

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 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 Hulbert, Mrs D Vernon and Miss M Nash

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

MOP: 2

130/2022APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs H Smith

131/2022DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Miss M Nash declared an interest in item 12 of the agenda

132/2022PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

133/2022MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ~November 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman

134/2022COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Mr R Hill 's report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting on the following items

- 159 Bus Route expected to stop end of February
- Awaiting contact regarding potential new Library
- Review on gritting route in Barwell

- School Safety at Barwell Infants school

#### 135/2022 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Cllr H Williams report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting on the following items

- HBBC are looking to borrow £15m from public works board to facilitate an acquisition and development strategy
- Cllr Williams has advise the Borough Council again investing in retail development due to current risks
- All Borough Cllrs rejected the motion to increase cllrs pay in line with officers pay. It was felt Cllrs needed to lead by example in these difficult times
- The appeal against the development of 100 houses on the Common takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 10am at the De Montfort Suite at the Hub. Public can attend

#### 136/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:-

- Fruit and Veg truck would need a street licence to trade on Top Town weekly acquired from the Licence Dept at HBBC
- Several messages from residents on Facebook messenger regarding lorries unloading on Arthur Street, Kingsfield Road causing disruption
- PCIF applications are now reading for signing and submitted to HBBC

#### 137/2022 BUS STOP ON QUEENSWAY REQUEST UPDATE

Ongoing. Highways has requested further information.

#### 138/2022 PUBLIC TOILETS RE-OPENING EVENT

Members RESOLVED to hold a re-opening event for the Public Toilets on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 11am.

#### 139/2022 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Ongoing. War Memorials Trust have requested revised quotations

#### 140/2022COMMENTS FOR APPEAL OF CRABTREE FARM, HINCKLEY ROAD

Cllr Mr M Gould will be representing the Parish Council at the appeal to put forward comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### 141/2022NEW CEMETERY LAND

Ongoing.

#### 142/2022BUDGET AND PRECEPT RECOMMENDATION 2023/24

Members RESOLVED to increase the precept. Clerk to request a precept of £270,425 with a Band D set at £98.09 a rise of 3.79% based on the current Tax Base rate

#### 143/2022KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Members RESOLVED to an event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Deferred to Events

#### 144/2022REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

##### Planning & Highways

- Parish Council objected to the development of Crabtree Farm

##### Finance & General Purpose

- Deposit paid for the replacement window of Parish Office
- Recommendation for Budget 2023/24 was agreed
- Community Grant was awarded to Stageworks

##### Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Received a presentation for Promoting Sports
- Grass Cutting Contracts has been extended with Current contractor
- Tree planting has taken place in Barwell Park. More trees expected this Spring

##### Parish Events

- Christmas Lights was a huge success. Characters were well received
- Meeting to be arranged to agree dates for the coming events of 2023/24

##### Staffing

- Chairman of Staffing to discuss with Clerk next week

145/2022REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Climate Change Working Party

- Cllr Mr M Hulbert and the Clerk hoping to visit Barwell Academy to discuss how schools can be involved

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Cost of Living Crisis day has been re-scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023
- Christmas Food Bags were well received again this year and thanks given to all who helped on the day

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- Whilst the event went well there were some teething problems that will be discussed at the next Working Party meeting

146/2022REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- Nothing to report

147/2022COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Planning & Highways Committee 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Planning & Highways Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022  
Finance and General Purpose Committee 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Finance and General Purpose Committee 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Parish Events Committee 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

148/2022DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

(The meeting closed at 8:00pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....