

# Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October 2019 at 7:00pm  
in Plungar Village Hall

Present: Councillors Lowther (In the Chair), Smith, Evans, Grant and Greaves.

Councillor Evans advised that a Representative from Belvoir Estates would be attending the meeting

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 2

Members of the public: 2

- Ref: Subject:
- 094/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor Parry.
- 095/19 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 096/19 Declarations of Interest – There were none.
- 097/19 Residents Questions – Information was presented to the Parish Council relating to the remaining bridleway section, Bridleway 18, that needs to be completed within Leicestershire. The Parish Council was advised that site would be visited by someone from the Leicestershire & Rutland Bridleway Association. **ACTION: Clerk to write to LRBA to find out if the site visit has taken place.**
- 098/19 Update from Borough and County Councillors – Councillor Evans was in attendance. Councillor Steadman advised that training was being offer on Neighbourhood Plans. Some parishes were coming forward who had started their plans 2/3 years ago; she explained that there was a high risk of flooding within the Parish and there were flood alerts on rivers in the Vale of Belvoir and villages needed to maintain their ditches and dykes. Stathern Parish Council had been asked by First Responders for a contribution.
- 099/19 Planning :  
Applications received for consideration:  
(a) 19/01083/TCA – The Dozen, 5 Bakers Lane, Redmile – the Parish Council did not object  
(b) 19/01094/GDO – Hill Farm, 7 Jericho Lane, Barkestone – the Parish Council did not object  
Applications approved:  
(a) 19/00999/TCA – The Rectory, 2 Church Lane, Redmile  
(b) 19/01000/TCA – Chimney Pots, 43 Main Street, Redmile  
(c) 19/00836/TCA – Redmile House, 29 Main Street, Redmile
- 100/19 Footpath Warden Update – Trevor Swinswood had provided the Parish Council with a report. It was proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Grant that the Clerk send the report to Leicestershire County Council. Councillors thanked Trevor for his efforts.  
**ACTION: Clerk to send report to LCC.**  
In addition to Trevor’s report, the subject of Picnic Benches for Barkestone was raised by him. The Parish Council understands that no planning permission is required for these. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look at obtaining quotes. **ACTION: Councillor Smith to look into this.**
- 101/19 Barkestone-Le-Vale Notice board – This was deferred to the next meeting. The Parish Council is still awaiting written approval from the Village Hall Trust in relation to the siting of the notice board.  
**ACTION: Councillor Parry to get written approval. An oral agreement has already been given.**
- 102/19 ACV Listings:  
(a) The Anchor Pub, Plungar – Councillor Grant advised that both the landlord and the owner were committed to this. The necessary paperwork will need to be completed  
(b) The Windmill, Redmile – Parish Councillors agreed to research this ACV
- 103/19 Redmile Play Park  
(a) Donation from Redmile School – the Parish Council has been advised that the monies raised at Redmile CE Primary School’s summer fete will be donated towards the Play Park. The Clerk has written to the Bursar with the Parish Council’s account details, as requested.  
(b) Inspection Schedule – **ACTION: Councillors Lowther and Greaves agreed to devise new checklists for the playground equipment.**

- 104/19 Village Snow Wardens and Training – The Clerk advised that she had received a communication from MBC advising that training was available for anyone who wished to volunteer as a Snow Warden. The Parish Council understood that 2 persons were wardens for Barkestone. It was agreed, through Neighbourhood Watch and Village Facebook pages, to ask if anyone was interested in the role.
- 105/19 Community Speedwatch 2020 – The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was registered in the Scheme for 2020 although it would be some time in the New Year before the Parish Council heard what dates had been allocated to the Parish. It was identified by Councillors that problematic areas in relation to speeding vehicles were:
- (a) Main Street/Belvoir Road, Redmile
  - (b) Granby Lane, Plungar
  - (c) New Causeway and Chapel Street, Barkestone
- 106/19 Financial:
- (a) Current account balance at 30.09.2019 - £10,785.02; Deposit Account balance - £17,746.32
  - (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
  - (c) Payments required for October 2019: Michele Jones - £486.20 – October salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; E-on- £28.16 – Streetlight Repair – Bakers Lane, Redmile; Community Heartbeat – £54.00 – Adult Pads, Barkestone; PFK Littlejohn - £240.00 - External Auditors Fee;
  - (d) Direct Debit: E-on - £118.50 – Street Lighting (September)
- 107/19 Councillors' Reports:  
Councillor Smith advised that the base for the flag pole would be in place tomorrow, 18<sup>th</sup> October, ready for the flag to go up, as agreed. In addition, he advised that he would look into what was required to change the street lights in the villages from all night photocells to part night photocells.

Councillor Grant advised on a number of Highways issues - **ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways**

Councillor Greaves advised on a number of Highways issues – **ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways**

Councillor Lowther suggested that flashing speed signs would be useful in Redmile. Secondly, he thought that road safety mirrors could be placed within the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council would need to enquire with regard to costs and restrictions in the use of these.

- 108/19 Clerk's Report:  
Information had been sent to Councillors in relation to an event at Langar Airfield on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Information had been received in relation to a Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November when Bus Route 24 will be discussed  
A new email address would be available for the Clerk to use which should ensure that all emails were sent and received successfully  
Previous Highways issues had been reported and acknowledged by Leicestershire County Council  
During the meeting, Councillor Evans welcomed Nick Turner from Belvoir Estates to the meeting. A number of issues were raised and Mr Turner agreed to take these back to Belvoir Estates for their attention. Both the Parish Council and Mr Turner agreed that it was important to establish a good dialogue between themselves to deal with any matters that might arise in the future.  
Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Plungar Village Hall