

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting from Thursday 23rd April at 7:00pm
via **ZOOM**

Present: Councillors Lowther (chair) Greaves, Evans Parry, Smith and Grant

- Ref: Subject:
- 187/19 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from the Clerk, Michele Jones.
- 188/19 Declarations of Interest
Cllr. Lowther declared an interest in a planning application, 20/00374/FULHH.
- 189/19 Amendment to Standing Orders following remote meetings and the current suspension of the requirement to hold an annual meeting of the Council in May 2020
Section R: members of the public to be allowed to speak for up to 3 minutes
Section GG: meeting to last for no longer than 2 hours
The amendments were proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Parry. It was resolved to accept these amendments.
- 190/19 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 20th February 2020
Agreed by all councillors present.
- 191/19 Residents Questions
A lengthy discussion took place regarding the planning application appeal for a travellers' site on Paddock Lane. It was agreed that what the Parish Council would need to do to represent its case on behalf of the parish would depend upon the case submitted by the appellant. This would not be known for some time. In the meantime a resident volunteered to look into the availability of legal advice and potentially legal representation, so that if it was needed it could be sourced..
- 192/19 Update from Borough and County Councillors
Cllr Steadman referred those present to the Facebook site.
Cllr Evans had nothing further to add
- 193/19 Planning:
Applications received for consideration – March 2020:
- (a) 20/00187/FULHH – 16 Chapel Street, Barkestone – now approved
 - (b) 20/00224/FULHH – The Mill House, 20 The Green, Barkestone – now approved
 - (c) 20/00165/FULHH – Watercombe, 6 Rutland Square, Barkestone – no objections
 - (d) 20/00258/FULHH – 15 Main Street, Redmile – no objections
 - (e) 20/00339/TCA – Kingfisher House, 10 Church Corner, Redmile – the Parish Council objects to this application (to remove willow trees) as it objected to pollarding the trees and, indeed, to the building of the houses on the so close to the canal. The clerk is asked to write to Melton Borough Council to voice this objection.
 - (f) 20/00360/HEDG – Hedge 1, Barkestone Lane, Plungar - The Parish Council objected to all 4 hedgerow removal applications. However, since the meeting, all applications have been refused.
 - (g) 20/00361/HEDG – Hedge 2, Barkestone Lane, Plungar – see above
 - (h) 20/00362/HEDG – Hedge 3, Belvoir Road, Bottesford – see above
 - (i) 20/00363/HEDG – Hedge 4, Belvoir Road, Bottesford – see above
- Applications received for consideration – April 2020:
- (a) 20/0003/REF – 19/00225/FUL – Paddock Lane, Barkestone Lane, Plungar – see 191/19
Leave as agenda item
 - (b) 20/00374/FULHH – Shire Barn, 2 Easthorpe Lane, Redmile – no objections
 - (c) 20/00373/TCA – Castle View, 17 Main Street, Redmile – no objections

- (d) 20/00439/TCA – Overfields, 1 Belvoir Road, Redmile – the Parish Council requested a deferral as the application was only received on the day of the meeting. It was, however, noted at the meeting that the Parish Council had previously requested that the orchard was retained, in connection with the previous permitted application to convert the farm buildings to dwellings

Applications approved:

- (a) 20/00187/FULHH – 16 Chapel Street, Barkestone
(b) 20/00224/FULHH – The Mill House, 20 The Green, Barkestone
(c) 20/00087/FULHH – 12B Church Lane, Redmile

- 194/19 Plungar Housing Needs Survey incorporation into Melton Local Plan
Incorporation of the survey into the local plan is considered inappropriate as its methodology is flawed. Similar concerns were raised over the Redmile and Barkestone survey. *Cllr Grant and Cllr Evans to draft a letter to Melton Borough Council (MBC).*
- 195/19 Off Road Vehicles on Long Lane/Church Lane – Redmile Bridleway
The Clerk has written to MBC to request clarification on how the council can pursue this. We await a reply.
Leave as agenda item
- 196/19 Sustrans – Update on Licence Acquisition
A response from Sustrans regarding liabilities is still outstanding. *Cllr Parry to amend licence agreement to clarify liabilities and responsibilities and copy amendments to the Clerk.*
Leave as agenda item
- 197/19 Publication of Parish Council Minutes:
Draft Minutes – one week
Agreed Draft Minutes – two weeks
Signed Minutes – one day after the Parish Council meeting
All agreed
- 198/19 Footpath Mowing
Paul Hunt has offered to continue this task at the same price as last year (£727.80). All agreed.
- 199/19 Actions Required from Previous Meeting:
Councillor Lowther:
Traffic Mirrors – Burton Lazars resident did not seek any permission to erect a mirror. *Cllr Lowther to ask the Clerk to approach the Church for permission to site a mirror in the Church grounds.*
Parish Council postings on Facebook are visible all subject to request.
'Push Test' on gravestones in Redmile Church Yard are on hold during the current 'lockdown'.
Councillor Parry:
Licence for siting of Picnic Benches at Barkestone is awaiting public liability insurance certificate
Renewing of posts at Barkestone Memorial – awaiting quotes to get existing posts replaced. *Cllr Evans to provide a plan to add posts around the memorial.*
Leave as agenda item
Councillor Evans:
Sourcing of new Notice Board to be mounted on the wall of the Barkestone Hub. A quote for £500 for aluminium, A0 size noticeboard was received and approved.
Clerk:
Allocation of Newsletter items to Parish Councillors
Contact Parish Councils regarding Vehicular Activated signs
Contact Wickstead to undertake Play Park Inspection
Contact Sustrans re: Licence
All deferred until next meeting

- 200/19 Financial:
- (a) Current account balance at 28.02.2020 - £990.45; Deposit Account balance - £17,755.17
 - (b) Payments required for March 2020: Michele Jones - £486.20 – March Salary; LRALC - £40.00 – Training; Leisure Bench - £531.60 – Picnic Benches; E-on - £183.60 – Quarterly Maintenance Charge
 - (c) Direct Debits: E-on - £114.56 – Street Lighting (March)

Payment of the above transactions was agreed by Parish Councillors, via email on 17th March 2020 and a transfer of £3000 from the deposit account to the current account.

- (d) Current account balance at 31.03.2020 - £875.89; Deposit Account balance - £17,764.02
- (e) Payments required for April 2020: Belvoir Tree Services - £240.00 – Tree works at Barkestone Bus Shelter; LRALC - £267.13 – Membership Fees for 2020/2021; Belvoir HF Ltd - £82.87 – Playpark Lease;
All approved for payment
- (f) Direct Debits: E-on - £122.45 – Street Lighting (April)

201/19 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Lowther has been in discussion with Severn Trent regarding the flooding and blocked culverts, and has obtained 2 incident numbers ahead of a survey by Severn Trent. The culvert owned by LCC will also be subject to a survey by camera.

Leave as agenda item

Cllr Parry reported that a complaint regarding mud on the roads had been received from a parishioner. For speedy action it was suggested that such complaints should be made direct to LCC Highways Department (who have cleared mud on the road in Plungar) or the Police. Point to be included in Newsletter.

Cllr Smith reported that grass had been cut at the War Memorial and that 'tidying up' of the area was on-going.

There were no additional reports.

202/19 Clerk's Report – deferred to next meeting

203/19 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 May at 7pm via Zoom.