

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7th SEPTEMBER 2017, AT 7.00 PM.

HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, HIGH STREET, BARWELL.

Present: Cllr Mr B Granger (Chairman),
Cllr Mr R Roberts, Mr J Buck, Mrs C Green, Mr A Baines, Mr M Gould and
Mr H Williams

Clerk: Mrs D Deighton
County Councillor Mr B Crooks
10 Members of the Public

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mrs T Bannister, Mrs S Smith, Gordon Davies, Mrs A Jones, Mrs H Smith and County Cllr Mrs J Richards.

37. DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No declaration were declared at this stage.

38. DISPENSATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

40. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2017 and the extraordinary meeting on the 20th July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman

41. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mr B Crooks updated the members with his report as follows:-

- Serious issues with school placements in the area
- Lack of police presence in the area
- Possibility of a Smart Libraries with self service booths
- The CC Budget gap is set to rise being the lowest funded county in the Country
- Small planning applications are now to be decided by Local Planning Authorities
- Road Surface Dressings has been set back due to bad weather. They have now obtained the services of a local contractor and it is anticipated that all programmed jobs will now be completed

42. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mr R Roberts had nothing to report.

Cllr Mr H Williams informed the members of the following:-

- Barwell regeneration report is now completed
- Constitutional Car Park is now open to the public
- Top Range Motors is still ongoing
- Free Wifi may soon be available in Top Town
- Island House is ongoing

43. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning & Highways Committee

- Jubilee Central Heating work has now started
- Chapel Street is now open again
- Access for the 185 Houses on The Common has been refused by the LPA
- Earl Shilton Building Society are installing Disable Access
- The felling of an Oak Tree on Ashleigh Gardens has been refused by the LPA

b. Cemetery and Parks

- Edges on the Cemetery Footpaths have been tidied up
- Anti-Climb paint has been put on the Teen Shelter in Kirkby Rec
- Community Payback work has been completed
- Fence Dispute on Radford Park has now been resolved

- Orchard Park sign has now been erected
- Toilet Reflooring is now complete
- New Fence around the Play area on Radford Park has now been completed
- New Wetpour has now been completed on Dovecote Way
- Still quite a lot of criminal damage in Radford and Dovecote Parks
- The boulders in the cemetery appear to be deterring driving on the footpaths

c. Events

- Brass on the Grass event was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather
- McMillan Coffee Morning is being held in the Parish Office on Friday 29th September 2017 between 10am and 2pm.
- Unveiling of a new plaque at the entrance to Barwell Park will be arranged during the month of October. Date to be confirmed.

d. Finance and General Purpose

- Quote for the Retainer Wall has been agreed and the work has been carried out
- New Dog Signs were purchased and erected in all parks

e. Staffing Committee

The Chairman of staffing asked for this section to be deferred until after item 10.

44. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's inform the members of the following: -

- MacMillan Coffee morning – any members willing to bake a cake would be greatly appreciated
- The groundsman is having his head shaved for the event if any of the members wished to sponsor him
- A Thank you letter was received from St Mary Church for the Flower Donation at the Flower Festival held on the August bank holiday
- Also a Thank You note was received from the Barwell Carnival for the cheque received and the help given on the day.
- A proposal was made and seconded to reduce the number of meetings held through the year. It was RESOLVED to reduce from 11 to 9 Full Council meetings a year.

45. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following committee minutes

A. the minutes from the Planning Committee 10th May 2017

- B. the minutes from the Planning Committee 12th June 2017
- C. the minutes from the Planning Committee 10th July 2017
- D. the minutes from the Finance and General Purpose Committee 11th May 2017
- E. the minutes from the Finance and General Purpose Committee 14th June 2017
- F. the minutes from the Finance and General Purpose Committee 13th July 2017
- G. the minutes from the Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Committee 18th May 2017
- H. the minutes from the Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Committee 22nd June 2017

46. NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting was corrected from 9th November to the 2nd November 2017.

Members agreed to go into closed session

Staffing Committee

The Chairman of staffing updated the members.

(The meeting closed at 8:30pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....