meeting reported there will be a £15.00 charge from now on for committee membership. A senior police officer presented a county plan of policing.
- Willey Village Hall is considering a website. It is village halls week this week. There will be a race night at the hall and a grand opening of the new Kitchen on 10th April.
- Slaney Alms Houses has a vacancy and is holding an open day for possible tenants on 9th April. So far 13 people have expressed an interest. Lady Catherine Forrester is stepping down as a trustee.

22. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

23. Date of next scheduled meeting Tuesday 13th May 2025 and 20th May 2025.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.