

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 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, Mrs A Finnemore, and Mr G Armstrong

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

MOP: 6

126/2023APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

127/2023DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

128/2023PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

129/2023MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman

130/2023COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

- Christmas Present Gifting
- Kirkby Road Signage near Meadow View School
- Flooding on Hinckley Road
- Illegal Parking around Barwell
- Footpath U20 Hedge Cutting
- Broken Street on Stapleton Lane

- Reporting of RTC on Fairacre and Blackburn Road

County Cllr Mr R Allen informed the members of:

- Kirkby Road Blocked Drains
- Drains on High Street need replacing and would need Road Closure

#### 131/2023 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs Hazel Smith informed the members of the following:

- Blue Bins leaving rubbish all over the road
- Complaints regarding Fireworks
- ASB (Antisocial Behaviour) on Bradgate Road
- Rat infestation reported on Elwell Avenue
- Mechanical works on cars in Elwell Avenue

Cllr Mrs C Green reported on:

- Parking on white lines near Chip Shop

*County Cllr Mr R Allen left the meeting*

#### 132/2023 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

- Latest LPU Newsletter received and circulated

#### 133/2023 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Ongoing

#### 134/2023 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Member RESOLVED by a majority to defer to the next meeting to await further information from Cllr Mr J Buck

#### 135/2023 NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT TERMINAL

Members noted the update and advised of the relevant links

#### 136/2023 PCIF APPLICATION

Members RESOLVED to submit the PCIF application for an Outdoor Gym

#### 137/2023 BUDGET AND PRECEPT RECOMMENDATION FOR 2024/25

Members RESOLVED by a majority to accept the recommendation for 2024/25 budget and request the precept of £280,300 with a Band D set at £101.03 a rise of 3% based on the current Tax Base rate

#### 138/2023 QUARTERLY BUDGET

Members noted the quarterly budget up to December 2023

#### 139/2023 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

##### Planning & Highways

- Objection on 14A The Common
- Objection on Single Bungalow on The Common
- Objection of The Constitutional Club due to lack of parking
- No Objection on 26 Maryland Close
- No Objection on 150 Kirkby Road

##### Finance & General Purpose

- Budget Recommendation
- Usual Payments

##### Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Consultation for a Bench on Queensway
- Japanese Knotweed ongoing
- Visit to Lutterworth allotment to be arranged
- Cemetery Chapel awaiting quote
- Concrete Bins alternative
- Kirkby Road Play Area Gate dropped
- Increase in Drug use on Radford Park

##### Parish Events

- Christmas Lights was well attended

##### Staffing

- Cleaners' hours increased and a new cleaner for Parish Office

#### 140/2023 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

##### Climate Change Working Party

- Clerk to arrange a meeting

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Food bags were well received

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- No meeting currently scheduled

141/2023REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr Mr J Buck passed his Level 2 on Self Harm
- Cllr Mrs H Smith passed her level 2 on Care and Community Services

142/2023COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Planning & Highways Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023  
Finance and General Purpose Committee 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Finance and General Purpose Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Parish Events Committee 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Parish Events Committee 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Staffing Committee 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**In view of the confidential nature of the following item, a formal resolution will be considered to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960**

143/2023CLERK'S APPRAISAL

Chairman read out the Clerk's Appraisal and the members RESOLVED to accept the appraisal and thanked the Clerk for her hard work

144/2023DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

(The meeting closed at 8:04pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....