

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm
on Monday 28 January 2019**

Present: Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page & Cllr Andrew Spiller.
District Councillor S Lawton & County Councillor Mrs A Parry

Parish Clerk: Nicola Everall

Public: 1 member of the public

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)

Concern was raised regarding the overhanging branches from trees on the footpaths near the former Countrywide site.

It was also noted that the footpath on the Snitterfield Road towards the village had subsided in a number of areas and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department at the County Council to address both matters.

It was reported that there were a number of loose manhole covers in the village and Cllr R Le Page agreed to send details to the Clerk in order that the matter can be addressed with the Highways Department.

The Chairman reported that Western Power had carried out necessary works to trees near to the Green to ensure that cables would not be affected by branches.

It was noted that a number of positive comments had been received regarding the newly installed Pedestrian Refuge.

6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2019

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2019 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

7. County & District Council Liaison

Councillor S Lawton reported that Council Tax would be raised by a rate lower than inflation, at 1.5% in 2019/2020 as the District Council had made savings. This would equate to £2.05 per year for a Band D property.

Wellesbourne Airfield was to be subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Councillor Lawton agreed to follow up the matter regarding the Gliding Club with the Case Officer and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs A Parry reported that the draft budget is to be debated on Thursday 7th February and essentially centres on the Council Tax and proposed spends:

This next budget represents the final year of WCC's three year financial plan and savings of £67 million over the period of which 90% have been made to date. As a consequence Council Tax is set to raise by 3% and the Adult Social Care precept by 2% in view of the rising costs of the increasing ageing population.

Key highlights including an additional £6 million in children's social care and a further £6 million to manage the demand pressures on the education services in relation to pupils with special educational needs and disabilities.

It is also proposed to invest an additional £5m to protect the growing number of elderly citizens and vulnerable adults and manage winter pressures, whilst continuing to make progress on a greater integration between health and social care.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has been rated 'good' through its recent inspection and the second tenders at Stratford are being retained.

In addition it is proposed to invest £2 million in Community Capacity, Independence and Prevention and WCC is looking to fund projects that will tackle the challenges of mental ill health and build capacity by actively exploring with partners, opportunities to help communities to be supportive of those that are vulnerable.

Other investments include:

£300,000 has been set aside over the next two years on the Homelessness Project programme.

£400,000 in the waste management service to meet increased demand as a result of housing growth £200,000 to expand WCC's transport planning capacity.

The Capital Investment Fund is being increased by £12.5 million which will also further investment in projects to stimulate the economy and keep our communities safe. Priorities will be road projects where safety is an issue, new technology into gritter lorries, mobile compactors for the household waste recycling centres and cycle routes.

As a consequence of this responsible budgeting, WCC is in a strong financial position to meet the challenges of the next five years.

Policing in Warwickshire

The consultation/survey regarding the Police Precept closed last Thursday so details in respect of the increase will not be known until next week which will reflect the opinions gathered.

As part of the consultation process the Police and Crime Commissioner put forward proposals which set out the case for increasing the number of police officers, community support officers and police staff investigators in the county by up to 100, in order to meet rising levels of demand and to provide a better service to local communities. This builds on the Police Precept he set last year, which has allowed for the investment in 50 frontline police officer posts in Warwickshire. These are now in the active stages of recruitment and will be ready to police our streets over the course of the coming months.

The Precept consultation follows the Government's annual funding settlement announcement for policing on 13th December 2018, which has given PCCs flexibility to raise their precept by up to £2 per month on a Band D property for 2019/20. Options for smaller increases of £1.50 per month and £1 per month (at Band D) are also being consulted upon, but these would see fewer new officers posts created and no new PCSOs or police investigators appointed.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

The Chairman reported that copies of the Pre-submission Consultation version of the Bearley Neighbourhood Plan had now been delivered to households in the village. The Consultation was to run from 31 January until 14 March 2019 and there would be Public Open Days held at the Village Hall on 9 and 16 February 2019.

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

The Chairman reported that efforts continue and WRCC is liaising with Orbit Housing and SDC to proceed with the proposed development at land rear of Grange Road.

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

It was reported that the Gliding Club had until 28 February 2019 to submit a Noise Assessment, otherwise the District Council would determine the application based on information currently held.

11. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Councillor R Le Page reported that he had met with the Flood Prevention Team and confirmed that the work that the Parish Council had received a grant for, had now been carried out.

However, there was water retention under the railway bridge and the Flood Prevention Team was to contact Network Rail regarding the matter.

Additionally, clearance works had taken place on the verge from the Railway Station to Cedar Lodge and near Bearley Cross, but clearance works were still required near the former Countrywide site.

12. Website

The Chairman confirmed that details for the Neighbourhood Plan had been added to the website.

13. Telephone Box

The Clerk reported that she had submitted an application for a Change of Use from the District Council to request that the Telephone Box be used as a Community Library, but the application was declared invalid by SDC due to perceived incomplete information. The required information had now been re-submitted.

14. Speed Watch

Despite all efforts to create a Speed Watch Group by the Clerk and Members of the Parish Council, it was agreed that due to lack of interest it was not possible to pursue this at the present time.

15. Grit Bins

The Clerk had asked 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, and having carried out an assessment, the County Council did not consider that a grit bin was required at this location.

16. Village Hall

Cllr R Le Page reported that an asbestos survey had taken place at the Village Hall and the findings were minimal, therefore quotations are now being sought for electrical works. The electrical works required were to damaged cables and a light in the Men's toilet. The Social Club required replacement ceiling tiles and remedial electrical works.

17. Policies & Procedures

The Clerk suggested changes to the Parish Council's Standing Orders to bring them in line with current practices, particularly relating to GDPR. The Clerk was asked to draft the required changes and circulate to members for agreement at the next meeting.

Members agreed that no change was required the Parish Councils current Social Media Policy.

18. Finance Report

Payments made since last meeting – Noted
 Payments received since last meeting – Noted
 Income/expenditure year to date – Noted
 Invoices received for payment – Approved

The Clerk reported that a request for funding had been received from Bearley Cricket Club for £750.00 towards the cost of grass cutting. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council makes a donation of £750 to Bearley Cricket Club.

The Clerk circulated a quotation from Playdale for £420.23 for the cost of ropes and fixings required at Bearley Park for safety purposes and members agreed the quotation.

19. Budget & Precept

The Clerk had previously circulated schedules of estimated income and expenditure for the Year Ending 31 March 2019 and schedules of estimated income and expenditure for the financial year 2019/2020.

After discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Le Page that the Parish Council make no increase in the Precept for the financial year 2019/2020.

20. Planning Matters

The following planning matters were reported:

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	BPC Comment	SDC Decision
18/01253/VARY	Airfield, Snitterfield Road Removal of Condition 1 of application reference 10/01059/VARY. The condition limits the permission to a temporary period and permanent permission is now sought.	23.08.18	Object	
18/02867/COUQ	Gorse Farm, Snitterfield Road Proposed conversion of agricultural building into a one bed dwelling	30.10.18	No representation	Prior Approval Granted
18/03022/FU	1 The Yard Part demolition and construction of new one and half storey extension to provide additional bedroom and living space	28.11.18	No representation	Refused
18/03085/TREE	Bearley Green T1 - Remove overhanging branches to provide pedestrian/vehicle access T2 - hawthorn - Remove T3 lime and T4 sycamore - Crown lift to provide pedestrian access on footpath T5 - conifer - Remove lower branch overhanging footpath	8.11.18	No representation	No objection
18/03468/FUL	7 Greenwood Proposed single storey extension to the side	19.12.18	No Representation	

21. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted.

22. Dates for Future Meetings

25 March 2019

15 April 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting

14 May 2019 – Annual Meeting (Revised date due to the elections in May)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

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