

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm
on Monday 20 November 2017**

Present: Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page & Cllr Andrew Spiller
Parish Clerk: Nicola Everall
Public: 4 members of the public were in attendance for all or part of the meeting
Apologies: Apologies on behalf of District Councillor – S Lawton & County Councillor Anne Parry had been submitted

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 for absence

Councillors Simon Lawton and Anne Parry.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no issues raised.

6. Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) & Warwickshire Rural Housing Association (WRHA)

Sarah Brooke Taylor of WRCC and Neil Gilliver of WRHA gave a presentation on a proposed development of 76 residential dwellings on land at the rear of Grange Road. Sarah was to arrange for a Public Consultation to take place early in 2018.

It was agreed unanimously that the proposed development would be supported by the Parish Council subject to a Public Consultation.

7. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 September 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 September 2017 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

8. County & District Council Liaison

In the absence of County Councillor Anne Parry, the Clerk read the following report:

WCC Grants - There was just one application received from an organisation in Bearley in respect of this year's Community Fund and the results will be announced next month. Whilst the Wellesbourne District is an enlarged area bidding for the £5k grants, I have recommended the allocation of grants as contributions towards projects to all the parishes who submitted a bid.

Funding secured to improve A3400 Birmingham Road - Warwickshire County Council has been given £2.4m from the Department for Transport through its National Productivity Investment Fund to bring forward a £3.5 million scheme to improve the A3400 Birmingham Road with Warwickshire County Council meeting the remainder of the cost through its Capital Investment Fund. The scheme is set to improve capacity by making better use of the available highway land and provide, new slip road onto the Tesco site.

Improvements will also be made to the pedestrian and cycling facilities along the southern end of the Birmingham Road corridor along with variable message signs alerting drivers to congestion, incidents, delays and advising on alternative routes that can be taken. The improvements are designed to improve the flow of traffic along the corridor which is currently highly prone to congestion.

The £2.4 million funding package from the Department for Transport will be complemented by £1.1 million of funding from the county council. The project also includes extra pedestrian facilities and improved cycling infrastructure along the route.

Road Safety - WCC is progressing with the pedestrian refuge for the A3400 which is going ahead and every indication suggests it will be installed by the end of March 2018.

We are now at the time of year when road conditions are at their most hazardous over the next few months. WCC Gritters will be out in full force but remember not all roads can be gritted. There have been a number of very serious incidents across my division in the last couple of weeks, including a tragic fatality and I wish to urge all motorists to reduce speeds, be extra vigilant, particularly in and around the villages, and stay safe on the roads. Details about the roads being gritted can be found on: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/gritting> and includes the Snitterfield Road through the village.

Councillor S Lawton did not attend the meeting or submit a report.

9. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

It was reported that a meeting to progress the NDP was arranged to take place on Thursday 23 November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Consultant, Neil Pearce of Avon Planning Services was to attend the meeting to give a presentation.

The Chairman had invited past members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as well as residents who had expressed interest to be new members. The Chairman was to report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

10. To Receive an Update on Stratford on Avon Gliding Club

Councillor A Erinmez reported that he had been in touch with the Gliding Club who were in the process of carrying out testing of different types of winch cable. The ~~Club~~ had not responded to requests on the status of their compliance report with planning conditions which was reported to be in preparation in July 2017.

11. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Councillor R Le Page circulated a report following a site visit held with County Council Officers. The report raised issues with the piped culvert crossing sited in the field adjacent to the sports field. It was noted that the landowner had attempted to clear the culvert, but further works were required.

There were also issues with the ditch course running adjacent to the sports field and outfalls from Snitterfield Road and A3400, as one of the culverts had a 95% blockage and another had a 40% blockage. This required cleansing with high pressure jetting.

Additionally, the ditch near to Countrywide may need light clearance and also the ditch outside of the sports field.

12. Website

The Clerk reported that MI Business Services was working on the new website and the Clerk hoped that new site would be available early in 2018.

13. Emergency Plan

The Clerk had updated the Emergency Plan and was asked to circulate to those persons who should be in possession of a copy of the Plan.

14. Social Media

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council did not require a Face Book page or Twitter account.

15. Leaf Clearance

Following discussions regarding some paved areas, it was agreed that Cllr Le Page would monitor the areas of concern and clear leaves which may become a hazard to pedestrians. It was agreed not to employ a contractor to do the work at present.

16. Annual Play Area Inspections

The Clerk circulated two reports which had been received from Play Safety Ltd following the recent Annual Inspections. The Clerk was asked to forward the Grange Road area report to Friends of Bearley Park for assessment and recommendations. No serious issues had been raised.

With regards to the inspection at Tudor Cottage (Upper Play Area) the Clerk was asked to seek quotes for the necessary repair works required to the kissing gate.

17. Road Safety & Speed Monitoring

The Chairman reported that random speeds checks had taken place and one motorist had received a speeding ticket.

18. Code of Conduct

The Clerk circulated details of proposed changes to the Code of Conduct which had been received from the Monitoring Officer at Stratford District Council and it was agreed in principle to adopt the Code of Conduct in May 2018, subject to further information.

19. Finance Report

(Circulated to Members prior to meeting)

Payments made since last meeting - none
Payments received since last meeting - noted
Income/expenditure year to date - noted
Invoices received for payment – approved

Following agreement at the last meeting of the Parish Council, the Clerk was asked to send a cheque to Bearley Village Hall Trust for £6,000.00 as the Parish Council's final contribution to the payment of the Bank Loan.

Following the Parish Council's commitment at its meeting on 12 September 2017 to support Bearley Village Hall Trust (BVHT), members asked the Clerk to write to BVHT to request news of the commencement of the work and regular progress reports on roof repairs.

20. Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

17/07923/LDP – 15 St Marys' Acre – Proposed single storey rear extension – Certificate of Lawful Development -No representation

To Note Planning Applications Received and Actioned Under Delegated Powers

17/03279/FUL – 1 The Banks, Ash Lane – First floor side extension – No representation

To Note Planning Application Appeals Notice of Decision Received

None

To Note Notices of Decisions Received

None

21. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted.

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should subscribe to the Information Commissioner's Office, the UK's independent authority, which was set up to uphold information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals. The Annual fee was £35.00 and The Clerk was asked to ensure that the PC was registered with the ICO.

22. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22 January 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Signed.....Date.....