

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 6th JULY 2023, AT 7.00 PM.
HELD AT PARISH OFFICE, 10 HIGH STREET, BARWELL

Present: Cllr Mr R Roberts, Miss M Nash, Mr J Buck, Mrs C Green, Mrs P Kirby, Mr A Wheeler, Mr M Simmons, Mrs H Smith, Miss H Simpson and Mr G Armstrong

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

MOP: 2

20/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

21/2023 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

22/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

23/2023 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st June 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman

24/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

- Hinckley Road Traffic Calming Measures LCC want to install cushions, Members feel Chicanes would be more appropriate
- Remembrance Sunday Parade reminder for applications to close the roads. Application has already been submitted
- Barwell SUE consultation on contributions from Developers

- Weeds on Chapel Street, George Ward Car Park and Frisby Road
- Lack of visibility on the junction of Rogues Lane and Ashby Road due to overgrown vegetation
- The suggestion of a MVAS being installed on Blackburn Road to remind motorists of the 30mph speed limit. Members feel this would have no impact

25/2023 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Cllr H Smith reported on the following:

- Been dealing with various issues on Bradgate Road and Elwell Avenue
- ASB incidents and noise complaints

Borough Cllr M Simmons reported on the following:

- Issues on Bradgate Road
- Gullies and drains overflowing in various areas

Borough Cllr C Green reported on the following:

- Assisting schools and elderly
- Defect footpaths
- Infestation of Rats

26/2023 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:-

- National Rail Freight objection registered on line
- Community Ownership Expression of Interest registered but has been rejected at this stage. Can reapply in the next round
- Water in ladies toilets reported after the recent downpour but appears to have cleared up
- By Election will be held during August 2023 for the remaining seat
- Road Closure letter has been received for High Street for work to commence on new Medical Centre
- Con has signed an agreement to lease back Car Park of Jubilee hall with a fee of £500 pcm
- Complaints regarding trees in the Cemetery overhanging the car park on Berrywell Avenue. Tree Surgeon reported that no work is required to be carried out. Residents have received a response along with our Tree Policy
- Spare mower is advertised for £500 with two offers of £300 and £350. Members agree it should be more
- Clerk on Annual Leave from 20th July 2023

- Reminded members of no Full Council meetings in August

27/2023 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Ongoing

28/2023 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Members RESOLVED to accept the Quarterly Budget Review

29/2023 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Members reviewed the following policy with no amendments

- Media Policy

30/2023 COUNCIL SUPPLIED TABLETS DEVICES FOR MEMBERS

Members RESOLVED unanimously not to supply tablets devices for the members

31/2023 PEOPLE ZONES GRANT FUNDING

Members considered bidding for People Zones Grant funding for a possible Youth Club. Members agreed to defer to the next meeting for Cllr Buck to research a suitable venue and how it would be managed

32/2023 COVID BENCH

Members considered the recommendation from Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Committee and after receiving the results of the Facebook Post which resulted in 7 suggestions of outside St Marys Church and 5 suggestions of Top Town. Members RESOLVED to install the Covid Bench outside St Marys Church

33/2023 BARWELL YOUTH BAND

Members RESOLVED by a majority to defer to the Parish Events Committee for a recommendation

34/2023 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- Only one application received at previous meeting on Moore Road which the members made no objections

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- Bus Shelter Arriva bus company are unable to assist
- Japanese Knotweed removal has commenced
- Sensory Garden Project. Clerk contacted colleges but no response received to date
- Letters sent to residents on Washington Close regarding the possible Community Allotment but objections have been received
- Concerns raise by Cllr Green on the Chapels. Do not appear to be listed buildings but Cllr Green confirmed the areas of concern with photos
- Cllr Kirby gave a good report on Kirkby Park stating how lovely it is looking
- Cllr Buck has reported Silver Cannisters on Radford Park and included that syringes have also been found

Parish Events

- Barwell By the Sea on 16th July 2023 all confirmed. Chairman of Events requested help from all members at the events
- Brass on the Grass on 3rd September 2023. Croft Band have not confirmed
- Remembrance Sunday Working Party met last week. Piper has been confirmed
- Christmas Lights Switch On 25th November 2023. Tree to be chosen by two members. Lighting Columns to be tested. Road Closure has been approved. No invitation for the Mayor this year. Road closed between 4pm and 9pm

Staffing

- No meeting has been scheduled

35/2023 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Climate Change Working Party

- Nothing to report

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Nothing to report

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- Cones will be placed by Council staff
- Reverend Philip Watson to greet the Lord Lieutenant
- Looking for Military Personnel to read the Exhortation with Cllr Wheeler as backup
- Cllr Wheeler to liaise with the Marshalls
- Extra cones needed for the larger side roads on the Parade Route
- All Marshalls should be equipped with the correct PPE

36/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- Clerk reported on the Parish Forum theme very much on Climate Change
- Local Police reported on concerns raised by residents particularly key less vehicles thefts
- LRALC informed the Forum of their liaison with the Police Crime Commissioner on better communication with Local Town and Parish Councils
- Speaker regarding Climate change with the use of Solar panels and wind turbines
- Safeguarding template has been produced by HBBC for all Town and Parish Councils to adopt
- HBBC have a Rural England Prosperity Fund of £400K for local businesses and enterprises
- Discussion on what went well for the King's Coronation
- Clerk also attended the Annual Parish Liaison Forum at County Hall with speakers on Net Zero and updates from LCC Highways on the reduction of Street Lights to 30% from 8pm rather than 10pm. Consultation has now been sent out. They are also launching a Vegetation Post Card scheme for reporting overgrown vegetation in the area
- Cllr Mrs H Smith reported on a Neighbourhood Watch meeting she had attended that discussed Speeding and Anti-Social Behaviour with a visit from Leicestershire Police

37/2023 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 25th May 2023
Finance and General Purpose Committee 25th May 2023
Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 25th May 2023
Parish Events Committee 24th April 2023

38/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7th September 2023

(The meeting closed at 8:28pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....

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