

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm
on Monday 24 September 2018**

Present: Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page & Cllr Andrew Spiller. Councillor Mrs A Parry for part of the meeting
Parish Clerk: Nicola Everall
Public: 6 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

Councillor S Lawton.

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)

Mrs G Lillie was concerned as to the removal of trees on the former Countrywide site with regards to future development and the Chairman assured those present that the Parish Council would be notified of any proposed development and that if necessary, Tree Preservations Orders would be put in place to protect trees.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 July 2018

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 July 2018 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. County & District Council Liaison

Councillor Mrs A Parry reported that a decision on community grant applications was anticipated to be made in October 2018, however, in respect of her Division, she had been oversubscribed and received applications for over £18000 against a budget of £6000 which made this year's community grant selection very challenging.

WCC has advised that the installation of the Pedestrian Refuge will be starting in October at a total increased cost of £30,000 which incorporates additional street lighting. Councillor Parry had therefore authorised a further £10k to complete this project adding to the £18k set aside last year and she added her grateful thanks to the Friends of Bearley Village and the Parish Council for their contributions towards this project, which gives the village a sense of belonging for this much needed road safety measure and will also enable me to help another parish fund a small scheme.

The next Full Council Meeting is being held on Tuesday 16th October.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

The Chairman reported that it was expected, the final version of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan would be available for public consultation by the end of the year.

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

The Chairman reported that WRCC was progressing with the proposal for affordable housing on land at the rear of Grange Road and was looking to apply for planning permission by the end of the year.

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

No update was available.

11. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Councillor R Le Page reported that he was in the process of obtaining an update in relation to the works under the railway bridge.

12. Website

The Chairman confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan section was now complete and contained the necessary documentation required by legislation to meet with Neighbourhood Plan guidelines.

The Chairman also raised a vote of thanks to Mr Ian Broadbridge, the Webmaster who continued to support the Parish Council in keeping the website up to date.

13. Play Areas

The Clerk was to make arrangements for the Annual Inspection of the Play Areas to take place in September.

14. Telephone Box

Mrs Moira Mees addressed members of the Parish Council giving ideas for the future use of the unused Telephone Box on Snitterfield Road. Having consulted with some residents, Mrs Mees suggested the most appropriate use would be a Community Library and she, along with Friends of Bearley Village (FoBV) would ensure that the Library be maintained. FoBV had offered to install shelves for the books.

There is currently no electricity connected to the Telephone Box and this would be reviewed at a later date.

It was resolved unanimously that the Clerk should apply for a Change of Use from the District Council and report back to a future meeting.

15. Speed Watch

The Clerk was to progress the matter and contact Snitterfield Parish Council with a view to sharing the cost of a speed gun and merging a Speed Watch Group.

16. Grit Bins

The Clerk reported that the Highways Department at WCC had assessed the area at Oaktree Close and confirmed there was no need for a grit bin at this location. The Clerk was asked to request the Highways Department to assess the area from the top of at Church Lane to the junction with Snitterfield Road to ascertain the need for a grit bin.

17. Additional Notice Board

Mrs J Wall circulated details of the proposed additional notice board on Snitterfield Road, which was to be purchased by Friends of Bearley Village. The proposed notice board was maintenance free and would be used solely for community notices. Members agreed to its installation and the Clerk was asked to formally ask Mrs Wall to proceed with the order and installation. The installation would be carried out by Mr P Wall.

18. Additional Bench at Bearley Green

Following the request for an additional bench by senior users of bus services, Mrs J Wall circulated details of a proposed bench. The proposed bench was maintenance free and a quotation was for £663.26, which would include fixings. Mr Wall was to install the bench.

Following discussion it was agreed that the most appropriate location would be on the corner of Snitterfield Road and Bearley Green. Mrs Wall requested that a plaque be added which would be funded by FoBV.

Members agreed to its installation and the Clerk was asked to proceed with the order and liaise with Mrs Wall for the delivery and installation.

19. Village Hall

Cllr R Le Page reported that the works to the roof were now complete.

It was also reported that following the collision of a vehicle, damage had been caused to one of the garages. Income was down, and the Village Hall Management Committee were looking to generate new bookings. Additionally, the heating was to be regulated to ensure improved fuel efficiency.

20. Finance Report

Payments made since last meeting - none

Payments received since last meeting - none

Income/expenditure year to date – noted

Invoices received for payment - approved

21. Request for Funding

Friends of Bearley Park had submitted a request for funding of £570.00 for the purchase of a pressure washer, to enable the organisation to carry out charity car washes to raise funds for the park.

The Clerk was requested to an up to date set of accounts from the organisation and report to the November meeting of the Parish Council.

22. WCC Donation

The total cost of the Pedestrian Refuge which was being funded by the County Council, was expected to reach £30,000, against the initial estimate of £18,000. Friends of Bearley Village had raised £1216.38 towards the cost of the Pedestrian Refuge for the village and Members of the Parish Council agreed to make a further donation of £783.62, totalling a £2,000 donation from the village, towards taking community ownership.

23. Notice of Conclusion of Audit

The Clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn, the Parish Council's External Auditor, had returned the audit and no matters were raised.

24. Planning Matters

The following planning matters were reported:

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	BPC Comment	SDC Comment
18/01927/FUL	The Beeches, Snitterfield Road Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian to allow the horse the benefit of additional recreational activities such as exercising and riding rather than just grazing	6.8.18	No representation	Granted
18/01988/FUL	Rivendell, Snitterfield Road Conversion of existing adjoining garages into family rooms with new roofs and a new porch to replace existing.	29.08.18	No representation	Granted
18/02106/FUL	Stratford Armouries Part change of use of land to holiday home park; 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	14.08.18	Object	Refused
18/02231/TREE	Awbrook, Ash Lane T1 - yew - Reduce in height to 2 metres	15.08.18	No representation	Granted

25. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted.

26. Date of Next Meeting

26 November 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

Signed.....DesignationDate.....