

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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**

The Parish Lengthsman requested that the boundary bushes and Trees in the Cemetery be trimmed. He Also informed the meeting he will put out cones at the War Memorial ready for the Service on Sunday.

A member of the Public raised the subject of the School Bus to Chellaston Academy and associated costs. Cllr Harpur commented that he had recently raised the concerns with DCC after comments at a previous meeting. The Clerk will write to DCC and ask for the route to be treated similarly to one to the John Port School, which has been deemed unsuitable for walking and now is serviced with a free school Bus. The last safe walk was done in 2012 and things have changed considerably since then.

The recent flooding was mentioned and that there need to be a deputy flood warden to co-ordinate help and assist Arran Nash. SDDC were called by the Clerk and there was an amazing response from them. Thanks have been sent.

Residents spoke about the recent information received about a proposed Battery Storage unit in Stenson (27 acres). Grave concerns were raised, flooding, impact of roads, risk of explosion and the location when there is a derelict Power station in Willington that would be far more suitable. Everyone was urged to attend the Consultation event on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Residents raised questions relating to Infinity Garden Village and its proposed development, infrastructure, and proposed change of use for Deepdale Lane & Arleston Lane into a Greenway. None of the District Councillors were able to answer any of these questions but Cllr Corbin offered to do some research.

A resident raised concerns over the Joint Authority and the Election of a Mayor for Derby, Leics & Notts.

**Dist. Cllr Peter Watson** requested that in future could he have all questions forwarding to him before the meeting, so he has time to research and get answers.

Due to the lack of information available regarding IFG, it was suggested that we invite the Head of Planning, Steffan Saunders, to the December Meeting.

**County Cllr Neil Atkin** Cllr Atkin apologised for his recent absence; he is back full time now. Cllr Atkin mentioned the forthcoming consultation event at Stenson relating to the Battery storage and urged everyone to attend to get further information.

The new secondary School planned for Infinity Park Way has a planned opening of 2027. There are no updates regarding any new Medical Facilities for the IGV.

It is planned to revisit options to save Swarkestone Causeway and provide an alternative route.

**Dist. Cllr Dan Corbin** Commented that contractors have been back out to look at the church wall.

A site survey is being carried out next week regarding the proposed phone mast in Aston on Trent. There are no updates regarding the community governance review.

### **181/2023 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

**182/2023 Confirmation of the Non-Exempt Minutes of the last Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2023** had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **183/2023 Items on Part 1 of the agenda to be taken with the public excluded.**

None

### **184/2023 The Chairman's Report**

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

**185/2023 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. Phone calls had been received regarding flooding in the village and these have been raised with Severn Trent and South Derbyshire DC. The Clerk would like to personally acknowledge everyone who helped during the recent flooding and potential ingress into the cottages. Tim Summers and his team from SDDC were amazing. The sandbags are now at the Community Park for next time with another 25 having been delivered to Church Lane. The Clerk called a Drain Unblock Team, but they reported, as suspected that it was the main drains being backed up that was causing the issue. Severn Trent have been out and looked at the drains and have escalated this issue as it's a problem with the pumping station. The Clerk has written again requesting a visit to investigate installing non return valves and lockable manhole covers.

A meeting has been held with SDDC Conservation Officer & the Planning Officer regarding the replacement cottage windows, more possibilities are being investigated including the reinstatement of the original Georgian style window.

### **186/2023 Reports from representatives on Outside bodies**

Various members of the PC had attended the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting and raised a few comments regarding mowing in the parish and funding for cameras to help combat anti-social behaviour on Arleston Lane.

### **187/2023 Future Meetings**

The next **EMA Parish Engagement Forum** will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11.00-13.00.**

Via Teams

**Flood Liaison** via Teams Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 10-12pm

### **188/2023 Planning Applications and Decisions**

**Works to trees in a Conservation Area at The Cottage, Manor Croft, Swarkestone Road, Barrow-on-Trent, Derby, DE73 7HF**

The above application has been received.

The application may be viewed on our website at

<https://planning.southderbyshire.gov.uk/dmapps.aspx/?ref=DMOT/2023/1283>.

The above application was discussed and there were no comments forwarded.

## 189/2023 Correspondence

### Information Only

1	SLCC & NL information
2	Community Grant Scheme Info from Cllr Corbin
3	Letter re Battery Storage information event

### Requiring Action

1	Play Inspection Report
2	Tree Report & Quote for works
3	SDDC Flood Liaison Meeting Invite
4	EMA Airport liaison Group meeting Invite
5	Letter from resident regarding flooding on A5132
6	Letter from Resident regarding recent flooding
7	Letter from resident re Batter Storage proposed site
8	Clerks National Pay Awards for 2023-2024

## 190/2023 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) November Rent	£3850.00
b) Interest	£104.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3854.76</b>

### C) 6 months financial report & Date to discuss the budget 2024-2025

The Clerk had previously circulated an up to date financial position (see attached). This was discussed and everyone was happy with the current financial position.

The budget for 2024/2025 is due to be set and Cllrs Vaughn, Kent-Chapman and Blackmore have offered to attend the meeting.

## 190/2023 Parish News

The December edition is coming together, and it will be distributed before the end of the month. All regular contributors have been asked for their inclusions.

### 191/2023 Risk Assessment & Recent Flooding Report

Done by Cllr Vaughn who reported the following:

1. Footpaths: All paths clear, all styles in order, no overgrowth.
2. Cemetery: Graves all solid, no other risks observed.
3. Defibrillator: All in order, pads in date, battery still showing 60%!
4. War Memorial: No issues found.
5. Community Park: Uneven slabs overlooking pond meaning trip hazard. Large equipment and goal post sharp edges need addressing as reported before.
6. Green acres: Signage needed (action on KV/ DT to advise). 'Powerhouse' door still broken.

7. Dog poo bin at Chaple Lane loose and leaning.

The Clerk noted all of these and will action the works required.

The following will do the inspections in the respective months.

November Cllr Harpur

December Cllr Collette

January Cllr Kent-Chapman

February Cllr Thomas

March Cllr Vaughn

April Cllr Harpur

May Cllr Collette

The Recent flooding had seen SDDC helping with the supply of Sandbags and help to the Parish, a letter of thanks has been sent to Tim Summers and his team. The road in front of the cottages was closed for about 12 hours to stop the flood water washing up into the front doors. The front of the cottages was suffering from flood water coming up through the ground and manholes, thankfully it did not get into any of the properties. Severn Trent have been informed of the problem and are due to visit. It was suggested that a Sack Trolley be purchased to help with any future moves of sandbags, this was approved by all. The Clerk will purchase something suitable. The sandbags have been removed from the cottages and placed at the community park for future use.

**192/2023 Greenacres & Green Lane.**

Nothing to report.

**193/2023 Susie Dixon Park & Village Hall Carpark.**

The contractor has indicated he will be doing the required works to the potholes on Tuesday so the Clerk has informed all user groups that the Car Park will be closed for the day and put signs up.

**194/2023 Allotments**

All Ok. Still awaiting the fence to be repaired.

**195/2023 Cemetery**

The Clerk will arrange for the bushes around the edges to be trimmed.

**196/2023 Parish Cottages**

During the recent flood tenants rallied round and helped each other to fit flood shields etc. The Clerk has messaged them reminding them all that as the water was high, please try not to use washing machines etc and keep an eye on showers and toilet that will start to fail as the water gets higher.

**197/2023 Infinity Garden Village & Parish Boundary.**

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

**198/2023 Parish Matters**

**a) Arleston & Merrybower** Nothing to discuss that hadn't already been covered. Only to say the Clerk is awaiting the funding for the CCTV camera to go on Arleston Lane.

**b) Remembrance Day.** The Chairman will lay it on Remembrance Day. 10.30 at the Church and 10.45 at the Cross.

- c) **Christmas Lights** the Brookfield are happy for this to go ahead and will provide refreshments. The Clerk will purchase the lights for the Tree and sweets for the children on the night.
- 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.

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

**199/2023 Date and time of the next meeting**

**The next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**PART TWO - EXEMPT ITEMS**

**200/2023 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Meeting**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Nett</b>
<b>1</b>	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	28.98	4.00	
<b>2</b>	Taylor Day Tree services	Insurance inspection report on Trees	828.00	138.00	
<b>3</b>	Alison Hicklin	Clerks salary & expenses	1187.71		
<b>4</b>	A Hydes	Grounds Maintenance	733.20	122.20	
<b>5</b>	Curry's (payable to Clerk)	Laptop for Chairman	399.00	65.50	
<b>6</b>	Kevin Stokes	Lengthsmans salary	149.60		
<b>7</b>					
<b>8</b>		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£3326.49</b>	<b>£330.70</b>	