

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> 2024 AT 6.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL WILLEY.**

## **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, Churchill, and Knott. Also, present Shropshire Councillor Thomas.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

## **5. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## **6. REPORT BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBER:**

Shropshire Councillor Thomas reported that Bongingale Homes have withdrawn their offer to purchase the farmland off Floyer Lane Benthall. The property owner remains The Church Commissioners. He has asked the highways engineer to review Bould Lane. He attended a demonstration of the Hybrid Train trial at the Buildwas Power station site. The aim is to provide a park and ride scheme to Telford Town Centre from the site. Much Wenlock Swimming Pool will re-open shortly because the filters have been delivered. Much Wenlock Town Council is reviewing its Neighbourhood Plan. He explained the demands on the Shropshire Council budgets are huge. He also reported the 6<sup>th</sup> form at Much Wenlock School is to close.

## **7. PLANNING**

### **a. New applications to be considered.**

**24/00705/FUL** Builders Yard adj Benthall Lane Benthall Broseley. Proposed new bungalow on existing workshops/builder's' yard. It was RESOLVED to raise an objection to this application because it is contrary to planning policy.

### **b. Applications since last meeting.**

None.

### **c. Decisions:**

- **23/05438/AGR** Broad Acres Farm Spout Lane Benthall. Steel Portal Frame under pitched corrugated cement fibre roof general purpose farm building. Fyi only. **Prior approval is not required.**

### **d. Any other planning matters.** None.

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## 8. FINANCE:

a. **Invoices to pay.** It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

- Mrs J Madeley £252.25
- NEST £45.96 dd
- Waterplus £17.06 and £9.41 dd
- Shropshire Council £576.86 streetlighting power dd
- Willey and District Village Hall
- Hugo Fox £11.99 dd
- Mr P Knott £14.39
- E. on £1158.24

b. Bank reconciliation Dec 23

Bank reconciliation at 31 March 2024		
	£	
Balance b/f 31.3.23	9,801.60	Feb-24
Plus income	12,708.99	
Total	22,510.59	
Less: expenditure	10,867.55	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,643.04</b>	
<b>Balances 31.3.24</b>		
Current account	8,324.61	
savings account	3,348.43	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,673.04</b>	
Less: unrepresented expenses		30.00
Add unrepresented income		
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,643.04</b>	

c. Noticeboard and Benches inv.

No invoice was received.

d. Consider email from Broseley TC re Barrow School grant application.

Noted no action.

e. Consider grant towards a bench at Willey village hall.

The proposals for a new bench at the village hall were discussed. Various options were considered. A proposal will be sent to the Parish Council once it is decided on what sort of bench will be funded.

## 9. POLICE MATTERS:

a. To receive any reports from the beat manager. No update.

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**10. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.**

- a. Report from Cllr Skinner & Cllr Churchill.

Councillor Churchill has a tree surgeon willing to quote to carry out some works. A quote has been asked for. The offered bug hotel will be installed in the hedge near plot H.

- b. It was RESOLVED to add £14.50 to cover water costs to the invoices. Clerk to add plot costs and water to agenda for July.

**11. WEBSITE AND EMAILS UPDATE.**

Councillor Knott is still investigating the future of website provider.

**12. BARROW CHURCHYARD**

Working Party. Works quotes. Clerk to obtain further quotes and ask the person who has quoted to re consider his quote.

**13. STREET LIGHTING.**

- a. Contract for next 3 years to April 2027. It was RESOLVED to sign the contract.  
b. where the replacement project is up to. The project is 3 years into the programme.  
c. It was RESOLVED to no longer pay for repair to the old lights.

**14. HIGHWAYS**

- a. Any issues to report. Shropshire Councillor Thomas was asked to thank Highways officers for the works carried out on Bridge Road.  
b. Road Closures. Noted.  
c. safety scheme Benthall. A grant has been obtained for a VAR. the cost of the pole will need to be found. Clerk to proceed with grant offer and finding cost of pole.

**15. CONSIDER BIODIVERSITY POLICY**

Clerk to investigate further.

**16. CONSIDER SAFEGUARDING POLICY.**

It was RESOLVED to adopt the safeguarding policy presented by Councillor Hancox.

Clerk to investigate training.

**17. DEFIBRILLATOR**

No further information.

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**18. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OTHER RELEVANT MEETINGS.**

- a. SALC meeting report. There will be no SALC fee in 2024.
- b. Willey village hall big Willey quiz will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Apple pressing will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- c. Councillor Downes has attended staff appraisal meetings. Funding is a massive problem for the trust.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Planning your response to planning applications presentation. Noted.
- b. Invitation to affordable Warmth and energy efficient retrofit event. Noted.

**20. Date of next scheduled meeting Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

The meeting was declared closed 8.35pm.