

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd August 2019
at 7:00pm
in Plungar Village Hall

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

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 2

Members of the public: 2

Ref: Subject:

Mr Jim Greaves from Redmile, was formally welcomed to the Parish Council and completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Registration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests paper work. **ACTION: CLERK TO SEND PAPERWORK TO MBC**

054/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillors Parry and Smith.

055/19 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 18th July 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.

056/19 Declarations of Interest – Councillor Evans declared an interest in Agenda item 060/19.

057/19 Residents Questions – The Parish Council was asked if they would be attending the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Thursday 29th August when application no. 19/00225/FUL – Use of Land for 2 Residential Gypsy Caravans on Barkestone Lane, Plungar would be discussed and a decision made. Councillor Evans advised that he had spoken with MBC and in all probability this application would be refused. Councillor Evans advised that he would be speaking at the meeting as the Borough Councillor. The Clerk advised that if any residents from the village wished to speak, they needed to register at least 48 hours prior to the meeting taking place. The decisions made and the minutes from the planning meeting would be available on the MBC website.

058/19 Update from Borough and County Councillors – Councillor Evans was in attendance.

Councillor Steadman advised that MBC were currently in consultation over dog fouling in open spaces.

059/19 Planning :

Applications received for consideration:

- (a) 19/00836/TCA – Redmile House, 29 Main Street, Redmile – the Parish Council did not object to this application

Applications approved:

- (a) 19/00328/FULHH – 25 Barkestone Lane, Plungar
- (b) 19/00648/HEDG – Field OS 0079 – Jericho Lane, Barkestone

Applications Refused:

- (a) 19/00649/HEDG – Field OS 7259 – Jericho Lane, Barkestone
- (b) 19/00560/FUL – Fields OS 2571 4565 and 3251 – Barkestone Lane, Plungar (Silo)

Applications Withdrawn:

- (a) 19/00286/FUL – Land off Granby Lane, Plungar

Applications for Planning Committee – 29th August 2019:

- (a) 19/00225/FUL – Use of Land for 2 Residential Gypsy Caravans on Barkestone Lane, Plungar
- (b) 19/00659/OUT – Former Army Camp, Main Road, Redmile

In relation to planning application 19/00648/HEDG, following a request from a Parishioner, the Parish Council requested that the Clerk write to Belvoir Estates to ask if they would consider removing a proportion of the hedge large enough to allow them the access they require and not the whole hedge.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Belvoir Estates

The Parish Council requested that the Clerk write to Belvoir Estates to invite them to speak at the next Meeting. The Parish Council would like to establish 'open dialogue' with Belvoir Estates in relation to any future plans within the Parish. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Belvoir Estates**

060/19 The John Dory, Barkestone-Le-Vale – Councillor Evans advised that 'change of use' was required from Public House to Village Hall (D1 classification). He suggested that the Parish Council apply for this and the cost to the Parish Council would be re-imbursed by the Trustees. This was proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Grant.

061/19 Chesters Charity – Councillor Evans advised that he had expressed an interest in being a trustee representing Barkestone. A decision has yet to be made.

- 062/19 Silo – Barkestone Le Vale – Councillor Evans advised that when the application was made, it was not noted on the form as ‘agricultural permitted development’. Belvoir Estates have submitted an additional form and have suggested a number of sites for the Silo. The Planning Officer has yet to decide on the siting of the Silo.
- 063/19 Village Walkabouts – Reporting of Overgrown/overhanging trees and hedgerows – This was deferred to the next meeting.
- 064/19 Wildflower Verges – Update – The Clerk advised that she had registered the Parish Council’s interest in taking forward the suggestion of developing their own wild flower area and has been advised that the Parish Council has been added to Leicestershire County Council list of interested parties in the Wildflower Planting Scheme. Further information on the scheme will be available in due course.
- 065/19 ACV Listing – The Anchor Pub, Plungar – Councillor Grant advised that both the landlord and the owner had spoken with him and Councillor Smith. They were committed to this.
- 066/19 Redmile Play Park – Inspection Schedule – Councillor Lowther agreed to identify what was required on the inspection sheets and will liaise with the Clerk to have these produced for use by those carrying out the inspections. **ACTION: Clerk to produce lists for use with the inspections**
- 067/19 Barkestone-Le-Vale Notice-board – The Clerk advised that she had received a quote for both a wall mounted and a free-standing notice board from BJA Engineering Services. Further quotes are required before a decision can be made. No decision has yet been made in relation to the siting of the notice-board.
- 068/19 Picnic Benches on Fishpond Lane and The Green, Barkestone-Le-Vale – This was deferred to the next meeting.
- 069/19 Shepherds Huts, Plungar – Review of Planning Conditions – This was deferred to the next meeting
- 070/19 Footpath Warden – Update – Trevor Swinswood sent his apologies. Trevor has identified some situations which need attention. **ACTION: Clerk to forward PDF Extract from the definitive map supplied by Leicestershire County Council**
- 071/19 Financial:
- (a) Current account balance at 31.07.2019 - £3,903.92; Deposit Account balance - £17,737.48
 - (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
 - (c) Payments required for August 2019: Michele Jones - £486.20 – August salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; George Richardson - £35.00 – Plungar Memorial; 2commune - £1332.00 – New website set-up and training
 - (d) Direct Debit: E-on - £122.45 – Street Lighting (August)
- 072/19 Councillors’ Reports:
- Councillor Evans requested that the Parish Clerk contact Sustrans to find out which other Parish Councils have been working with them and to acquire their contact details. Secondly, the Clerk was asked to advise Martyn Brunt at Sustrans that they wish him to pursue the open access that has been blocked from the canal to the railway line. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Martyn Brunt at Sustrans**

Councillor Grant reminded Councillors that he had received a request from the PVH Management Committee asking if we could put a link on the Parish website to the Village Hall website. The Clerk advised that she did not envisage a problem with this and that it would be arranged when the new website was available.

Councillor Lowther advised that the trees in Redmile Church grave yard were urgently in need of attention. The Clerk advised that she had not been successful in receiving any correspondence from the Diocese of Leicester. Councillor Greaves to give the Clerk the details of the vicar of Redmile Church. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Vicar of Redmile Church**

Councillor Lowther advised that land in Redmile had been identified by the Woodland Trust for the planting of 220 trees.

Councillor Lowther advised that he had received comments from residents of Redmile in relation to the noise coming from the play park.

Councillor Lowther requested, following a conversation he had with a resident who also spoke on behalf of other residents, a letter be sent to MBC with regard to the increase in parked cars and the increase in the size of the business being operated from a property in Redmile. **ACTION: Clerk to write to MBC**

073/19 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had forwarded the correspondence together with the invoice from 2commune in relation to the new website in advance of the meeting. All Councillors were in agreement with this. **ACTION: Clerk to contact 2commune to arrange the installation and training**

E-on have repaired the faulty streetlight on the corner of 18 Post office Lane, Redmile.

Correspondence has been sent to Severn Trent, The Parachute School at Langar and Rushcliffe Borough Council but, to date, no replies have been received by the Clerk.

Highways have been advised in relation to the issues on Granby Lane, Plungar and The Gas, Plungar.

Correspondence has been sent to Highways in relation to the re-siting of village furniture and speed restriction signs. To date, no response has been received.

Review of Melton local bus services is taking place. The contract for service 24 (Melton to Bottesford/Bingham) will end on Saturday 19th October.

An update was given on the Defibrillators in Barkestone-Le-Vale, Plungar and Redmile

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th September at Plungar Village Hall