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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2023
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TWYFORD ROAD, BARROW UPON TRENT AT 6.30PM.**

Present:

Cllr Heathcote Chairman
Cllr Nick Harpur
Cllr Blackmore
Cllr Collett
Cllr Kent Chapman
Mrs Alison Hicklin – Clerk
Members of the public 0

APM 1/2023 - Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gardiner
Dist Cllr Peter Watson
County Cllr Neil Atkin

APM 2/2023 - Report by Derbyshire Constabulary

Nothing Received

APM 3/2023 – School Council

School Council Parish Report.

- At the beginning of the school year each class votes for their school council representatives.
- There are 2 representatives for each class.
- The school council is the pupil voice of the school.
- School Council representatives have a busy time at school. They have a working lunch once every half-term. Eating and decision making at the same time!

Events

Children In Need- The School Council organised this event. Children came to school in non-uniform and participated in games and activities throughout the day. The children managed to raise £141 in total

Red Nose Day- This was another non-uniform day and all the children wore red noses that the PTA bought for the children. We raised £87.00

House Challenges- These take place termly and involve all year groups of children that are in the same house. So far this year we have had an Art Quiz where children had to learn the names of paintings and artists, A Music Quiz covering a range of genres and a Science bridge building competition.

Future Events

Summer Fair- The School Council will be supporting the PTA in running stalls at the Summer Fair.

Sports Week- The School Council will take an active role in helping Mr Comasky to choose sports clubs and activities for the week.

APM/4/2023

Derbyshire County Council
Elected Representative – Councillor Neil Atkin
Aston Division

Covering the Parish Council areas of
Aston -on-Trent, Barrow -on- Trent, Boulton Moor, Elvaston, Shardlow & Great Wilne, Stenson
Fields & Weston -on- Trent.

Including the communities of
Ambaston, Arleston, Chellaston Fields, Merrybower, Thulston, Twyford & Swarkestone

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Annual Parish Report from Derbyshire County Councillor Neil Atkin

Chairman

Thank you for inviting me to your annual parish meeting, tonight I send my apologies for the belated report, in the meantime shall endeavour to highlight some of the issues I have dealt with during the past year on your behalf as a County Councillor.

However, this is my last annual report as one of 3 District Councillors as we are coming to the end of our tenure and the District Council elections in May, But I still, remain your County Councillor for another 3 years

Infrastructure and Highways

For enquiries post covid on any highway issues are outstanding for 6 weeks and for public rights of way is 26 weeks at this present time as waiting list will reduce over time.

During the past year I have been dealing with requests for highway repairs around the Parish some with a successful outcome and other issues are still to be resolved.

Swarkestone Lane needed once again maintenance work to clear the footway between Barrow and Swarkestone villages also tidying up work has been requested in the past year in front of East Midlands Storage site especially the lay-by area

There have been problems with through traffic on Arleston Lane and Merrybower due to diversions being undertaken by highways whilst resurfacing in Stenson and also Severn Trent

needing to upgrade facilities in the Parish. The Rivers and Canal Trust have also applied for road closure notices with more to follow during the repair of both Canal Bridges at Barrow and Stenson.

I have been asked to investigate the possibility for a stop order for through traffic on Arleston Lane, it was resolved that this cannot be done as residential / agriculture access is needed especially during flooding periods.

Sinfin Lane & Deepdale Lane was the subject of breach of weight restrictions from HGV's damaging the Canal bridge full and reserved matters. More work needs to be done later when the Infinity Park proposals are at an advanced stage when a planning application enters its final phase for approval.

During the past year we have seen a consultation on the Infinity Park planning proposals and the Proposed A50 link. Funding from DCC and the Government including Highway England has been approved for the new junction onto the A50 with a start date as early as Spring of next year.

Planning for further developments will commence shortly for Employment sites, Retail, Housing along with a medical centre, a new secondary school and Open space facilities so far as known creating jobs of all descriptions.

Boundary Issues

Barrow Parish Council as part of the proposals for two boundary changes, one to move the new housing in Barrow into Stenson Fields Parish,

The second is proving to be more problematic as both Barrow and Stenson Fields wish to move developments on Sinfin Moor side of the Infinity Park into Swarkestone Parish, this needs more discussion and support. It is hoped that the A50 will be the new Boundary in both cases where any new developments will stop to protect the rural area.

Chellaston, Shardlow & Thulston Round -a-bout links.

I am currently trying to set up a meeting with Highways England to discuss problems on round-a-bouts at junctions 1, 2 & 3. It is hoped representatives from your Parish can join us. Other items relating to the A50 can be added to the agenda.

Gravel Liaison and final draft of the mineral plans

I continue to monitor the Gravel reports on Barrow Sand & Gravel Quarry however, the liaison meetings are chaired by either my District colleagues or another local County Councillor due to my declaration of Interest.

A new final draft version of the Derby & Derbyshire Mineral Plan is currently in circulation for consultation. Please refer to DCC website as the document covers every type of quarrying in Derbyshire running to some 600 + pages.

END.

APM 5/2023 Chairman of the Parish Council

Barrow upon Trent Parish Council – Annual Parish meeting 2023

Report of the Chair of the Parish Council

Parish Council business has proceeded smoothly over the last 12 months, ably steered by Alison, our Clerk, who works tirelessly to maintain the efficient running of Council business along with ensuring the safety and security of our tenants in the cottages. We are always very grateful for Alison's help and support, along with her good humour and endless advice.

We have welcomed Julie Collett on to the council, and have had a full Council for the majority of the year. The elections for the Parish Council take place next month. We hope that there will be a full complement of Councillors following the election on 4th May.

Our thanks go to Peter Watson and Daniel Corbin of South Derbyshire District Council who have regularly attended our Parish Council meetings. Cllr Neil Atkin also attends Council meetings as our County Councillor, and he has supported us or offered advice on many of the issues of the Parish.

We would like to thank all of these people for their continuing support of the Parish Council and the parishioners in both general and specific issues.

There have been very few Infinity Garden Village Liaison Group meetings over the last 12 months. The Parish Council will continue to monitor potential impacts of this development on our parish. Building work is moving apace in the new Garden Village area, and we regularly monitor the effect of these developments on our parish, particularly on the vehicular use of Deepdale Lane and the impact on the structures of the roadway and bridges.

We continue to pursue our ambition to change the parish boundary to ensure that the development of the IGV will not impact on our rural parish. An assurance was given in March 2020 that the associated Governance Review could go ahead, However, with the retirement of the Chief Executive of SDDC last month, we are working with Cllr Corbin to identify a way to transfer that part of our parish north of the A50 to a different parish.

The Council continues its representation on local area committees, representing the views of parishioners and acquainting the village with developments outside of our immediate vicinity. The Parish has representatives on the Gravel Liaison committee with Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire District Council, the Environment Agency and Tarmac.

The Parish Council representatives attend meetings with Tarmac and the County Council to monitor work at the nearby quarry and to ensure minimal effects upon the parish. Quarrying has continued apace on the south side of the river adjacent to Foremark, and the gravel is processed at the plant on Twyford Road.

The Parish Council continues to support the residents of Arleston and Merrybower in any issues that affect that area of the parish.

Planning issues continue to be considered by the Council on a regular basis. The Parish Council recently called an Extraordinary meeting to discuss an area of concern to the parish of the development of a field without planning permission. We have also objected to the extension of working hours of the industrial site on Sinfin Lane to create a hub to serve the East Midlands Freeport. We await developments on this decision.

The Environment Agency has now completed and published the results of its review of the flood levels in Barrow upon Trent. We are grateful for this, as the maps now give a much better record of the actual flood levels in the year 2000, the highest recorded level of flood water.

East Midlands Airport has promised the installation of noise monitoring equipment in the parish to ascertain the noise level and impact of over-flying aircraft.

The Parish News is now produced quarterly. Everyone is welcome to make use of these media, and if there are any suggestions for change, we would welcome feedback. These are the main vehicles for information from the Council to parishioners

The cottages continue to provide attractive and comfortable accommodation for parishioners. The cottages are fully occupied, and the Council maintains a list of eligible parishioners who wish to be considered as future tenants. We are now investigating the replacement of the south-facing windows in the cottages; this is a serious and costly undertaking as the cottages are listed buildings and require special window frames. We expect that forthcoming changes in Government legislation will continue to require us to make upgrades on the parish properties.

The Susie Dixon Park provides excellent sporting facilities for the village, and continues to provide excellent pitches and grass areas for football and other sports and exercise. The Forest School area continues to provide an area for learning for the school.

Following many years of trying to maintain the small playing field behind the school in a clean and safe condition, we have made the decision to surrender the lease on the playing field back to SDDC. The reason for this is that SDDC has consistently refused to allow us to maintain the trees in the area, and these are creating a dangerous situation with low-hanging branches, green algae on the play equipment and dangerous conditions underfoot. We regret having to take this decision, but safety has to be paramount in all that the Parish Council does. We don't yet know the SDDC plans for the area, but please be assured that the school playing field will not be affected.

The Council continues to maintain the cemetery as an attractive and peaceful area of the village. Our thanks go to Kevin, our Parish Lengthsman for his continued work around the village, keeping the cemetery, roadways and parish areas clean and tidy.

The Greenacres area is developing and maturing. We have an agreement with Elephant Holdings to continue undertaking the 15-year grass maintenance of the area. The popularity of this area, both for people from the parish and others from further away, is testament to the success of the project that was begun several years ago.

The Parish Council organised the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen in June 2022, and sadly, we acknowledged the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September of last year. Consequently, we are now planning the celebration of the Coronation of Charles III in May this year.

The Parish Precept was raised by a minimal amount in 2022, but we have taken a decision to increase the precept this year to ensure that increasing inflation does not restrict the services we deliver for the parish. We continue to undertake extensive work around the parish and following the major investments of recent years, we are now able to gradually build a reserve fund for unexpected expenditure.

As ever, the Council is continually grateful for the interest of parishioners in Parish Council matters, and welcomes any questions or comments, especially during the public sessions within each Parish Council meeting. All Councillors are very happy to receive questions or comments at any time, and the new Parish Council shall continue to do the best it can for the parish and the people who live here.

APM 6/2023 Clerks Financial Report

BARROW UPON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

Year ending
31st March 2022

Year ending
31st March 2023

£	RECEIPTS	£
12003.00	Precept	12359.00
39835.00	Housing Rents	42839.00
44.00	Parish News	0.00
4.82	Bank Interest	277.22
585.00	Cemetry Fees	5335.00
40.00	Allotments	10.00
1844.92	VAT	0.00
2000.00	Donations/Grants	5489.20
950.00	Cottage Deposits	1125.00
5083.23	Concurrent expenses	5083.23
260.00	Community park income	80.00
80.72	General Administration	239.94
62730.69	TOTAL RECEIPTS	72837.59

£	PAYMENTS	£
5211.08	Housing	4641.59
8152.37	Refurbishment of cottages	16042.14
4188.24	General Administration	4360.29
950.00	Tenant deposit refund	1125.00
795.00	Section 137 Jubilee & Coronation	4056.18
1233.32	Genera Village Maintenance	2394.15
2108.00	Cemetery	595.25
13177.73	Salary & Expenses	14293.41
3413.24	VAT	2264.87
1597.58	PAYE & NI	2004.74
479.96	Dog Waste & Litter Bin Servicing	479.96
5284.50	Grounds Maintenance	4134.50
1134.00	Parish News	840.00
880.00	Community Park	690.00
1798.75	Village Hall Car Park	176.00
	Chairman's Allowance for Purchase of Remembrance Wreath	51.31
480.00	Pond Dipping	0.00

2516.00	Parish Lengthsman	2508.00
53399.77	TOTAL PAYMENTS	60657.39

£	Receipts and Payments summary	£
59627.37	Balance held at 1st April 2022	68958.29
62730.69	Add income	72837.59
53399.77	Deduct expenditure	60657.39
68,958.29	Balance as at 31 March 2023	81,138.49

£	Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2023	£
12280.92	NatWest Current Account	14183.9
56677.37	NatWest Reserve Account	66954.59
68,958.29	Total	81,138.49

1. ASSETS

At 31st March 2023, the following assets were held

Community Assets	Value
Cemetery	£2,500.00
Allotments	£10,000.00
Village Hall Car Park	£2,500.00
The Pinfold	£5,000.00
Greenacres	£80,000.00
Noticeboards	£1,000.00
Display Boards	£100.00
Road Barriers	£250.00
Buildings	-
2-18 Twyford Road	£894,706.00
War Memorial	£10,000.00
	£1,006,056.00

The basis of this evaluation is replacement costs on insurance.

No movement or disposal of buildings took place during the year.

Ownership of Greenacres passed to the Parish Council in 2007.

2. LEASES

At 31st March 2023 no leases were in operation.

3. BORROWINGS

At 31st March 2023 no loans were outstanding.

4. DEBTS OUTSTANDING

None

5. SECTION 137

The following Section 137 payments were made in 2022-23

Older persons lunch 502.65

TOTAL	£502.65
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6. TENANCIES

with the Parish Council as a tenant
Small Play Park Behind School

£1.00 per annum

APM 7/2023 Mrs Sarah Briggs Sale & Davey School

Sale & Davys CE Primary School

Report to the Parish Council Tuesday 4th April 2023

Our School Community

- The school continues to be a popular choice for parents and there are currently 101 children on roll who are placed in 4 classes.
- 75% of children come from a white British background.
- The school continues to strive to be at the heart of the local community.

Achievements and Standards

- Children consistently achieve above the national average in phonics and at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2. In July 2022 reading and writing scores for key stage 2 were in the top 20% of the country.

Activities and Links with the local Community

- The annual Science Week took place in the spring term with the theme of Journeys and this was linked to Easter. Children carried out a range of investigations and at the end of the week children worked in their 'Houses' and designed huge marble runs with the aim of trying to keep the marble running for the longest. Wright and Hardwick Houses were the winners keeping the marble rolling for 34 seconds!
- Four school church services took place last year at St Wilfrids Church. These were well attended by parents, grandparents and members of the village.
- The school has participated in art workshops and film making with the Heritage Centre which is based at the church. Parents attended the premier of the film in St Wilfrid's Church at the end of the Summer Term.
- The annual Sports Week took place and this was well supported by parents, Soccerstars and friends of the school who provided workshops on a range of activities including rugby, football, circuit training and cycling.
- The school continues to have a very strong and enthusiastic PTA and a range of events have been organised in order to raise money for the school. The PTA has purchased new phonics books for the school and paid for the cost of transport for school trips.
- The school has continued to work very closely with the Parish Council in developing the Forest School site and all children are regularly timetabled to take part in Forest School activities which now include: den building, fire lighting, whittling and eating lots of marshmallows and drinking lots of hot chocolate.

Future events and activities

- The Year 6 Leavers' Party.
- The annual Sports Week will take place in June.
- The annual swimming gala and sports day will take place in July
- Cyclo-Cross Day for Junior children will take place in April on the Community Park

- Drumming workshops will take place in the Summer Term
- Year 5 and Year 6 residential will take place in June.

APM 8/2023 Report by St Wilfrid's Church

St Wilfrid's Church report

Tuesday 4th April 2023

Following the completion of the transformation of St Wilfrid's building to a more community-based facility, the church still retains its use as a place of worship, hosting Sunday services, weddings, funerals and baptisms.

The church now has only 2 services per month instead of the previous weekly gatherings. Along with the rest of the Church of England churches in the countryside, we have also had a reduction in the average number of people in the congregation, mainly because of old age and illness, but also because of the reduction of available clergy to take services. We are ably supported by our Lay Reader, Bruce Ward, and other services are taken by a team of people from Barrow. For the first time in 3 years, St Wilfrids was able to host our lovely annual Carol Service, led by our young people.

2022 saw the beginning of our Transformation Project events, led by our Heritage Activity Delivery Manager, Llynda Baugh. A year of talks, workshops, events, and crafts has kept many people enjoyably busy for the year. The use of the church for these, and other private events, such as birthday parties and charity events, means that our building is much more accessible to all, and is becoming a self-sustaining building for the use of the whole parish.

2023 is equally busy with another series of talks and events in and around the church planned to keep everyone involved.

We hope that the future for our church is now much brighter and more secure than it appeared a few years ago.

We are grateful to all who contribute in any way to the work on, and maintenance of, this beautiful building and its churchyard, and to the people who have continued to support the Friends of St Wilfrid's.

We now have a church building available for anyone who wants to use it for many different activities. Please feel free to have a look around, use it and enjoy!

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APM 9/2023 Playgroup.

ANNUAL REPORT Sale and Davys Playgroup April 2023

This year has been a busy year in many different ways. Unfortunately, at the beginning of January 2022 we sadly lost our Treasurer who held a huge roll within playgroup for many many years and another trustee handing in their resignation. We then found ourselves in a position of needing to appoint new trustees for playgroup to remain as charity led setting. However, we gained our current manager Faye Maynard as a new trustee and gained Faye's husband Darren as a 3rd trustee. Darren has been a huge support as a new trustee to playgroup, bringing his extensive business knowledge to the table. Colleen March remains a trustee and is playgroup's biggest support from the village.

Sale and Davys playgroup has had a good intake to September 2022 with 26 children on the books and as the terms move forward these numbers continue to rise. We are extremely lucky that word of mouth is our biggest advertisement with parents coming from afar to begin their child's education with Sale and Davys Playgroup. Staff are kept on their toes with a high intake, however, remain amazing at their jobs. It has certainly helped having the beautiful surroundings that the setting has right on our door step and the great use of our amazing allotment at the end of the village. The children thrive on walking around the village come rain or shine.

Playgroup has enjoyed a few 'Stay and Play' sessions when all parents and grandparents are invited in to enjoy a range of activities, a tombola, guess the teddies name to raise some funds for playgroup. We had one at Christmas and just enjoyed an Easter 'stay and play' with an Easter bonnet parade. We also enjoy sports day, leavers concerts and many more exciting activities through the year.

A fellow charity playgroup in Stenson fields had to close their doors to their children, we had the opportunity of being offered any toys and equipment to support our ongoing learning and development within our playgroup. We are extremely grateful to them for this.

In January 2023 we had 'the call' from Ofsted after our previous inspection was April 2017. We had a lovely Ofsted inspector spend the day with us watching and observing throughout the day. The inspector spoke with parents, staff and management. There was a meeting at the end of the day with management with the Ofsted inspector rating Sale and Davys Playgroup with a 'Good'. We are very pleased with our result and our next visit from Ofsted will be in 6 years' time.

Our current financial position is stable but pre-school settings will always have to fight for their position in the education system. The peaks and troughs of child numbers, and the lack of increase in government funding, that never matches their expectations of minimum wage and WPP, is extremely testing.

We wish all of our school leavers all the success as they continue their journey onto school.

There are lots of organisations, parents, previous staff members, volunteers and committee members that have all contributed (in one way or another) to us being able to maintain playgroup so far. Thank you to all of you.

The Trustees
Sale and Davys Playgroup

APM 10/2023 WI Report

BARROW ON TRENT WI REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2023

We were able to enjoy a full programme of events this year.

Our current membership stands at 27.

We have had talks on very varied topics as well as fun quiz evenings. These have included time travelling, children at risk of exploitation by county lines gangs, the difference between science fact and science fiction, life inside a women's prison and recently a speaker from a very worthwhile local charity called Enthusiasm which supports disadvantaged young people.

Outings have included theatre trips, a canal trip, Ladies Day at Morley Hayes, a visit to Althorp, a mixology evening, crown green bowls and Royal Crown Derby. Our Christmas meal was at The Dial in Burton on Trent. This year, so far, we have witnessed Calke unlocked and had lunch at The Secret Diner at Sudbury prison.

Later this month we will be taking part in the Derbyshire Federation of WIs' county quiz at St Wilfred's Church.

The National Federation's Resolutions options this year were Save our Water, Online Gambling Harm and Clean Rivers. Barrow WI voted for clean rivers.

Charity donations have been made to The Hope Centre, Air Ambulance, Ukrainian refugees, Treetops, Royal British Legion and Enthusiasm.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and we are delighted to welcome visitors.

AMP 11/2023 School PTA

The PTA have had a good start to the year, we held a crazy hair day which raised £60, a book sale for World Book Day which raised £30 . At the beginning of March, we held a Chocolate Bingo event at the school which raised £900 and last week we did an Easter egg hunt around the village which raised £650. The PTA team also tidied up the school playground and the front of the school, we planted some spring flowers which we hope the villagers like to see when they are walking by. Next term the children will be decorating stones to place around the school information board. We hope they make you smile. The funds we have raised so far will be going towards replacing the school library and helping to fund coach trips for the children's educational days out. We have many more exciting events planned, including another Summer Fair as last years was enjoyed so much by the children and local community. More information about the Summer fair will be available soon. On behalf of all the children at Sale & Davys Primary school may we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the PTA.

APM 12 /2023 Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are continuing with their programme to help modernise and update the hall. We have installed new taps in the disabled toilet, which are 'disability friendly'. We are currently in the process of installing a red 'emergency pull cord' system in the disabled toilet area. We have replaced the very old paper towel holders, with new paper 'roll' holders, which are much easier to use. Last year we arranged for the foliage/tree overhang coverage located at the front of the hall to be cut back, and new fencing has been installed in the frontage area. All the fencing panels have been painted to help protect the wood and improve the look of the outside area aesthetically.

Like everyone, electricity and gas costs for the hall have risen sharply. We are hoping to gain a grant for installation of solar panels, which will help with our electricity payments. We have also requested fitment of a 'hive smart thermostat' which will work with the heating system. This will hopefully save on gas heating bills and provide us with greater control over the heating usage.

The hall continues to be a key focus for our village. Our regular clients range from daily use by our Village Playgroup, Kit fit classes, Choir practices, Womens Institute meetings, Parish Council meetings, Church group meetings, and many requests for children's parties.

As we are keen to help keep prices steady with the cost of living constantly rising, our charges have not changed over several years, and we feel the costs to hire our hall remains very good value:

£6.00p per hour for people who live in the village

£8.00p per hour for non-parishioners

£10.00p per hour for business users

Our financial position remains stable, helped in part by various grants received during the epidemic.

Our AGM was held in October 2023, unfortunately this was not too well attended, however elections took place for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer: results as listed below.

CHAIR MRS JENNIFER QUIBELL

VICE CHAIR MRS JENNIFER THOMAS

SECRETARY MRS COLLEEN MARCH

TREASURER MRS JULIA STOTT

2023 MEETING DATES ARE TO BE HELD: MONDAY 17TH APRIL, MONDAY 10TH JULY, MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER – AGM. All meetings are held in the Village Hall 7pm start.

Finally, we would like to confirm that any future local or general elections will no longer be held in the hall. Southern Derbyshire Council have visited St. Wilfrid's Church and confirmed it is 'fit for purpose' to facilitate any future election days held in the Village. This decision has been taken in part to reduce the disruption for Playgroup and other regular evening users of the hall. Any questions or concerns relating to the Village Hall facility, please contact any member of the Committee.

APM 13/2023 Brookfield Club Report for Parish Council AGM 4th April 2023

Here are a few things we've done over the past year. In no particular order:-

- * A very different World Cup in the run up to Christmas
- * Afternoon Tea for the older residents of the village in place of the usual luncheon which had been cancelled due to Covid
- * Queens Jubilee Street Party
- * Excellent Christmas Period with the biggest prize draw to date
- * Monthly Live bands
- * Quiz Night more popular than ever, people arriving an hour earlier to ensure a seat
- * Food continues to grow particularly Sunday lunch and our 2 for 1 on all Burgers on a Monday & Tuesday still doing well.

Last but not least, Michelle was recently interviewed by the Derby Telegraph and what a fantastic report that was published on The Derbyshire Live website and also printed in the Telegraph.

The meeting was closed at 6.50pm and followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7pm