

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on 19 September 2016

Present: Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair); Cllr Richard Le Page; Cllr Andrew Spiller; and SDC Cllr S Lawton
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: 8 members of the public were in attendance for all or part of the meeting
Apologies: None

1. Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of the meeting

The Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of meetings was read out.

2. Record of members present

Noted.

3. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence

None.

4. Declaration of Interest (existence and nature) on Items on the Agenda

None.

5. Public Forum (subject to a time limit of 15 minutes)

A representative from Andrew Granger & Co Ltd attended the meeting and put forward proposals for development of the field situated between Ash Lane, Snitterfield Road and Church Lane, and answered questions from the Parish Council and the Public concerning the draft plans, the location in a conservation area, awareness of Bearley as a Green Belt village and discussions that have taken place with SDC. It was noted that plans were in a very early stage and the developer indicated that he would like to return to address the Parish Council when formal plans, heritage statement and other relevant documentation, are available, with a view to attending the November meeting. It was unanimously agreed that there would be a leaflet drop to advise villagers when this would take place.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 July 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

7. County and District Council Liaison

SDC Cllr Lawton advised that things have been fairly quiet since the last meeting, and that there had been no contentious planning applications in Bearley. Discussion took place concerning a number of untidy gardens on Grange Road and it was noted that there were quite a few vacant homes on the road. He advised that the Core Strategy had been adopted and will be tested, and discussed affordable housing needs in the area. It was noted that Stratford District Council had been voted the 5th recycling area in country. Cllr Lawton answered questions on the SDC Core Strategy and noted the frustration of the Parish Council with the lack of progress site allocation plans, and agreed to look into it. WCC Cllr Horner was not present and had not submitted a report.

8. To Note the Resignation of the Parish Clerk and to Agree Plan for the Appointment of a Replacement Clerk

The Chairman regretted to announce the resignation of the Parish Clerk. It was noted that she had given three months' notice and not just the one month required in her contract of employment. The Clerk put forward suggested dates for proceeding with recruitment. The chairman and councillors thanked the clerk for her long notice enabling recruitment and handover to progress smoothly.

9. To review BPC Policies (excluding Financial Regulations and Standing Orders)

The BPC policies were reviewed and it was agreed that they should be readopted.

10. To Receive an Update on Stratford Gliding Club

The Chairman updated the meeting on the community liaison between the Gliding Club and Bearley village, and the lack of progress that had been made over the last year. Discussion took place regarding infringements of the planning permission, and SDC Cllr Lawton offered to discuss with the relevant department at SDC.

11. Village Hall

11.1 To Consider the Request for a Grant to the Village Hall Trust

It was noted that the Village Hall Trust have submitted a request to BPC for help in covering the VAT element of the cost of roof repairs. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would make a loan to the Village Hall Trust which would be repayable when its bank loan was paid in full (2018).

11.2 To Note Receipt of Report and Accounts

Report and Accounts were noted. BPC congratulated the Village Hall Trust for providing a report and accounts which are fully accountable, and for obtaining lottery funding for the roof repairs. It was noted that the lottery fund grant did not include the VAT element of the repairs.

12. To Consider the Response as Drafted by the NPSG to the SDC Possible BUAB

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a formal response to SDC.

13. To Consider a Request by Bearley History Group to Borrow the Parish Records for Perusal and Scanning Prior to Deposit with Warwickshire County Archives

Agreed in principle but due to value of documents a strict procedure and protocol to be agreed when the files have been sorted.

14. Bearley Park:

14.1 To Consider the Request for Access to Land through Play Area

A letter requesting permission to gain access to land through the Play Area to carry out hedge cutting works had been received. Permission granted.

14.2 To Agree Play Area Inspection

It was noted that essential repairs were due to be carried out once parts that had been ordered were delivered, and it was agreed that the inspection would be booked once the repairs had been completed.

15. Community Speedwatch Programme

Discussion took place concerning the recent speed limit reduction on Snitterfield Road and it was agreed that the reduction had had limited success. It was noted that a Community Speedwatch Programme would be useful to ascertain exactly what speeds vehicles are travelling. Volunteers have come forward and training to be set up.

16. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Cllr Le Page updated the meeting on flooding issues within the parish, and the lack of response from WCC. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Orbit as riparian owner to arrange for clearing works to be carried out.

17. To Note Clearance Works on Bearley Green

It was noted that planning permission required for the clearance works on Bearley Green had been applied for, and weed killer had been used on the path edges.

18. Finance Report

(Circulated to Members prior to meeting)

- 18.1 Payments made since last meeting – noted.
- 18.2 Payments received since last meeting – noted.
- 18.3 Income/expenditure year to date – noted.
- 18.4 Invoices received for payment – approved.
- 18.5 The completion of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016 was noted, along with comments made by Auditor

19. Planning Matters

- 19.1 To Consider Planning Applications Received
 - Land between Bearley Green and Cemetery (remove ivy and fallen branches, remove two low branches overhanging footpath) (16/02938/TREE) – no objections.
 - Old Forge, Church Lane (Proposed orangery to include replacement first floor window) (16/02748/FUL) -decision to be made by 1 October.
- 19.2 To Note Planning Applications Received and Actioned Under Delegated Powers
 - None.
- 19.3 To Note Planning Application Appeals
 - 10 Grange Road (16/00735/FUL).
- 19.4 To Note Notices of Decisions Received
 - Woodside, 19 Cherry Lane (16/01435/FUL) – consent granted.
 - Gorse Farm (16/01937/LDP) – Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development.

20. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted.

21. Date of Next Meeting

21 November 2016 - Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33 pm.