

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARROW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
January 2020 at 6pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL WILLEY**

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Members of the public will have the opportunity to raise Parish matters between 6.00 p.m. and 6.10 p.m. Three members of the public were present. They raised an issue about the pavement/footway on Bridge Road from Spout Lane Junction on the righthand side going towards Telford.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:** All were present no apologies.

**3. TO RECORD THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Downes, Knott, Churchill, Skinner and Whiteman. Also, present Shropshire Councillor Turner.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:** None.

**5. MINUTES:**

To confirm the Minutes of the meetings held on 19<sup>TH</sup> November 2019. It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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

To receive a report from the Shropshire Council Member. Shropshire Councillor Turner reported on the performance of Shropshire Council across most of its services. The one service that is causing most concern is Highways. There are major and chronic problems across his ward. He is using every device available to him and has received some assurances things will start to be addressed soon. He did point out the condition of the footway down to Telford on Bridge Road a month or two ago but will check on progress. He has also received an update on stability issues on Bridge Road. Progress should be made soon. The Ironbridge Power Station site has two planning applications live at present one for outline permission for up to 1000 homes and a new centre. The other is for mineral and aggregate extraction. His next advice surgery will be 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Shipton village hall.

**7. POLICE MATTERS:**

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

**8. PARISH ALLOTMENTS.**

- a. A plot holder has asked about a mature muck pile. Good idea but there are environmental issues involved in storage of muck. Leaching, smell, flies and health and safety. There are options such as purchase in bags and stored that way. It was RESOLVED to suggest a supply to the plot holders who can arrange collection themselves.
- b. Damage to the sign on the gate to Floyer Hall was reported to clerk. Noted no action.
- c. A request for an update on the fencing between the allotments and neighbour property has been responded to. Noted no action.
- d. One of the larger plot holders has given notice and will be leaving before the spring growing season. This plot can be divided into two once the current holder leaves.

- e. The waiting list has 6 people on it.
- f. Clerk to start investigating tree works and hedge cutting.

## 9. HIGHWAYS

- a. Issues to be reported to Shropshire Council. Clerk to report a number of overhanging hedges in Benthall. Clerk to report condition of the highways around Willey and The Smithies.
- b. Response from previous reports. Clerk has reported all previous reports via My Shropshire and has received reports that some items are not Shropshire Council's responsibility, and some will be actions shortly. Clerk to add Lodge Lane to the next agenda.
- c. Road Closures. Noted.

**10. STREET LIGHTING. Next steps.** Clerk to obtain quotes for replacement and some removals. Clerk to investigate ownership of the light at Barrow.

## 11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OUTSIDE BODIES MEETINGS.

- a. Any other meetings.
  1. Councillor Skinner attended the Willey and District village hall committee meetings. It has been decided to increase the hourly rate to residents to £15.00 per hour in the winter months. To cover the costs of heating and light.
  2. Councillor Downes attended the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust AGM. He was re elected chair.

## 12. PLANNING

### a. New applications to be considered.

- 19/05560/OUT Outline application (access for consideration comprising formation of two vehicular accesses off A4169 road) for the development of (up to) 1000 dwellings, retirement village, employment land ..... It was RESOLVED to object to the application because of impact on the highways leading to the parish. Including overuse of the minor roads leading between the parish and the site.
- 19/00509/MAW Proposed Quarry to the east of Much Wenlock Road Buildwas. Phased extraction and processing plant and ancillary infrastructure temporary store of minerals utilisation of existing rail siding and creation of new access road..... It was RESOLVED to object to the application because of impact on the highways leading to the parish. Including overuse of the minor roads leading between the parish and the site.

### b. Decisions: none.

c. **Enforcement notice.** The parish council has been notified of a possible enforcement action at Thimble Cottage Bridge Road. Noted.

d. **Broseley Place Plan.** Noted.

e. **Any other planning matters. None.**

f. **Response to Bridge Road request for Article 4.** A thank you for suggesting but no firm response received.

**13. FINANCE:**

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

1. Smartwater £1347.00 chq 915
2. Npower £864.83 chq 916
3. Willey and District Village Hall £10.00 chq 917
4. Mrs J Madeley £589.11 chq 918
5. HMRC £111.60 chq 919

b. Bank reconciliation. The bank reconciliation was presented and noted.

c. Street lighting contract for power. Clerk still waiting for next step.

d. Consider and adopt budget for year ended.31.3.21. After slight amendment it was RESOLVED to adopt the presented budget.

e. Consider and set Precept for 31.3.21. It was RESOLVED to raise a precept of £10130.00.

f. Consider grant to Hope House. Noted.

**14. SMART WATER PROJECT. Next steps.** The We Don't buy crime team will be in Benthall on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020. They are looking for volunteers. Councillor Knott Shropshire Councillor Turner have volunteered. Councillor Knott took the kits away. Councillors Skinner and Downes will start on the rural area in February after clerk has shown them how to use the app.

**15. PARISH PLAN.** Councillor Knott and Churchill will present a draft to the next meeting.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a. Allotment and leisure gardener magazine. Noted.

b. Clerks and Councils Direct. Noted.

c. correspondence about fly tip near Benthall Hall. Noted. The Parish Council has no power to be involved in this. It is for the landowner to resolve as the alleged fly tip in on private property.

**17. Date of next scheduled meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** The meeting was declared closed at 19.40.