

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th July 2019 at
7:00pm
in Plungar Village Hall

Present: Councillors Lowther (In the Chair), Parry, Evans and Smith

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 1

Members of the public: 19

- Ref: Subject:
- 032/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor Grant. Apologies received from Melanie Steadman, Borough Councillor and Byron Rhodes, County Councillor
- 033/19 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 25th June 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 034/19 Declarations of Interest – There were none.
- 035/19 Residents Questions – The Parish Council was asked if they would be attending the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Thursday 25th July when application no. 19/00286/FUL – Land off Granby Lane, Plungar and application no. 19/00560/FUL – Fields OS2571 4565 and 3251 Barkestone Lane, Plungar would be discussed and a decision made. Councillor Evans advised that he had spoken with MBC and in all probability these applications would be refused. The Parish Council agreed that Councillor Smith will attend the meeting as the Parish Council's representative. Councillor Evans will attend the meeting as our Borough Councillor. The Parish Council recommended that it would be beneficial if a member(s) of the Parish spoke on these applications and if they wished to do so, they should register their interest with MBC. The Clerk advised that they needed to register at least 48 hours prior to the meeting taking place. The decisions made and the minutes from the planning meeting will be available on the MBC website.
- The Clerk advised that conversations between herself and MBC had taken place and that the hedgerow referred to in planning application no. 19/00649/Hedg would remain as it is shown on a map dated 1794 but the hedgerow referred to in planning application no. 19/00648/Hedg could be removed as it was not shown on a map pre. 1845. In the decision letter to the applicant MBC will advise that there was much opposition to the removal of these hedgerows. The decisions made and the letter to the applicant will be available on the MBC website.
- Concerns were expressed in relation to the noise and low flying of aircraft across Plungar. It was requested that the Clerk write to Rushcliffe Borough Council and the British Parachute School to ascertain the restrictions that were made when the flying school was set up. An additional request was made to invite the British Parachute School to our next meeting in order that we can express our concerns to them. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council and the British Parachute School**
- 036/19 Update from Borough and County Councillors – Councillor Evans was in attendance. There were no County Councillors in attendance.
- 037/19 Planning :
- Applications received for consideration:
- (a) 18/01230/FUL – 4 Main Street, Redmile, Nottingham – the Parish Council commented on this application. **ACTION: Clerk to write to MBC**
- (b) 19/00659/OUT – Former Army Camp, Main Road, Redmile – the Parish Council commented on this application. **ACTION: Clerk to write to MBC**
- Applications approved:
- (a) 18/01328/FULHH – Rose Cottage, 9 Fishpond Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale
- 038/19 Railway Line Between Plungar and Barkestone-Le-Vale – Martyn Brunt, Land Manager at Sustrans gave a presentation and explained how we could licence part of the railway line and manage the land on Sustrans behalf to be used as a community path. Martyn advised that he would forward to the Parish Council an example of a draft licence.
- 039/19 Barkestone-Le-Vale Notice board – Update and Next Steps. This was deferred to the next meeting as the siting of the notice board had yet to be decided. The Clerk was asked to get a number of quotes for discussion at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to obtain notice board quotes**

- 040/19 Picnic Benches on Fishpond Lane and The Green, Barkestone-Le Vale – This was deferred to the next meeting.
- 041/19 Village signs on approach to Barkestone-Le-Vale – Councillor Parry commented on the poor Condition of the village signs. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways to determine the rules and regulations on the replacement and moving of village approach furniture and speed restriction signs**
- 042/19 Builders Yard in Barkestone-Le-Vale – Condition - Councillor Parry commented on the untidiness of the yard although there was nothing in the planning permission to say that it had to be kept tidy. Councillor Evans agreed to speak with the owner with regard to keeping the hedges around the yard in a good condition.
- 043/19 Derelict Building Site in Chapel Street, Barkestone-Le- Vale – It was agreed that there was nothing we can do in relation to this.
- 044/19 Wildflower Verges – Update – Parishioners in Barkestone-Le-Vale have expressed an interest in planting wild flowers on the grass verges. MBC have advised that they are looking at areas within the borough that would be suitable and more information will follow in due course. Councillor Evans advised that he would speak with Alan Hewson at MBC for his thoughts on the situation.
- 045/19 ACV Listing – The Anchor Pub, Plungar – The landlord has agreed to an ACV – Asset of Community Value. Councillor Parry agreed to draft this.
- 046/19 Shepherds’ Huts, Plungar – Review of Planning Conditions – This was deferred to the next meeting.
- 047/19 Maintaining Plungar War Memorial – It was proposed by Councillor Parry and seconded by Councillor Lowther that the Parish Council, for this season, will pay for the maintenance of the war Memorial. This is a retrospective expenditure for 2019/2020. The Parish Council will advertise for a volunteer for next season.
- 048/19 Redmile Play Park – Inspection Schedule – This was deferred to the next meeting. Councillor Lowther advised that someone had stolen the ‘opening plaque’. Councillors agreed that another one should be purchased. This was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Evans.
- 049/19 Severn Trent Monies – No decision has yet been made on how to spend the monies in relation to the £500 compensation for each village. Councillor Evans suggested that a letter be sent to Severn Trent in relation to the E-coli scare that occurred on New Causeway and that a representative should be invited to attend the next meeting to explain what they are going to do about the inconvenience that was caused to residents. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Parry. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Severn Trent**
- 050/19 Footpath Warden – Update – Trevor Swinswood sent his apologies. The Clerk gave Councillor Evans, to pass to Trevor the definitive map of public rights of way for the villages which were dated 2013. **ACTION: Clerk to request from the Environment and Transport Department up-to-date maps**
- 051/19 Financial:
- (a) Current account balance at 30.06.2019 - £5,559.06; Deposit Account balance - £17,737.96
 - (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
 - (c) Payments required for July 2019: Michele Jones - £486.20 – July salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; Michele Jones - £300.00 – Working from home re-imburement; Sarah McClure - £49.97 – Play Park Opening Party; Franco’s Ices - £150.00 – Play Park Opening Party; Amanda Johnson - £172.67 – Play Park Opening Party; Councillor Ian Lowther – £67.80 – Play Park Opening Party; St Helen’s Church, Plungar - £150.00 – upkeep of church yard;
 - (d) Direct Debit: E-on - £118.50 – Street Lighting (July)
- 052/19 Councillors’ Reports:
There was nothing additional to report from Councillors
- 053/19 Clerk’s Report:
- (a) The Clerk advised that she had spoken with Barry Adams who had repaired the notice board in Plungar with a magnetic board.
 - (b) The Clerk had received a quote from 2commune for a new website. 2 commune provide a UKLC local council website format which is used by numerous Parish Councils within Leicestershire. It was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Parry that the Parish Council adopt this website format. **ACTION: Clerk to contact 2commune to find out the next steps in the process**

Mr Jim Greaves from Redmile, who had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council attended the meeting and decided that he would like to become a member. He will be formally co-opted onto the Parish Council at our next meeting when the necessary paperwork will be completed and signed.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22nd August at Plungar Village Hall