

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024, AT 7.00PM.
HELD AT PARISH OFFICE, 10 HIGH STREET, BARWELL

Present: Cllrs Mr R Roberts (Chair), Miss M Nash, Mr J Buck, Mrs C Green, Mr A Wheeler, Mrs A Finnemore, Mrs P Kirby and Mr G Armstrong

Also Present: Clerk: Mrs D Deighton
Assistant Clerk: Mrs S Williams

MOP: one

163/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs H Smith and Mr M Simmons

164/2023 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

165/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

166/2023 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman

167/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Mr R Hills sent a report which informed the members of:

- Community Speed Watch
- Traffic Enforcement List
- Kirkby parking
- Hinckley Road Flooding
- Members Highways Funding

168/2023 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs C Green informed the members of the following:

- Assisting with Drugs, Housing and Tenancy
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Road Closure on Shilton Road due to Severn Trent
- Attended courses at HBBC

169/2023 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

- Skate Park to be repaired and repainted when weather permits
- Pumping station still awaiting repair weather preventing the jetting of the pipes
- Members were reminded to read the LRALC newsletter that contains useful information
- Street Lights being dimmed to 30%, Flooding Drop Ins at Blaby and Syston
- Public Space Preservation Order signed to be erected in parks
- Police invited to the meeting but sent their apologies

170/2023 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Members considered the proposal for extra traffic enforcement but RESOLVED not to go ahead due to the expense of out of hours fees

171/2023 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Members RESOLVED to go ahead with the Community Speed Watch subject to relevant number of volunteers

172/2023 ADOPT THE GOV.UK EMAIL DOMAIN

Members deferred to Finance to consider costs

MEMBERS RESOLVED TO MOVED ITEM 12 TO THE END OF THE AGENDA TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

173/2023 COST OF LIVING DAY AND LOCAL FOOD BANK

Members considered this event and decided not to go ahead at this time

174/2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED ON POLLUTION IN RIVER TWEED

Members to provide the Clerk with Grid Reference on location of river where wildlife appears to have disappeared from including photographs to forward to local MP and Environment Agency

175/2023 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- 9 Stafford Street Apartment block containing 14 dwellings Objected
- SUE re consultation

Finance & General Purpose

- Members reviewed the reserves
- Consider the purchase of gazebos for events
- Asset register was reviewed

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Japanese has received 3 treatments to date
- Visit to Lutterworth Town Council to view their allotments
- Application for HBBC Environmental Improvement Programme to fund Cemetery Chapel repairs
- Concrete Bins recommended replacement deferred to Finance
- Free Trees received from Woodlands Trust
- New signs in Cemetery reminding people to keep dogs in leads

Parish Events

- Easter Eggstravaganzer on 30th March 2024 at Radford Park
- Members considered recommendation from RBL on inviting the Youth Band. Members resolved not to invite them on this occasion
- D Day event will be held in Kirkby Park on 8th June 2024

Staffing

- Nothing to report

176/2023 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Climate Change Working Party

- Nothing to report
- Next meeting to be held 2 weeks before the next full council meeting

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Nothing to report
- Next meeting to be held 2 weeks before the next full council meeting

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- Nothing to report

177/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr Mr J Buck informed members of his attendance to Better Buses Group but was not attending as Parish Councillor

RESOLVED – that the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960 be involved excluding press and public for consideration of the next agenda item.

178/2023POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

Members RESOLVED to adopt the following policies:

- Operation Menai Bridge Policy
- Risk Assessment Policy

179/2023COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 4th January 2024
Planning & Highways Committee 1st February 2024
Finance and General Purpose Committee 11th January 2024
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 11th January 2024
Parish Events Committee 16th January 2024

180/2023DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 4th April 2024
Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on 2nd May 2024

(The meeting closed at 8:37pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....