

# Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at  
7:00pm  
in Plungar Village Hall

Present: Councillors Lowther (In the Chair), Parry, Evans and Grant  
Officer present: Parish Clerk  
Borough & County representative: 2  
Members of the public: 4

- Ref:            Subject:
- 008/19    Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor Smith.
- 009/19    Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 010/19    Declarations of Interest – There were none.
- 011/19    Residents Questions – The Parish Council were asked if they were aware of a caravan that was on a site in Redmile Lane and/or if they knew if building work had commenced. Councillor Parry advised that a planning application for the site had been given about 3 years ago and as approved applications are only valid for 3 years then works have possibly been started.  
A parishioner reported the poor condition of a leaning wall outside a property in Barkestone-Le-Vale and was concerned for the safety of other parishioners. The Parish Council agreed to write to the owners of the property. **ACTION: Clerk to write a letter**
- 012/19    Update from Borough and County Councillors – Borough Councillor Melanie Steadman advised the Parish Council that MBC were planning to prepare a Supplementary Planning Document and the Consultation period was up to midnight on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019.  
County Councillor Byron Rhodes advised that all households should be in receipt of Leicestershire Matters and encouraged everyone to complete the questionnaire, which can be done on line, as the County Council need to make savings over the years and our opinions are important to the decision making process.  
The Melton North Distribution Road is going ahead and work should start next year with completion, hopefully, being May 2022.  
As part of a Highways Initiative, £550,000 extra has been given to Highways to respond more effectively. Greater efforts are being made to provide intermediate accommodation for the transition from hospital to home so that people can live successfully in their own homes.  
Councillor Rhodes advised that he would be attending the Local Government Conference in Bournemouth next week.
- 013/19    To agree the schedule of parish council meetings up to and including May 2020 – The Parish Council agreed to continue with holding meetings on a monthly basis but these would now be held on the third Thursday of each month. It is hoped that this will keep any date changes to a minimum. Planning applications received by the Parish Council will be dealt with at the meetings. It was recognised that it might be necessary, on occasions, to hold an Extra-ordinary meeting to discuss planning matters.
- 014/19    To agree the 2018/2019 annual reimbursement of working from home expenses for the Parish Clerk- The Parish Council agreed to retain the same figure as for the previous year with is £300.
- 015/19    To review and agree the Parish Clerk’s employment terms – The Parish Council will continue to employ the Clerk for 10 hours per week on Spinal Column Point 22
- 016/19    Planning :
- Applications received for consideration:
- (a) 19/00560/FUL – Fields OS 2571 4565 and 3251, Barkestone Lane, Plungar – the Parish Council objected to this application. **ACTION: Clerk to write to MBC**
  - (b) 19/00648/HEDG – Field OS 0079, Jericho Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale – the Parish Council commented on this application. **ACTION: Clerk to write to MBC**
  - (c) 19/00649/HEDG – Field OS 7259, Jericho Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale – the Parish Council Commented on this application. **ACTION: Clerk to write to MBC**
- Applications approved:
- (a) 18/01150/FUL – Redmile Church of England School, 6 Belvoir Road, Redmile
  - (b) 19/00452/TCA – The Dozens, 5 Bakers Lane, Redmile
  - (c) 18/01328/FULHH- Rose Cottage, 9 Fishpond Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale

Applications withdrawn:

- (a) 19/00408/FULHH – 4A Granby Lane, Plungar
- 017/19 Financial:
- (a) Current account balance at 30.04.2019 - £26,125.13; Deposit Account balance - £17,727.96
  - (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
  - (c) Payments required for May 2019: Michele Jones - £446.80 – April Salary; Michele Jones – £446.60 – May Salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; Advancedscape - £340.00 – Dog Bins; Came & Company - £55.14 – Redmile Playpark insurance; PCC St Peter & St Paul, Barkestone – £150.00 – upkeep of church yard; Streetscape - £13503.00 – Playpark Equipment/Refurbishment
  - (d) Direct Debit: E-on – 118.50 – Street Lighting (May)
  - (e) Current account balance at 31.05.2019 - £9,263.05; Deposit Account balance - £17,727.96
  - (f) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
  - (g) Payments required for June 2019: Michele Jones - £565.20 – June Salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; Came & Company - £732.92 – Insurance; Kevin Shaw - £49.50 – Internal Audit; Green Waste Club - £104.00 – Membership; E-on - £216.00 – Quarterly Maintenance; Community Heartbeat - £223.20 – Battery Redmile; Community Heartbeat - £223.20 – Battery Barkestone-Le-Vale; Michele Jones - £79.99 – Reimbursement for Norton Renewal; Michele Jones - £79.99 – Re-imbusement for Office 365 Renewal;
  - (h) Direct Debit: E-on - £122.45 – Street Lighting (June)
- 018/19 2018/2019 Audit –
- (a) The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had taken place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and that there were no Action Points.
  - (b) Authorisation of 2018/2019 Accounting Statements and External Audit Documentation – the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements were agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk
- 019/19 Plungar War Memorial Up-keep – A volunteer who had offered to maintain the War Memorial subsequently withdrew their offer. A contractor was looking after the memorial although parishioners were not aware of this and that maintenance appeared to be lax. Mr McGarry advised the Parish Council that he was unhappy with someone being paid to maintain the war memorial as both he and Dr McGarry had undertaken this role on a voluntary basis for a number of years. Councillor Parry stated that he believed that having made its decision on the basis that a volunteer could be found for the maintenance, the Parish Council needed to find one, although he recognised that if a volunteer could not be found, the Parish Council would, unfortunately, have no choice but to pay for the maintenance. Councillor Evans recommended that the Parish Council revisit the situation of the maintenance of the war memorial and that we advertise for a volunteer.
- 020/19 Discuss Nomination of The Anchor Pub, Plungar for ACV listing – Councillor Parry advised it was Beneficial to list a successful business that was a benefit to the community. It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach the landlord via the tenant. **ACTION: Councillor Grant to raise the ACV with the landlord**
- 021/19 Redmile Play Park:
- (a) The Play Park opening on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Ma had been a success and was enjoyed by those who attended
  - (b) The Clerk advised that WREN had received the Parish Council's End Progress Report
  - (c) The Clerk advised that the Contractors should now be in receipt of all monies outstanding to them
  - (d) Councillor Lowther advised that he had been checking on the Play Park regularly and that a couple of volunteers had come forward to undertake the inspections of the Play Park.
- ACTION: Councillor Lowther to draw up an Inspection Schedule and send this to the Clerk**
- 022/19 Overgrown Hedges – A number of parishioners' hedges within the Parish are intruding on the pavements and the Parish Council agreed to write to the residents to ask if they could undertake the necessary works. **ACTION: Clerk to write to the parishioners**
- 023/19 Barkestone-Le-Vale Notice-board – The Parish Council agreed at its April meeting to purchase a Notice-board for Barkestone. It was proposed by Councillor Parry and seconded by Councillor Lowther that a 2 sided notice-board would be purchased enabling the Parish Council to use one side, which would be kept locked and the residents the other. It has not yet been decided where the notice-board will be sited. **ACTION: Clerk to locate tenders the Parish Council received for the notice-board in Plungar in order that these can be reviewed by the Parish Council**

- 024/19 Update on Telephone Kiosk – Barkestone-Le-Vale – The proposed book exchange is currently on-hold as an alternative location may be a more viable option.  
The Clerk advised that a new battery for the defibrillator had been purchased together with one for the defibrillator at Redmile. **ACTION: Clerk to contact suppliers with regard to the life expectancy of a battery and the frequency of the reports from those who are checking the defibrillators in Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile**
- 025/19 Appointment of Footpath Warden – Trevor Swinswood has been appointed as the new Footpath warden for the Parish. He will liaise with the Parish Council who will subsequently liaise with LCC should any maintenance be required. The Parish Council expressed their gratitude to Trevor for taking on this role.
- 026/19 Dog Fouling in Barkestone-Le-Vale – A parishioner reported that this problem appears to be escalating in the village. Councillor Evans advised that MBC are proposing Public Space Protection Orders and comments will be invited from the beginning of July through the Summer as part of the consultation period. In addition, he suggested that someone from MBC could visit Barkestone to see the extent of the problem. It may be possible to get some notices from The Dogs Trust to display in the village.
- 027/19 Siting of New Dog Bins – The Clerk advised that 4 new dog bins had been received – 3 for Barkestone and 1 for Plungar. Councillors Parry and Evans agreed to site the bins in Barkestone and Councillor Grant will site the bin in Plungar. The Clerk asked the Parish Councillors to advise her when the bins had been sited in order that she can contact MBC to arrange for them to be emptied.  
**ACTION: Parish Councillors to contact the Clerk**
- 028/19 Nuisance Noise Levels in Plungar from Langar Parachute Aeroplanes – A parishioner had reported that the noise levels and the frequency of flights had increased over her home and those of other parishioners in the village. The Parish Council agreed to pursue the number of flights, the height at which the planes were flying and where they are coming down to land. **Action: Clerk to follow up an email received from Rushcliffe Borough Council in 2013.**
- 029/18 Future Communication Strategy – The Parish Council agreed to get a new website and include on it, if possible, a facility for residents to join a mailing list so that we can get our communications out. Councillor Evans suggested that we use the same Website format as Clawson, Hose and Harby Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk to contact E-commune to get costings**
- 030/19 Councillors' Reports:  
Councillor Grant reported that there were several loose blue bricks on The Gas in Plungar. This is listed as a road and the previous repairs carried out were unsatisfactory. **Action: Clerk to write to Leicestershire Highways**  
Councillor Lowther reported that urgent works were required on the trees in the church yard. The Clerk advised that she had made several attempts to contact the Diocese of Leicester but had received no response to her communications. **Action: Clerk to contact the Vicar of St Peters Church, Redmile**  
Councillor Lowther advised that he had held a village social event in Redmile with Amanda Johnson which had raised £3400 which would be ring-fenced for community use.  
Councillor Parry presented to the Parish Council his thoughts and ideas on issues within the Parish and potential projects. These will be addressed at future meetings.
- 031/19 Clerk's Report:  
(a) The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was not in the Speed Camera Scheme for 2019 but would be put forward for 2020.  
(b) The Clerk had received an email from a Barkestone-Le-Vale parishioner on the benefits of wild flower verges. The Clerk had responded to the email and would explore if this was something the Parish Council could do or if it was something MBC could subscribe to.

Meeting closed: 9.50 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Plungar Village Hall