

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2023, AT 7.00 PM.
HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, BYRON CLOSE, BARWELL LE9 8AF

Present: Cllr Mr M Gould (Chairman), Mrs P Gould, Mrs P Kirby, Mr R Roberts, P Stead-Davis, Mr M Simmons, Mr A Bolwerk-Baines, Mrs D Vernon, Mrs H Smith and Miss M Nash

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

MOP: 2

166/2022APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mr M Hulbert

167/2022DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

168/2022PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

169/2022MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 2023 and the Extraordinary Meeting on the 2nd February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman

170/2022COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Mr R Hills sent a report that was circulated to the members on the following:

- Support Letter for Shire Environmental Grant for the removal of Japanese Knotweed
- Poor Parking on the High Street
- Drains cleared on Stapleton Lane
- Traffic Sign on Ashby Road at 45' angle has been reported twice

171/2022BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Cllr H Williams reported on the following:

- Concerns raised regarding building work on High Street
- Assisting a local resident due to ill health in the family
- Speed Camera on the A447 reported last month has now been moved to improve visibility on the Cadeby junction
- Organised removal of fly tipping in Barwell and Kirkby Mallory
- Reported last month on Food standard issue in local stores which was found to be correct and is ongoing
- Attended a Budget Meeting. Finances are tight for all Councils with this current cost of living crisis
- Informed the Parish Council that he is stepping down as Borough Council in the upcoming elections

Borough Cllr R Roberts reported on the following:

- Tritex site still an issue both MP's for Leicestershire are currently working with Ministers on its future
- Block C could potentially be an issue for the Borough Council is Cineworld pull out
- Rhodes Lane cars have been skidding into the hedge on the S bend, Signs still require attention, Manhole has been repaired
- Raised concerns with the MP Dr Luke Evans regarding the huge increase in Water bills from Severn Trent
- Liaising with Cllr Mr H Williams with local resident
- Warned the members of Car Jacking in the area as a lady was chased from Bosworth to Barwell. Police were called but after waiting an hour and a half no Police attended. Official complaint has been raised. Advised to keep doors locked when travelling

Borough Cllr H Smith reported on the following:

- Successfully help resident with anti-social behaviour
- Successfully organise for rubbish to be cleared from property
- Dealt with excessive dog barking
- Property where mechanical works were being carried out on vehicles appears to have gone quiet
- Assisted families in receiving food vouchers

172/2022CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:-

- Reminded members of the telephone court case on 13th March 2023 was still going ahead. Chairman offered assistance if the Clerk needed it
- Reminded members of the Winter Warmer/Cost of Living Day on Thursday 9th March 2023. Any member wanting to assist on the day would be very much appreciated
- Recent hedgerow saplings collected and planting to take place on Saturday 11th March 2023. Chairman asked for volunteers to assist with the planting

173/2022 BUS STOP ON QUEENSWAY REQUEST UPDATE

Consultation was carried out and 7 responses were received 5 for and 2 objections, therefore the location is rejected. Clerk to liaise with Highways on another suitable site on the junction of Queensway and Kingsfield Road grass verge.

174/2022 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Clerk responded to the War Memorial Trust for the Parish Council to be considered in the next round of funding

175/2022 NEW CEMETERY LAND

Ongoing.

176/2022 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Members DECLARED a vacancy in the Charnwood Ward due to the disqualification of Cllr Mr J Hood. Members RESOLVED not to co-opt a member at this late stage due to the upcoming elections

177/2022 RISK MANAGEMENT

Typo was addressed and the members RESOLVED to accept the Risk Management policy

178/2022 ASSET REGISTER

Members RESOLVED to accept the Asset Register

179/2022 DOG BIN IN CEMETERY

Members were advised that a dog bin has been installed in the Cemetery without permission and the members RESOLVED that it should be removed

immediately as dogs should not be encouraged in the Cemetery and concerns were raised about the disposal of its contents.

180/2022 INSTALLTION OF KING CHARLES III ACCESSION BENCH

Two possible sites were proposed as Barwell (Tip) Park and Kirkby Park. Members RESOLVED by a majority for the Bench to be installed in Kirkby Park

181/2022 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- Single extension Cumberland Way – No Objection
- Tree Works at Ward Close – No Objection
- Single extension Charnwood Road – No Objection
- Single rear extension stapleton Lane – No Objection

Finance & General Purpose

- Dog Bin Emptying Agreement signed with HBBC
- Wirement from Library Reserves to Parish Office Window
- Chairman’s Allowance used toward Coronation Bench
- New Aeration pump agreed for Pumping Station to reduce high levels of Methane
- Parish Office Window to be installed soon

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Rospa Reports highlighted some minor repairs required. Spares have been ordered
- Tree planting in Barwell Park on Saturday 11th March
- All in all the parks are looking good

Parish Events

- Easter Eggstravaganzer on 10th April is first event of the year with ice cream van, candy floss and doughnuts as well as the usual Easter Egg Hunt. Facepainter yet to confirm
- King Charles III Coronation celebration to be held on Sunday 7th May with entertainer, ice cream van, large marquee for Big Lunch, coronation mugs and cakes. All member encouraged to attend

Staffing

- Matter ongoing

182/2022 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Climate Change Working Party

- Nothing to report

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Nothing to report

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- First meeting held 14th February discussion were around the few issues of last year to be address this year. Recommendation forwarded to Parish Events Committee for hire of the single piper again this year. Defer to Finance Committee for consideration of releasing a deposit payment to hold the booking

183/2022REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr Mr M Gould attended the Rural Conference earlier in the day via Zoom. Talks were held on Cost of Living, Funding, Climate Change and HBBC swapping their vans for Electric Vans. Talks were also held on the new NHS facilities in Hinckley with the new diagnostics unit

184/2022COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 5th January 2023
Finance and General Purpose Committee 12th January 2023
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 12th January 2023

185/2022DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting 6th April 2023
Annual Parish Council Meeting 18th May 2023

As this was the last Full Council for this current administration the Chairman thanked everyone for their commitment over the last 4 years and felt they had had many successes. Thanks were also given to the Staff for all their support during this election term.

(The meeting closed at 7:41pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....