

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall following the Annual General Meeting on Monday 14 May 2018

Present: Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page & Cllr Andrew Spiller, WCC - Cllr A Parry & SDC Cllr S Lawton.
Parish Clerk: Nicola Everall
Public: No members of the public were in attendance

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 members of the public.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 March 2018

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 March 2018 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. County & District Council Liaison

Councillor Mrs A Parry reported that pot-holes have increasingly become a serious road safety issue, particularly in view of the bad winter which has hit Warwickshire. However, the county has received extra funding to help tackle the problem – a sum of £1.4 million as part of a £100 million funding pot announced by transport Chris Grayling. It's therefore important to report any pot-holes via the WCC website and also alert myself so that I can chase the maintenance department.

The community grants for 2018/19 have been increased and therefore the Parish Council and respective community groups are encouraged to identify a worthy cause which could benefit from a grant of £500 - £1000 this coming year.

As a member of the Adult Social Care and Health team I have been extensively involved in a Task and Finish Group looking at GP Services throughout the County and our findings were presented to the ASCH Meeting on Wednesday 9th May. It is widely known that GP Services are extremely stretched at present, however the issue continues to be compounded by no-shows from patients and those booking appointments for minor ailments which could otherwise be dealt with by the local pharmacy.

WCC are still awaiting the costing for a fixed 'Hat Pin' type lighting pole before being able to progress with the project – Mike McDonnell is chasing the matter up with colleagues and wrote to me last week in this respect.

The SDC approved Transport Strategy will be presented to WCC Cabinet on 9th May 2018 and the plans includes the amendment to omit the proposals for an Eastern Relief Road

Stratford District Councillor, Councillor Simon Lawton reported that the District Council had agreed to build extra Local Authority dwellings. There was nothing to report regarding the Countrywide store.

8. Neighbourhood Plan, Site Allocations Plan & Built up Area

The Chairman reported that Mr Neil Pearce of Avon Planning Services was working on the Green Space Designations for the Plan and there was to be a meeting on 24 May 2018. The NPSG had agreed on the Terms of Reference and Simon Ward had been elected as Chairman of the Group.

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

No communication had been received from the Gliding Club, thus the report on compliance with planning conditions is still outstanding. It was noted that the temporary planning permission for Touring Motor Gliders was due to expire in June 2018.

10. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Councillor R Le Page reported that the request for a grant of £5,000 from Warwickshire County Council to assist with the clearance of ditches and culverts had been successful. Works had already commenced, but further works were required and the Parish Council will continue to pursue further grants.

11. Website

The Chairman requested the Clerk to ensure that photographs of the village be added to the website.

12. Grass Verges

Discussions took place regarding the placement of rocks and stones being situated on grass verges to avoid vehicles parking. Cllr Parry advised members that such practice was considered a potential hazard and did in fact cause an obstruction.

The Highways Department had advised the Clerk that Bollards were designed to fall over /fracture to absorb energy in a collision rather than transfer it to the motorist. They are approved for use within the highway by the department for transport and are designed to reduce the severity of casualties in a collision.

Rocks and stones are not approved by the Department for Transport and therefore are not permitted for use within the highway.

Following details received from the Highways Department for the installation of bollards, it was agreed that spending £6,000 could not be justified to protect the grass verges at the junctions of Snitterfield Road with Church Lane and Old Snitterfield Road.

13. Policies & Procedures

The following Policies were revised and agreed.

- a) Review Burial Grounds – Rules & Regulations
- b) Complaints Procedure
- c) Data Protection

14. Finance Report

Payments made since last meeting - none

Payments received since last meeting - none

Income/expenditure year to date – noted

It was agreed that the Parish Council make a donation of £750.00 to the Cricket Club subject to conditions of community engagement.

15. Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018

Following the Internal Audit, The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. The Clerk was asked to submit the Audit to PKF Littlejohn, the Parish Councils External auditor.

16. Accounting Statements

The Accounting Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

17. Planning Matters

18/01085/FUL – Airmanship Hall, Snitterfield Road, Demolition of existing building (former Aircraft Hanger) and erection of two detached dwellings – resubmission of 17/02592/FUL

The Parish Council agreed to support the application and submit the same response which was sent for the previous application.

18. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted.

19. Village Hall Roof Repairs

Cllr R Le Page reported that the Village Hall Management Trust had received a new quotation for works to the roof of the Village Hall and it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a payment of £12,000 to the Village Hall Management Trust to be specifically allocated to assist with the financing of the necessary roof repairs.

20. Additional Village Notice Board

The Clerk was liaising with the County Council, following the request for an additional notice board on Snitterfield Road from Friends of Bearley Village (FoBV).

21. Bus Shelter

Following discussions regarding the dilapidated state of the Bus Shelter on the east side of the A3400, it was agreed that the Clerk notify Mr J Inman to proceed with the necessary works to bring the shelter back in to good order.

22. Dates of Next Meetings

24 July 2018

24 September 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

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