

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm  
on Monday 25 March 2019**

**Present:** Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page & Cllr Andrew Spiller.  
County Councillor Mrs A Parry for part of the meeting

**Parish Clerk:** Nicola Everall

**Public:** 6 members 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**

There were no apologies for absence.

**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)**

It was understood that the former Countrywide site was for sale and the deadline for submissions was 5 April 2019.

Mr Ian Shenton introduced himself and conveyed that he was to stand for election in the forthcoming District Elections.

A number of residents raised concern regarding two German Shepherd dogs, which had attacked other dogs and bitten a resident in recent incidents. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the Police, Dog Warden and Environmental Heath at the District Council.

**6. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2019**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2019 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**7. County & District Council Liaison**

Councillor Mrs A Parry reported that Warwickshire County Council has increased its council tax receipts by 4.99 per cent with effect from April – 2% of the increase will be ringfenced to contribute towards increasing costs of Adult Social Care and Support. This will amount to about £5 extra a month or £60 for the year for an average Band D household before proposed increases from Warwickshire Police are also applied.

The County Council is still facing large budget cuts and in the next financial year has to find savings of £9 million followed by an expected £16 million between 2019 and 2020. This is on top of the £100 million it has had to save since 2010.

Despite these cuts, the authority will use some of its £370 million budget to invest £5.7 million into children's social care services and an additional £1.3 million into adult social care and support. The Council will spend £2.5 million on a digital transformation programme to make it easier for people to access its online services and help it to become "an enabler for residents to help themselves".

Other investments include £200,000 into digital fibre optic hubs to enhance communications in communities and £330,000 to convert six school-based children's centres into specialist provision for pupils with special needs, £100,000 to expand its transport planning team to "maximise the funding received from developers to deliver the infrastructure requirements for associated housing and business growth across the county. An investment of £108,000 will be made into maintaining the council's library network including Sunday opening while £150,000 will go towards a joint project to integrate those in need of support due to mental health issues, homelessness and drug abuse. The Council will also invest £1.4 million into home to school transport and invest £500,000 into Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to reduce the service's savings target. In total, this 4.99 per cent council tax increase is equivalent of an increase of £1.25 per week for a Band D dwelling.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)**

The Chairman reported that the Pre-submission Consultation took place as planned and announced run took place from 31 January until 14 March 2019. There were Public Open Days held at the Village Hall on 9 and 16 February 2019. There were displays, handouts and two slide presentations on each open day. These public events were well attended, and 69 responses had been received via e-mailed and posted response forms. Stratford District Council's response was expected by 8 April 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 and WRHA were seeking a suitable contractor.

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

It was understood that the Gliding Club had not yet submitted a Noise Assessment.

**11. To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures**

Councillor R Le Page reported that during the last heavy rainfall, the water appeared to remain on Snitterfield Road rather than be taken away by the gullies.

**12. Website**

No matters to report.

**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 and was awaiting further information.

**14. Bench on Bearley Green**

Councillor Le Page had received a number of comments regarding the position of the new bench on Bearley Green, as it was considered that the bench was too near to the road and was causing problems with visibility at the junction. It was agreed to re-site the bench to the opposite junction and further back from the road. Councillor Le Page and Mr Inman were to arrange for its re-siting.

**15. Street Lighting**

The Clerk had received correspondence from Eon explaining that the current mercury lamps would no longer be available and that new LED lamps needed to be phased in over time. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Eon and report back to the next meeting.

**16. Village Hall**

Cllr R Le Page reported that the Village Hall website was progressing, and that the heating system is now remotely programmable to reflect bookings, resulting in savings in heating costs.

**17. May 2019 Elections**

The Clerk reminded members to complete and return their election papers before 29 March 2019 to enable her to submit them to the District Council.

**18. Policies & Procedures**

Following the Clerk's suggested changes to the Parish Council's Standing Orders to bring them in line with current practices, particularly relating to GDPR, the revised Standing Orders were adopted unanimously.

**19. Dates for Future Meetings**

15 April 2019 – Annual Parish Assembly  
 14 May 2019 – Annual Meeting followed immediately by Ordinary Meeting  
 29 July 2019 – Ordinary Meeting  
 23 September 2019 – Ordinary Meeting  
 25 November 2019 – Ordinary Meeting  
 27 January 2020 – Ordinary Meeting  
 30 March 2020 – Ordinary Meeting

20 April 2020 – Annual Parish Assembly

25 May 2020 - Annual General meeting followed immediately by Ordinary Meeting

Members agreed to the above dates for the ensuing year.

## 20. 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

## 21. Online Banking

The Parish Clerk recommended that in terms of efficiency and ease of access, the Parish Council should make consideration for online banking services with HSBC Bank and requested that members grant her authorisation to introduce this practice and be the authorised user of the service.

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Clerk be authorised to operate online banking services and was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

## 22. Clerk's Expenses

The Clerk reported that WALC's recommendation was that £4.00 per week was an acceptable figure to be paid to Parish Clerks for working from home expenses. Members agreed that the Clerk should be paid this figure from 1 April 2019.

## 23. Planning Matters

The following planning matters were reported:

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	BPC Comment	SDC Comment
18/01253/FUL	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	
18/03468/FUL	7 Greenswood Proposed single storey extension to the side	19.12.18	No Representation	Granted
19/0056/FUL	1 The Banks, Ash Lane Construction of a single storey front extension to form a new entrance and family area	26/3/19	No Representation	

## 24. Correspondence and Communications Report

Noted

## 25. Annual Parish Assembly

The Chairman welcomed ideas and suggestions to generate interest for the Annual Parish Assembly which was to take place on Monday 15 April 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed.....Designation .....Date.....