

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 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, Mr M Simmons, Mrs H Smith, Mrs A Finnemore and Mr G Armstrong

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

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64/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies receive and accepted from Cllrs Ms H Simpson, Mr A Wheeler and Mrs P Kirby

65/2023 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

66/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of public attended to speak to the County Councillors but none attended and requested that his complaint be forwarded to them for action

67/2023 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman

68/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

- Incidents on the Kerb Stones near the Co-Op on Top Town and the Bus Shelter outside the Mercury Shop
- Double Yellow Lines that need repainting after previous work

- Hinckley Road Speeding Measures
- MVAS that was allocated from last year's budget
- Arriva 1/2 bus receives no subsidy from LCC and thanked Cllr Smith for creating a petition that will be presented to LCC
- Hinckley Road Streetlights will be replaced on 18th September 2023

69/2023 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mrs H Smith informed the members of the following:

- Reported fly tipping on Bradgate Road
- Anti social behaviour on Elwell Avenue reported
- Car repair business on Bradgate Road has been halted
- Overgrown Hedge and Garden on Elwell Avenue tidied up

Cllr Mrs C Green informed the members of the following:

- Liaised with Street Scene regarding litter on Top Town
- Attend a domestic abuse course at HBBC
- Reported car parking on Kirkby Road during Football matches but Traffic Enforcement do not work on the weekends
- Liaising with HBBC on the purchase of Jubilee Hall by the Parish Council

70/2023 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk informed the members of the following:

- Pumping station requiring tankering
- CCTV at cemetery not storing recordings
- Letter received from HBBC praising the Parish Council for actively using the Section 106 contributions received
- Jubilee Hall Deed surrender has now been signed by all parties

71/2023 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS

Ongoing

72/2023 LCC NEW COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

No comments were raised

73/2023 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LCWIP)

Members RESOLVED to comment on local cycling and walking infrastructure plan (LCWIP). Road in Barwell are too narrow to accommodate cycling lanes and many of the roads are too dangerous for walking

74/2023 RURAL CONFERENCE/RURAL STRATEGY

Members RESOLVED to respond to the Rural Conference/Rural Strategy. Clerk to comment on the challenges such as parking, heavy HGV traffic and lack of school and doctors places for the village

75/2023 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Members reviewed the following policy with no amendments

- Dignity at work
- Lone Worker
- Equality and Diversity

76/2023 FORD TRANSIT VAN LEASE END AGREEMENT

Members RESOLVED to extend the lease agreement subject to the Transit Van still being fit for purpose

77/2023 COVID BENCH

Covid Bench has now been installed and well received by the residents

78/2023 NOTICE BOARDS

Members suggested that Cllr Mr A Wheeler may wish to volunteer to keep the noticeboards up to date. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Wheeler on the matter

79/2023 NEW CEMETERY WORKING PARTY

Members RESOLVED to re-start the New Cemetery Working Party to decide what to do with the reserves accumulated

80/2023 BY LAWS – DRONES

Members RESOLVED to accept quotation for By Laws signs to be erected in Barwell (TIP) Park which states that Mobile Flying Devices are prohibited

81/2023 NALC CONSULTATION – LOCAL PLANS

Members noted the NALC consultation on Local Plans

82/2023 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning & Highways

- Objection raised on 4 houses on land next to Conservative Club
- No objection to illuminated cross at the Methodist Church

Finance & General Purpose

- Usual monthly expenditure
- Waterplus bill for Pumping station to be resolved
- VAT on Sport ongoing

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation

- No meeting in August next meeting 14th September 2023

Parish Events

- Brass on the Grass was a huge success. Croft Silver Band will be booked again for next year and free ice creams were handed out
- Next event is Halloween for under 12's on 28th October 2023
- Members RESOLVED that the Barwell Youth Band can contribute to the Remembrance Sunday event by playing before and after the service if they still wish to participate

Staffing

- No meeting has been scheduled
- Appraisals will be done over the next month

83/2023 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

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Climate Change Working Party

- Working party to try and get the schools involved

Voluntary Sector Working Party

- Nothing to report
- Meeting to be scheduled to discuss Food Parcels for this year

Remembrance Sunday Working Party

- Meeting to be scheduled

85/2023 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None

86/2023 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following Committee Minutes:

Planning & Highways Committee 1st June, 6th July and 3rd August 2023

Finance and General Purpose Committee 8th June and 13th July 2023

Cemetery, Parks & Recreation Committee 8th June 2023

Parish Events Committee 19th June 2023

87/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th October 2023

(The meeting closed at 8:35pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....