

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th March 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 4

Public Participation, The Parish Lengthsman informed the meeting the fire prevention poster at the community park was damaged Cllr Thomas offered to fix it. There is still a large amount of rubbish in the layby on the A5132. This will be reported, and everyone was reminded about the love clean streets app.

A resident from Arlestone informed the meeting about a recent community litter pick by 10 people who managed to collect 50 sacks of rubbish. The residents from Arlestone and surrounding properties wished to express their thanks to the Clean Team, Waste & Cleansing, and all the people from SDDC who come and help with the fly tipping, anti-social behaviour and rubbish. The Clerk will write to SDDC on their behalf expressing thanks.

County Cllr Neil Atkin Apologies received.

Dist. Cllr Dan Corbin reported that he had received a reply to his letter sent to the Chief Exec of Severn Trent regarding recent flooding in the Aston Ward and asked the Clerk to send details of problems in Barrow to be forwarded to him for assistance. Cllr Corbin reported that the SDDC Budget had now been set with a rise of 2.99%. S136 will be frozen for this year but will be reviewed for next. Councillors asked if more could be done to get the awful potholes repaired in the Parish.

Dist. Cllr Peter Watson Apologies received.

43/2024 Declaration of Members Interests

None

Apologies

None

44/2024 Confirmation of the Non-Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

45/2024 Items on Part 1 of the agenda to be taken with the public excluded.

None

46/2024 The Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she and the Vice Chairman had carried out the Clerks appraisal earlier to day.

47/2024 Clerks Report the Clerk reported that she had processed all paperwork and dealt with all enquiries. During the past month, the defibrillator battery has been replaced. Sadly due to flooding the meeting at the community park to review the boundary had to be cancelled. This will be rescheduled in the near future.

There is a burial in the Cemetery on Thursday, help is needed tomorrow to mark out grave. All paperwork completed and transfer of ownership completed with funeral directors invoiced. A form has been received from the valuation office regarding the cemetery asking for quite a lot of information, this will be completed in due course.

Application for the replacement of the cottage windows is making progress.

The new floor has been chosen for No 2 and the old floor is being removed on Friday with the new one being fitted on the 15th. A tile has been replaced on No 16a,

48/2024 Reports from representatives on Outside bodies

None

49/2024 Future Meetings

Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 16 April 2024 Matlock, the Clerk, Vice Chairman & possibly Cllr Collett will attend.

50/2024 Planning Applications and Decision

None

51/2024 Correspondence

Information Only

1	SLCC & NL information
2	Abbey Glass correspondence
3	Copy of letter from Dan Corbin to Seven Trent
4	Cllr Atkin apologies & Info re canal bridge damage
5	Amendments from SDDC re chairman details
6	Tree Work Delay

Requiring Action

A	Fisher German Agreement
B	Letter from planning dept confining cottage ownership
C	Cllr Atkin Highway request
D	Notification of Burial 7/3/2024 Mrs Joan Simpson
E	Parish Town Liaison Meeting notification

- A. The Clerk has this in hand.**
- B. The Clerk had replied.**
- C. This had been forwarded to all councillors for comment.**
- D. The paperwork had been completed.**
- E. The Clerk will attend.**

52/2024 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) March Rent	£3500
b) Interest	£95.41
TOTAL	£3595.41

C. Clerks Appraisal

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had carried out the Clerks Appraisal prior to the meeting and told the Clerk they were happy with everything, that the Clerk was supportive and good at distributing the correct information to Councillors and parishioners alike. They recommended to the meeting the Clerk be raised to spinal pay point 31. All were in favour of this increase.

53/2024 Parish News

The next edition will be for April onwards and it is hoped to get it distributed W/C 25th March. Cllr Vaughn & Cllr Kent-Chapman have offered to do an article on the recent flooding. The New Year Lunch Date & general updates

54/2024 Risk Assessment & Recent Flooding Report

This had been done by Cllr Thomas who reported the black bin at the Cemetery to be damaged. Greenacres still very wet and muddy, some signs around the village are showing signs of old age. Defib all ok, play equipment muddy from the flood but still wet at park. Slabs near pond dipping loose.

March Cllr Vaughn
April Cllr Harpur
May Cllr Collette

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

55/2024 Greenacres & Green Lane.

Nothing to report.

56/2024 Susie Dixon Park & Village Hall Carpark.

The Clerk will arrange the meeting re the boundary as soon as the weather improves.

57/2024 Allotments

Some of the Allotment holders have positioned their compost heaps very near the new fence the Clerk will write and ask them not to go near the new fence.

58/2024 Cemetery

There is a burial on Thursday of this week, the Clerk will mark out the plot. A request had been received for a future burial of Ashes in a plot already containing a relative's ashes, the Clerk will ask the sexton where the first set are in order to ascertain if there is room.

59/2024 Parish Cottages

Currently there are sandbags being stored in the Parish Shed which is not ideal, it was proposed to purchase a plastic shed to go at the back of the cottages to house the sandbags. The Clerk will look into this. On opening the packaging the pump that had been purchased was found to be broken, the Clerk will return this and purchase a new one.

60/2024 Infinity Garden Village & Parish Boundary.

Questions to be submitted to SDDC prior to their attendance at our April Meeting.

61/2024 Parish Matters

a) Arleston & Merrybower

Nothing more to report.

b) Excellence in the community award.

A nomination had been received and it was proposed to present the Award at the New Year Lunch not as originally planned at the Annual Parish Meeting.

c) Annual Meeting of the Parish format

It was resolved to serve Coffee, Tea and cold drinks along with Cake available to all at the start of the meeting. The Clerk will organise this.

d) To discuss signs for the village potentially using the money from Cllr Neil Atkin to pay for them.

It was resolved to purchase a new sign for the Village Car Park, two sided so it can be viewed from both directions. Also a directional arrow to be placed at the junction with Chapple Lane & Brookfield. Also being looked into is a new sign for the Twyford end of the village.

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

62/2024 Date and time of the next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 9th April following the Annual Meeting of the Parish to be held at 6.30pm 2024 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 8.25pm.

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Date: 9th April 2024

PART TWO - EXEMPT ITEMS

63/2024 Cottages

Nothing to report

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Exempt section of the meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

**Invoices paid before or at before 5th March
Meeting**

	Name	Description	Total	Vat	Nett
1	Heath Pest Control	Cemetery pest control	144.00	24.00	120.00
2	SDDC	Bin emptying for the year	793.10	132.18	660.92
3	Water Plus	Cemetery water rates	99.77		
4	Village Hall	Room Hire for Meetings	40.50		
5	Alison Hicklin	Parish Clerk	1168.24		
6	Mr Kevin Stokes	Parish Lengthsman	211.20		
7	Astra Carpets	New floor no2	684.56		
		Total	£2646.81	£156.18	