

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 5 December 2023.
HELD AT BARROW UPON TRENT VILLAGE HALL, TWYFORD ROAD,
BARROW UPON TRENT AT 7.00PM.**

Present

Cllr Blackmore (Chairman)
Cllr Kent-Chapman
Clerk Alison Hicklin (Clerk)
Cllr Vaughn
Cllr D Thomas
Cllr Harpur
Cllr Collett

Members of the Public 6

Public Participation

A member of the public reported that they had engaged with the company proposing the battery storage site and informed them of local issues they would come across if that site was chosen. The noise levels were enquired about, and they were quoted to be 60-90 decibels permanently. Another Parishioner informed the meeting he had visited the site and it was sitting very wet. A Parishioner had received a reply from Heather Wheeler MP saying that she could not help fight the rejection of the proposed battery storage depot but to speak to Councillors at SDDC planning department.

Dist. Cllr Peter Watson Apologies sent.

County Cllr Neil Atkin Not present

Dist. Cllr Dan Corbin Informed the meeting that there is currently a proposal to abolish S136 funding after 24/25 budget. He suggested the PC keep a close eye on this and fight to keep the concurrent functions.

Cllr Corbin had also spoken to the MP regarding Inova (battery Storage company) could they go down the compulsory purchase route with Willington PowerStation as this would be a much better location for their 27acres site.

Cllr Corbin had met with Steffan Saunders and discussed the IGV he confirmed, as yet none of the homes have been built. There were no updates on Deepdale Lane or Arleston Lane becoming a Greenway but there is a possibility of creating a Bus Gate meaning any unauthorised traffic would receive a fine.

201/2023 Declaration of Members Interests

None

202/2023 Confirmation of the Non-Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

203/2023 Items on Part 1 of the agenda to be taken with the public excluded.

None

204/2023 The Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked everyone who had attended the Remembrance Day Parade and the Inova battery storage consultation event. The Chairman also thanked Parishioners who had taken the time to attend the consultation event and comment on the proposals.

The Chairman had nothing further to report that would not come up later in the meeting.

205/2023 Clerks Report the Clerk reported that she had processed all paperwork and dealt with all enquiries. Various issues had been reported to the relevant authorities. Despite the awful weather the Remembrance Day parade was well supported. The Clerk has had ongoing discussions with Severn Trent regarding the Drains at the back of the cottages and currently waiting on an engineer to visit possibly to install a non-return valve. A payment of £95 has been credited to the account an apology for the sewer failure at No 12, the Clerk has pointed out that No's 2, 4 6 8 & 10 were also affected.

The Parish News was done by Melbourne Print and was delivered to most homes before the end of November. Thank you to all groups who sent contributions.

Thank you to Cllr. Vaughn for sorting out the Problem with the Footpath for a resident.

The Clerk has liaised with Springthorpes regarding upcoming Internment on 8/12/2023.

206/2023 Reports from representatives on Outside bodies

The Clerk & Cllr Kent-Chapman attended the Flood Liaison Meeting, questions had been forwarded but sadly Severn Trent didn't turn up. All PC's gave reports on their experience of the recent storm.

207/2023 Future Meetings

NONE

208/2023 Planning Applications and Decisions

Prior Notification for the demolition of the remainder of the Ashlea Farm farmhouse and all associated barns and other outbuildings not already permitted by planning permission county ref: CD9/0319/110 at Ashlea Farm Sinfin Lane, Barrow on Trent, Derby, DE73 7LJ

The above application has been received.

The application may be viewed on our website at

<https://planning.southderbyshire.gov.uk/dmapps.aspx/?ref=DMPN/2023/1461>.

The PC requested clarification for the route demolition traffic will take to access this site?

209/2023 Correspondence

Information Only

1	SLCC & NL information
2	Notification of Camera Funding
3	Community News From DCC
4	EMA Jobs Fair
5	Canal Bridge Repairs

Requiring Action

A	Allotment enquiry
B	Severn Trent reply to flooding
C	Battery Storage Communications
D	Cllr Atkin Grants Available
E	Play Mobile availability Summer 2024
F	Steffan Saunders re Infinity Garden Village
G	Storm Babet Flooding help & Grants

A. The allotment application was approved.

B. The Clerk was dealing the Severn Trent and following up on recent flooding issues.

- C. Communications were on going regarding the proposed site for the battery storage.
- D. Everyone was asked to think about how this money could be spent.
- E. It was resolved not to book the playmobile as it was never well attended.
- F. The planning dept at SDDC have offered to come to the Jan or Feb meeting to answer questions regarding the IGV development.
- G. The information regarding help and funding had been circulated.

210/2023 Finance

Invoices for Payment

A) See attached sheet

* - Where there is more than one entry to a payee, all invoices will be paid on one cheque. It was agreed that all invoices were correct, and it was resolved to pay them.

B) Income Received

Income received.

a) December Rent	£3150
b) Interest	£98.34
TOTAL	£3248.34

211/2023 Parish News

The December edition had gone out on time and been done by Melbourne Print.

212/2023 Risk Assessment & Recent Flooding Report

This had been done by Cllr Harpur

He reported that there was evidence of Moles in the Cemetery, probably due to the very wet weather. More Graffiti has appeared on the Bus Shelter. Canal Bridge 16 is showing more signs of damage. There is a drain on Church Lane that may need unblocking as its currently bubbling. This will be monitored.

The following will do the inspections in the respective months.

December Cllr Collette

January Cllr Kent-Chapman

February Cllr Thomas

March Cllr Vaughn

April Cllr Harpur

May Cllr Collette

213/2023 Greenacres & Green Lane.

Nothing to report.

214/2023 Susie Dixon Park & Village Hall Carpark.

The Potholes in the entrance had been fixed but a more permanent form of repair will be required once the weather conditions improve. The Sandbags have been put at the container ready for future use.

215/2023 Allotments

The Fence has now been repaired, it was proposed to write to all tenants and ask them not to put anything against the fence to prevent it from rotting.

216/2023 Cemetery

Apart from the Mole everything is OK

217/2023 Parish Cottages

The Clerk has been speaking to Severn Trent regarding installing a non-return valve on the drain. An engineer should be in touch soon.

218/2023 Infinity Garden Village & Parish Boundary.

The Clerk wrote to the head of planning at SDDC to request an update on IGV and clarity on the proposed Greenways.

219/2023 Parish Matters

- a) **Arleston & Merrybower** Funding for the CCTV camera to go on Arleston Lane has been received and sent straight to SDDC.
- b) **Remembrance Day.** The Chairman laid a wreath on Remembrance Day. Following the service at the church and procession to the War Memorial despite the weather the event was well attended.
- c) **Christmas Lights** Thanks to Miles Burton and Harrison Flinn for putting the lights up and Cllr Kent-Chapman for organising this. The evening was a great success even if a bit wet.
- d) **Community Award.** This was discussed and the Clerk will put together some information to go in the December Parish News. With Applications due in January/February ready for judging and presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.
- e) **Proposed Battery Storage at Stenson.**
A letter will be composed by the Councillors and forwarded to Innova pointing out everyone's comments .

All councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they have anything they wish to add to the next month's Agenda.

220/2023 Date and time of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7p.m. to be held at the Village Hall

The Chairman closed the formal part of the meeting and opened the floor for a period of not more than five minutes per person to enable members of the public and Members of the Council to Comment on any matter that has been discussed by the Council in the Non Exempt Section of the meeting today.

It was RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Non Exempt section of the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:
Chairman/Vice Chairman
Date: 9th January 2024

PART TWO - EXEMPT ITEMS

221/2023 Cottages
There were no items.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Exempt section of the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Invoices paid before or at before 5th December 2023 Meeting

	Name	Description	Total	Vat	Nett
1	Melbourne Print	December Parish News	462.00	£48.00	£444.00
2	John Guiliding	Work to No 14 gutter	£60.00		
3	Kevin Stokes	Parish Lengthsman	£211.20		
4	Alison Hicklin	Clerks salary inc Back pay to April 2023	£1740.02		
5	Alison Hicklin	Clerks expenses for Sack Trolley, Christmas lights, items for light switch on. Allotment keys	£223.43		
6	Turfworks Groundcare	Fence at Allotment, Bushes at Cemetery clearing of leaves etc	3471.27	578.54	2982.54
7	Village Hall	Room Hire July-October	33.00		
8	Brookfield	Light Switch on Refreshments	120.00	20.00	100.00
9	C Johnson	Work to V Hall Car Park	300.00	50.00	250.00
		Total	£6620.92		