

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 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 M Simmons, Mr A Wheeler, Mrs H Smith, Ms H Simpson, Miss C Granger, and Mr G Armstrong

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

MOP: 3

145/2023APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs P Kirby and Mrs A Finnemore

146/2023DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

147/2023PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

148/2023MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman

Cllr Mr J Buck requested it recorded that he objected to the minutes due to item 134/2023 being omitted from the agenda.

149/2023COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

- Hinckley Road Flooding
- Crabtree Planning Application make flooding worse
- Recycling Centre closure from 4th March for two weeks
- Problematic parking and ticketing

- Drainage on Kirkby Road
- High Street Closure on 18th February for one day
- Planning application on The Common
- AFC Barwell received funding for Goalposts

150/2023 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs Hazel Smith informed the members of the following:

- Working with Severn Trent on flooding in Bradgate Road
- Borough Council funding
- ASB (Antisocial Behaviour) car issues
- Old bed fly tipped has been removed
- Fridge-freezer in Jitty on Elwell Avenue removed

Cllr Mr M Simmons reported on:

- Fence on Dovecote Way
- Flooding on Kirkby Road

Cllr Mrs C Green reported on:

- Repairs to lighting
- Liaising with relevant agents on Homeless person and Domestic Abuse victim

151/2023 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

- Clerk explained the reason item 134/2023 had been omitted from the agenda, due to not receiving a report from Cllr Mr J Buck as per previous minutes. Clerk attempted to contact the officer at LCC with no response. The case was picked up by another officer, due to Maternity Leave, and the relevant information was received two days before the meeting which was briefly read out to the members. Item will be added to the next Full Council agenda for the members to consider
- Climate Change and Sport facilities surveys received from HBBC
- Rural England Prosperity Fund for Local Businesses and groups now available from HBBC
- Skate Park awaiting quotation for repairs and to be considered by Finance and General Purpose Committee
- GP Practice experiences Survey circulated
- Sanitary bins for Public Toilets recommendation and quotation received
- Town Team Meeting was cancelled due to IT issues awaiting alternative date
- Annual Rural Conference to be held on 14th March 2024 2 members plus a reserve for each Parish and Town Council
- Hedgehog signs – meaningful evidence required before request can be considered. Referred to resident
- HBBC issuing warnings to developers for Mud on the Roads

- Recycling Centre closure for maintenance from 4th March 2024
- War Memorial Fund application has been cancelled without notice. Funding available via HBBC Environmental Improvement Programme as an alternative
- Councillors reminded of all training available
- Invite by Tritax Symmetry to discuss National Rail Freight Terminal application
- Pumping Station is showing faults again. Engineers booked for next week
- Enquiry received for the hire of Jubilee Hall for a Dungeon and Dragons gaming session. Clerk to refer them to the Gaming Bar on Malt Mill Bank

152/2023WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Members agreed to remove this item from the agenda

153/2023POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

Members RESOLVED to adopt the following policies:

- Training and Development Policy
- Menopause Policy

154/2023WEBSITE

Members RESOLVED to sign up with Cuttlefish as the website provider

155/2023SUBSTITUTE MEMBER FOR PARISH EVENTS AND PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEES

Members RESOLVED for the following Councillors to stand as Substitute Members:

- Cllr Mrs A Finnemore
- Cllr Mr A Wheeler
- Cllr Mr G Armstrong

156/2023RECOMMENDATION FROM CLIMATE WORKING PARTY

Members RESOLVED to hold a Wildlife Day and deferred it to Parish Events Committee

157/2023RECOMMENDATION FROM CLIMATE WORKING PARTY

Members RESOLVED to write to local MP Dr L Evans and the Environmental Agency to express their concerns of the pollution in the river Tweed

158/2023 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- 14A The Common application has been refused

Finance & General Purpose

- Usual Monthly Payments
- VAT on Sport will not apply to Dovecote Pavilion as does not meet the criteria
- BPC Precept increase is lower than neighbouring villages

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Japanese Knotweed treatment due on 5th February
- Allotment tour to be arranged with Lutterworth Town council
- Clerk looking at alternatives to concrete bins
- Trees have been planted in Kirkby Park and Cemetery
- All parks appear relatively tidy despite the Christmas break
- Cemetery Tap repaired due to movement of internal piping
- Dogs off lead in Cemetery is prohibited

Parish Events

- Wildlife Day
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Meeting with RBL (Royal British Legion) regarding the Youth Band
- Consideration for some pop-up Gazebos for events

Staffing

- Nothing to report

159/2023 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Climate Change Working Party

- Cllr Mrs H Smith attempted to contact local School
- Invite the Scout Leader to next meeting
- Considered contacting Prince's Trust

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- No meeting since October
- Recommendation for next Full Council to consider a Cost of Living Day and assisting the local Food Bank

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- No meeting currently scheduled

160/2023REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr Mr R Roberts attended a meeting with the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner)

161/2023COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 7th December 2023
Finance and General Purpose Committee 14th December 2023
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 14th December 2023
Parish Events Committee 5th December 2023

162/2023DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th March 2024

(The meeting closed at 8:36pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....