

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th February 2024.
HELD AT BARROW UPON TRENT VILLAGE HALL, TWYFORD ROAD,
BARROW UPON TRENT AT 7.00PM.**

Present

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

Members of the Public 2

The Chairman opened the meeting by sending get well wishes to King Charles III

Public Participation

The Parish Lengthsman reported rubbish in the layby on the A5132. He also requested that we acquire a couple of extra police cones for Remembrance Day so we can block off the area properly. Questions were raised over the litter picking on Sinfin Lane.

A resident commented that he had been reporting every pothole he came across.

County Cllr Neil Atkin Commented that he had written to Cllr Dale supporting our request for a safe walk to school assessment relating to the school Bus provision. The budget is being discussed at county in the coming days and all were urged to read the papers. The Local Government Boundary commission have informed DCC of how they feel the boundaries should be realigned in order to cope with the increase in populations in the coming years. A New ward is being proposed for Etwall. The Members community levy is still available £1800 all councillors to think of how this could be spent. Canal bridge 16 has been extensively damaged. There are currently 25 gangs working on repairing Potholes. Cllr Atkin thanked everyone for their attendance at the Area Forum meeting and asked for Agenda Items for the May meeting.

Dist. Cllr Dan Corbin

Cllr Corbin said he fully supported all requests regarding the School Bus and had also written to Cllr Dale.

Cllr Corbin also circulated information about the warmer homes grant.

Dist. Cllr Peter Watson

Cllr Watson re-enforced his support for the School Bus requests.

He was also pleased to hear that Severn Trent had been carrying out works in the Parish.

22/2024 Declaration of Members Interests

None

Apologies

None

23/2024 Confirmation of the Non-Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2023 had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

24/2024 Items on Part 1 of the agenda to be taken with the public excluded.

None

25/2024 The Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their help and contributions over the last month especially over the recent issues at the Community Park.

26/2024 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. January has proved to be a very busy month, dealing with the insurance company over the water ingress at no 2, it was decided not to continue with this due to the high excess. Quotes have been obtained for a replacement floor and this is scheduled for early March. A tree had blown down at the community park this has resulted in a question over where the boundary is and who owns the Tree. The neighbouring landowners are working with the PC to establish a correct boundary. Temporary work has taken place to make it safe. Thank you to Cllr Kent-Chapman & Cllr Balckmore for coming to the park to try and sort this out. Hazard tape and do not climb signs have been put up near the tree. Problems with water leaks and Sewer pipes have been identified in the village near the cottages and Severn Trent are working on these. Footpath issues have been raised once again; the clerk spoke to the footpaths officer. The battery has been replaced in the Defibrillator. Black plastic has been purchased for the cottage back doors in case its required there are 10 individual packs in the Parish shed. The pest control had been asked to attend the Cemetery as the mole had become very active again.

27/2024 Reports from representatives on Outside bodies

Cllr Collett, Cllr Blackmore and the Clerk all attended the recent safer neighbourhoods meeting, where discussions took place over the proposed budget for SDDC, the Chief Executive Justin Ives was answering. He assured all Parishes that the withdrawal of the S136 money is up for review and no decision has been made yet. The police reported on local crime and asked if anyone has any problems please get in touch. They also stressed how important it is to report all crimes.

28/2024 Future Meetings

None

29/2024 Planning Applications and Decision

None

30/2024 Correspondence

Information Only

1	SLCC & NL information
2	Taylor Day Tree work date updates
3	Communication re footpaths in the Parish
4	Insurance company re assessment of No2
5	Cuttlefish Media re website hosting
6	Parish News electronic request
7	Community News DCC
8	Various communications re the cottage windows
9	Chris Smith security updates
10	Chris Smith Flooding Update
11	Elisabeth Page re fencing of a boundary

Requiring Action

A	Quotes for flooring in No2
B	Alex Dale Chellaston School Bus Service
C	Communication re boundary & storm damage at community park
D	Quote for joinery work at the cottages

E	Communication re Planning team attending PC meeting
F	Various reports of potholes & water leaks
G	Complaint about Footpaths & Overgrown property shrubs

- A. These had been dealt with by the Clerk.**
- B. The Clerk will reply to Cllr Dale and include everyone's comments.**
- C. The Clerk and Cllr Kent-Chapman are dealing with this.**
- D. A quote of £1166 had been received for joinery work to the cottages. The Clerk will organise for this to be done.**
- E. The Planning team will be attending the April PC meeting.**
- F. These had all been reported.**
- G. The Clerk has requested that all Councillors report to her any overgrown shrubs and a Polite letter will be sent to the homeowner asking them to cut back the shrubs.**

31/2024 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) February Rent	£3500.00
b) Interest	£108.43
TOTAL	£3608.43

32/2024 Parish News

Cllr Vaughn offered to try and put a small edition together. The next big edition will be April.

33/2024 Risk Assessment & Recent Flooding Report This had been done by Cllr Kent-Chapman

Play equipment and field dirty after the recent flooding. Fencing in poor repair on edge of community park. Gate at the pinfold still in need of repair.

The emergency sign in the kiosk was missing so this has been replaced.

The Parish Lengthsman was asked if he could clean any dirty road signs he came across as long as it was safe to do so.

The following will do the inspections in the respective months.

February Cllr Thomas

March Cllr Vaughn

April Cllr Harpur

May Cllr Collette

Cllr Thomas has offered to check the defibrillator regularly and report to Webnos.

34/2024 Greenacres & Green Lane.

Nothing to report.

35/2024 Susie Dixon Park & Village Hall Carpark.

Due to recent issues with a tree on the Boundary a Land agent will be marking out the boundary in agreement with the neighbours and this will then be submitted to the Land Registry in the form of a Determined Boundary Application.

36/2024 Allotments

All Ok

37/2024 Cemetery

The mole had been quite active but hopefully not for much longer.
All Christmas items to be removed at end of January.

38/2024 Parish Cottages

The roof on No 6's shed had been fixed, leaking gutters had been attended to and Severn Trent have relined the sewer pipe to the rear of the cottages.

39/2024 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. They will hopefully attend the April meeting.

40/2024 Parish Matters

a) Arlestone & Merrybower

Nothing to report.

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

41/2024 Date and time of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 5th March 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: 5th March 2024

PART TWO - EXEMPT ITEMS

42/2024 Cottages

Nothing to report

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 February Meeting

	Name	Description	Total	Vat
1	SDDC	Green Sacks from March 2023	230.00	
2	MPS Accountancy	Prep of clerk & Parish Lengthsman wages & NI	240.00	40.00
3	The Defib Store	New Defib Battery	330.00	55.00
4	Turfworks	Tree work in Community Park	1368.00	228.00
5	Kevin Stokes	Parish Lengthsman	308.00	
6	Alison Hicklin	Parish Clerk	1398.93	
7	SLCC	Annual Fee	144.00	
8	Amazon, reimburse to Clerk	Black plastic, hazard tape, don't climb signs	78.03	13.03
9	Charlotte Wilson	Reimbursement for Christmas lights	40.00	
		Total	£4136.96	£336.03