

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 11th JULY 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 H Smith, Mr M Simmons, and Mr G Armstrong

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

MOP: Three

24/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Ms H Simpson, Mrs P Kirby and Mrs A Finnemore

25/2024 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

26/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

27/2024 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman

28/2024 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Mr R Hills was unable to attend but sent a report that was circulated to members. Items covered are:

- Kirkby Road Speeding
- Rogues Lane second cut of overgrown vegetation
- Blocked drains on Farm Road appear to have resolved itself
- Update on information on Masefield Close

29/2024 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs H Smith informed the members of the following:

- Over £39K debt has been written off by HBBC
- Many applications on planning have gone through

- With Cllr Councillor Ross Hills inspecting blocked drains, overgrown hedges and weeds
- Flooding issues addressed
- Issues on Church Lane being dealt with
- Issues involving Orbit housing being addressed
- Dog Mess and overgrown Hedges on Elwell Avenue jitty being dealt with

Cllr Mr M Simmons has been helping Cllr Mrs H Smith with the issues

Cllr Mrs C Green reported on the following:

- ASBO issues continuing
- Issues with tall trees
- Issues of noisy neighbours being dealt with
- Overflowing bins near Chris's Fish Bar being addressed and issues with Bins at One Stop
- Reports of Rats on Church Lane

30/2024 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

- Complaints of overhanging trees on Kirkby Road
- Staff member reported to have COVID
- Skate Park to have emergency repairs
- Barwell Park Tractor Tracks being quoted on to make safe
- PCC fund for small projects on safety being launched
- Damage to Cross Bar on Cemetery Car Park
- Complaints from residents on Ivens Close regarding a Shed being built off St Marys Gardens
- Top Range Motors is back on the market

31/2024 VILLAGE CLOCK

Clerk reported that the local planning authority does not see an initial problem requiring permission but have requested further information to clarify the decision

32/2024 PUMPING STATION

Another pumping company has offered to inspect the pumping station and members RESOLVED to accept the quotation for the works and Clerk to instruct the investigation. Members also RESOLVED by a majority for the Clerk to start negotiations with HBBC on ownership of the pumping station.

Members resolved to move item 11 on the agenda to be considered in closed session

33/2024 D DAY BENCH

Members agreed the bench should be installed on concrete for safety reasons

34/2024 OUTDOOR GYM

Members agreed to defer this until after talks with HBBC regarding ownership of Barwell Park and Pumping Station

35/2024 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Members noted the quarterly Budget Review

36/2024 OUTDOOR FITNESS ACTIVITIES ON GREEN SPACES

Members considered the request for outdoor fitness activities on green spaces but required further clarification on what is being requested. Clerk to contact the resident for more information and item will be added to next agenda

37/2024 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- Dawsons Lane rear extension no objections
- 87B and C High Street change of use objections on DM10, DM17, not enough parking and busy road
- St Marys Mews conversion of existing garage no objection
- Waterfall way infill extension no objection but has since been withdrawn

Finance & General Purpose

- Online Cemetery Records agreement renewed with Edge IT
- Two replacement blowers to replace stolen back pack apparatus
- Community grant rejected from Outdoor Bowling Club due to not meeting criteria

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Japanese treatment to be this month
- Chapel repairs expecting to commence this month
- Skate park repairs expected this week
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Parish Events

- Barwell by the Sea this Saturday all offers of help will be greatly appreciated
- Brass on the Grass is on 8th September
- Drummer for Remembrance Sunday has pulled out due to ill health and a new parade leader is being sought by the British Legion

- Christmas Tree to be chosen in August/September

Staffing

- ICO complaint received
- Update on Break In/Theft discussed

38/2024 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- Nothing to report

39/2024 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllrs Mrs C Green and Mr J Buck have been attending Better Buses meeting to try and reinstate the 1 and 2 routes

40/2024 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 2nd May 2024
 Finance and General Purpose Committee 16th May 2024
 Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 16th May 2024
 Parish Events Committee 16th May 2024
 Staffing Committee 21st November 2023

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

41/2024 MASEFIELD CLOSE GREEN SPACE

Clerk reported on information obtained from legal representatives and members RESOLVED by a majority not to continue the process of obtaining Adverse Possession and to cease maintaining the remaining area

42/2024 ICO COMPLAINT

Members noted the ICO complaint

43/2024 BREAK IN AT CEMETERY

Members considered the upgrade of security due to the recent attempted break in at the cemetery and RESOLVED to make some changes and Clerk to bring amended quotation to Finance Committee

44/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5th September 2024

(The meeting closed at 8:49pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....

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