

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023, AT 7.00 PM.
HELD AT PARISH OFFICE, 10 HIGH STREET, BARWELL

Present: Cllrs Miss M Nash, Mr J Buck, Mrs C Green, Mr M Simmons,
Mrs A Finnemore, Mrs P Kirby, Miss C Granger, Mr A Wheeler
and Mr G Armstrong

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

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**MEMBERS RESOLVED THAT CLLR MISS M NASH (VICE CHAIR) PRESIDE IN
THE ABSENCE OF CLLR MR R ROBERTS**

88/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Mr R Roberts and Mrs H Smith

89/2023 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY
INTERESTS

None

90/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

91/2023 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman

92/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr Mr R Hills reported on the following:

- Cllr Hills advised that email was best form of communication for him now due to workload
- Shire Grants third and final round for supporting vulnerable people and communities

- Footpath U102 Waterfall way overgrown vegetation reported
- Update on the Barwell SUE Section 106 money increase by several million which may have an impact on the development
- Byron Street/Moore Road Junction. Resident complaining about her car being damaged and a discussion on creating parking for residents on green space. Ownership to be confirmed of green space
- Malt Mill Bank pathing has been investigated and no action to be taken at this time.
- Block drain on High Street is scheduled to be unblocked
- MVAS being chased up
- Consultation on speed prevention measures should be imminent
- Bus petition still ongoing
- Fairacre/Blackburn Road speeding survey

93/2023 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs C Green informed the members of the following:

- Assisting with car vandalism in the area
- ASBOs, cars and parking
- E Bikes are in the area causing a nuisance
- Crematorium on A47 not now going ahead due to state of the grounds. A working party has been set up to source other land for a crematorium
- Corporate Plan for 2024/28 has been approved and improvements in Barwell will hopefully be implemented in 2025
- Issues raised regarding Top Range Motors in the village centre

Cllr Mr M Simmons had nothing to report

94/2023 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

- Police Newsletter had been circulated with hard copies for those who had not received it electronically
- Reported on the recent Parish Form attended
- Reported on the latest information regarding the National Rail Freight development
- Updated the members on recent proposals for Jubilee Hall. Members agreed to defer to next agenda.

95/2023 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Ongoing

96/2023 AFC BARWELL REQUEST TO INSTALL CONTAINER ON DOVECOTE PARK

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of information received

97/2023 SKATE PARK – BARWELL PARK

Members RESOLVED to await the latest RoSPA report before considering replace/renewing the Skate Park in Barwell Park

98/2023 COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY

Members RESOLVED to set up a Community Allotment Working Party

99/2023 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN – EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT

Members noted the Annual Governance & Accountability return, External Auditor's Report

100/2023RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25

Members RESOLVED the following project for financial year 2024/25:

- Sunshine Gym
- Replacement Water Bowzer
- Flag Pole and Village Clock on Top Town
- D Day Memorial Bench
- Memorial Wall at Garden of Rest in Cemetery

Cllr Mrs P Kirby left the meeting

101/2023PUMPING STATION, BARWELL PARK REPAIRS

Members were updated on the recent repairs to the pumping station which is now working properly

102/2023REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- Extension Bardon Road approved
- Single extension Bradgate Road approved
- Back lit illuminated cross at Methodist church approved
- Leicester Road football club multi games area approved

Finance & General Purpose

- Usual monthly expenditure
- VAT on Sport ongoing

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Green Space on Jersey Way need clarification of ownership
- Radford Park still has issues
- Cemetery Chapels in need of restoration, quotes are being sought

Parish Events

- Next event is Halloween for under 12's on 28th October 2023
- Meeting to be held next Tuesday at 10am

Staffing

- Meeting to be scheduled and appraisal approved

103/2023REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Climate Change Working Party

- Meeting to be scheduled, sewage discharge to be added to agenda. Cllr Ann Finnemore requested to join the working party

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at 11am. Cllr Jim Buck requested to join the working party

Cllr Mr M Simmons left the meeting

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday at 12noon

104/2023REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None

105/2023 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

- Planning & Highways Committee 24th August 2023
- Finance and General Purpose Committee 10th August 2023
- Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 13th July 2023
- Parish Events Committee 18th July 2023

106/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd November 2023

(The meeting closed at 8:50pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....