BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2024, AT 7.00PM.

HELD AT PARISH OFFICE, 10 HIGH STREET, BARWELL

Present: Cllrs Mr R Roberts, Miss M Nash, Mr J Buck, Mrs C Green, Mr A Wheeler, Mrs H Smith, Ms H Simpson and Mr G Armstrong

Also Present: Clerk: Mrs D Deighton

Assistant Clerk: Mrs S Williams

MOP: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

1. DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllrs Miss M Nash, Mr R Roberts and Mrs H Smith declared an interest in item 17 on the agenda as members of Barwell Bloomers

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
2. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman

1. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

* Grant for Defib
* Flooding Forum on 7th November 2024
* SUE moving along
* Bus Updates 3 year extension
* Barwell Surgery – Highways
* Stapleton Lane Speeding
* Kirkby Road Football Parking

1. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs H Smith and Mr M Simmons informed the members of the following:

* Hedges cut in Bradgate Road
* Jitty issue
* Disabled parking in Bradgate Road
* Rats infestation issue
* Car Repair business on Elwell Avenue/Bardon Road
* Fridgefreezer cleared
* Bus Stop on Bradgate Road flooding in drains

Cllr Mrs C Green reported on the following:

* Dog Mess in jitties and on footpaths a huge problem
* Crowfoot building is an eyesore
* Top range motors eyesore

1. CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

* ICO Letter received and response being collated
* Public Toilets faulty lights have been replaced with LED and new sensors installed

1. VILLAGE CLOCK

The old clock has been located and is agreed the Parish Council retrieve and repair to good working order and a new location to be sought to be reerected

1. PUMPING STATION

Quotation received for further repairs. Continued discussion with HBBC regarding the responsibility of pumping station

1. OUTDOOR GYM

Members received a 2D map of location in Barwell and installation is expected during the month of November 2024

1. SKATE PARK REFURBISHMENT/REPLACEMENT

Immediate repairs have now been rectified. Continue monitoring with the potential of a replacement in the future

1. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT AND RECOMMENATIONS

Members noted the external auditors report and recommendations

1. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Members noted the Quarterly Budget Review

1. RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/26

Members agreed the recommended projects for financial year 2025/26 and deferred to finance committee for budget consideration

1. CORRESPONDENCE

* Members noted the correspondence from the Ethical Governance and Personnel Committee
* Members noted the Thank You card received from the Barwell Carnival Committee for their support

1. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

Cllrs Miss M Nash, Mr R Roberts and Mrs H Smith left the room due to declaration of interest and the remaining members RESOLVED to award £324 towards the purchase of compost

1. WINTER WARMER DAY

Members RESOLVED to hold a Winter Warmer Day. Date to be confirmed subject to availability of interested parties

1. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

* 1 bedroom dwelling on the junction of Moore Road and Byron Street

Finance & General Purpose

* Usual monthly payments

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

* Wellbeing Garden plan has been drawn up

Parish Events

* Halloween for under 12’s is next event
* Remembrance Sunday
* Christmas Lights Switch On

Staffing

* Nothing to report

1. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

* Report from the meeting of 10th September 2024 circulated to the members
* Recommendation to continue to source a drummer for the parade

1. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

* Clerk attending the LRALC AGM on Saturday 5th October 2024 as an observer
* Cllr Mr J Buck reported on the latest information from Better Buses

1. COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 8th August 2024

Finance and General Purpose Committee 8th August 2024

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 18h July 2024

1. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7th November 2024

(The meeting closed at 8:16pm.)

Chairman’s Signature………………………………………………………..