

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm
on Monday 22 January 2018**

Present: Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page & Cllr Andrew Spiller
Parish Clerk: Nicola Overall
Public: 2 members of the public were in attendance for all or part of the meeting
Apologies: No apologies 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

None.

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. Co-Option of New Councillor

Following agreement at the meeting held on 17 July (Minute 16) 2017 Mr Keith Newton was Co-opted on to the Parish Council. The Chairman invited Cllr Newton to sit with Parish Councillors and welcomed him to the Parish Council. Councillor Newton had indicated that he is interested in pursuing provision of a defibrillator and fellow Councillors approved his proposal.

7. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 November 2017

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 November 2017 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

8. County & District Council Liaison

Councillor Mrs A Parry reported that the proposed Pedestrian Refuge plan had been drawn up, submitted for a Safety Assessment (SA) and is currently with County Highways to provide a quote for the works. Councillor Parry circulated a drawing which was modified to take into account the Safety Assessment which highlighted that another Pedestrian Refuge was required from the Snitterfield Road exit onto the A3400, with new 'Pedestrians Crossing Ahead' warning signs on approach to the bend from Bearley to the A3400.

Stratford Area Transport Strategy is now a major focus for 2018 and the outcomes of the comprehensive consultation process will continue to be debated by both Warwickshire County Council and Stratford on Avon District Council during 2018.

Councillor Parry also reported on Health Matters, and as a member of the Adult Social Care and Health OS Committee, has also been involved in a task and finish group looking into the provision of GP services across the county. Whilst South Warwickshire is better catered for in this respect, the doctors' services continue to be stretched particularly at this time of year and are being impacted by missed appointments and unnecessary visits to surgeries for minor ailments which can routinely be handled by the local pharmacy. The practices serving the Bearley community are not immune to these issues and residents are urged not to miss appointments or block valuable surgery time unnecessarily.

WCC is in the process of refilling all the grit bins in preparation for the next swathe of snowy and icy conditions and therefore if the bins in Bearley have not been refilled, they will be as part of the actioned programme.

The next few weeks are going to be very busy looking at budgets which are being debated and voted on at Full Council on 6th February. There will be an inevitable increase to the county's element of the council tax with a particular focus on funding the increased demand for Adult and Children's Social Care plus increased financial pressures on SEN transport.

Additionally, Councillor Parry reported that £750 had been donated to the Village Hall for a new fridge freezer.

Councillor A Parry took this opportunity to wish everyone in Bearley a Happy New Year!

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

9. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

It was reported that Mr Neil Pearce of Avon Planning Services was looking at the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and that a date was to be set in the near future for a further meeting and workshop with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to take the plan to the next stage.

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

There were no matters to report. All Parish Council requests regarding sight of a report being prepared by the Club on Compliance with the Planning Conditions remain unaddressed.

11. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Councillor R Le Page reported that the Parish Council had been making every effort to address the flooding problems in the village. To this end the PC has established a programme of inspections with the Flood Risk Management Team at WCC. As a result a number of drain clearing actions and a grant application for £5,000 to undertake major clearance along A3400 and adjoining drainage ditches is under way. Particular attention was being given to the flooding under the bridge.

One of the silting problems causing backing up and blockage is at the ditch around Sport and Social Club where the water from the drains is unable to flow and causes a traffic hazard. The Flood Risk Management Team estimate that this could all be cleared by a small digger. It was hoped that works would commence in April 2018.

12. Website

The Clerk reported that MI Business Services was still in the process of building the website and the Clerk was to meet with MI Business Services to hand over further photos and text.

13. Annual Play Area Inspections

Following the recent inspections, which had been received from Play Safety Ltd, the Clerk was asked to follow up issues at the Grange Road Play Area. The kissing gate had now been repaired.

14. Road Safety & Speed Monitoring

Councillor K Newton was to investigate the possibility of creating a Speed Monitoring group for the village. An article would be published for the Bearley Beacon and on the website asking for volunteers.

15. Finance Report

Payments made since last meeting - none

Payments received since last meeting - none

Income/expenditure year to date – noted

28.12.17	N Overall Salary	£	293.23
28.12.17	HMRC	£	53.40
14.11.17	Eon	£	666.00
22.11.17	Mr I Wilson	£	200.00
14.12.17	Eon	£	90.50
22.01.18	N Overall Expenses	£	51.56
02.01.18	Eon	£	338.91
15.01.18	WALC	£	35.00
28.01.18	N Overall Salary	£	293.23

16. Precept 2018/2019

The Clerk had previously circulated schedules of estimated income and expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March 2018 and schedules of estimated income and expenditure for the financial year 2018/2019.

It was proposed by Councillor A Spiller and seconded by Councillor R Le Page that the Parish Council makes no increase in the Precept for the financial year 2018/2019.

17. Planning Matters

The following planning matters were discussed and noted;

17/03029/FUL	Hawkeswood Farm, Gospel Oak Lane Change of use of land to holiday home park with the siting of up to 44 holiday lodges (falling under the definition of a Caravan); construction of guest reception, buggy store and maintenance/laundry buildings; new landscaping and habitat creation; laying of hardstanding bases, access roads and communal parking; and the demolition of two former World War 2 buildings	15.01.1	Object	Refused
17/03279/FUL	1 The Banks, Ash Lane First Floor side extension	01.12.17	No Representation	Permission with Conditions
17/03480/FUL	Belmore House, Bearley Cross, Wootton Wawen Proposed single storey rear flat roof extension, alterations to property frontage to include addition of portico, first floor extension, removal of tiled canopies, insertion of oak framing, new windows and facing brickwork.	02.01.18	No Representation	Granted
17/03508/FUL	Green Acre, Church Road Proposed basement level recreation rooms	3.1.18	No objection	

18. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted.

The Chairman notified members of a Public Consultation event which was to take place on 1 March 2018 organised by Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) from 3pm – 7pm to discuss proposals for seven new homes to meet the housing needs of Bearley.

19. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19 March 2018.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

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