

# Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
at 7:00pm  
in Plungar Village Hall

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

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 1

Members of the public: 8

Ref: Subject:

135/18 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor Jackson.

136/18 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.

137/18 Declarations of Interest – None.

138/18 Residents Questions – There were no residents' questions in relation to items not on the Agenda.

139/18 Update from Borough and County Councillors – Councillor Byron Rhodes joined the meeting at 8.50 pm. Councillor Rhodes advised that there was a meeting at MBC on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February to approve the council tax and other expenditure for 2019/2020.

He advised that he would be not be a borough councillor after May 2019 but would be a county councillor for another 2 years.

He advised that MBC were looking at the importance of delivering joint services in relation to getting people back into the community instead of staying in hospital.

140/18 Planning :

For information only:

Applications received for consideration

(a) 18/01480/FULHH – The Old Barn, 12 Church Lane, Plungar – The Parish Council had no objections to this application

(b) 19/00041/GDOCOU – Grace's Barn Farm, Main Road, Redmile – The Parish Council objected to this application

**ACTION: Clerk to send Parish Council's observations to Melton Borough Council**

Applications Approved:

(a) 18/00964/FULHH – The Chaff Barn, 20 Post Office Lane, Redmile

(b) 18/01392/FULHH – 10 Rutland Square, Barkestone-Le-Vale

(c) 18/01328/FULHH – Rose Cottage, 9 Fishpond Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale

(d) 18/01442/TCA – Recreation Area, Main Street, Redmile

Applications Withdrawn:

(a) 18/00256/COU – The John Dory, 2 Rutland Square, Barkestone-Le-Vale

141/18 Assets of Community Value (ACV):

(a) The Windmill and progress on the ACV – this was c/f to the March meeting

(b) Update on the John Dory, Barkestone-Le-Vale – Councillor Parry had been asked to give a Vote of Thanks to the Parish Council for their handling and dealing with the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

The village vote was 4:1 in favour of the VHT purchasing the building. He advised that new trustees of the VHT have been appointed following the resignation of all the previous trustees.

142/18 Financial:

(a) Current account balance at 31.12.2018: £15,671.65; Deposit account balance: £17,719.80

(b) Current account balance at 31.01.2019: £14,001.67; Deposit account balance: £17,719.80

(c) Bank statement matches receipts and payment listing

(d) Payments required for January 2019: Michele Jones - £437.43 – January salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; Direct Debit: E-on - £122.45 – Street Lighting (January)

(e) Payments required for February 2019: Michele Jones - £437.23 – February salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; Direct Debit: E-on – 122.45 – Street Lighting (February)

143/18 Flagpole for Plungar War Memorial:

Councillor Johnson explained the Parish Council's decision to go ahead with a flag pole and

acknowledged it had been made without consultation with the immediate neighbours of the proposed site. Councillor Smith explained his position – the decision had been passed at the June 2018 meeting and the Minutes were published showing this decision.

It was recognised at the meeting that it would have been better to have consulted with the immediate neighbours. An account of the discussions between Councillors Barlow and Smith with Mr and Dr McGarry were relayed to the meeting. Correspondence, that had been received, complaining about the erection of a flag pole in Plungar was read out at the meeting.

Councillor Smith asked parishioner, Malcolm Grant to advise on the conversation between themselves. Mr Grant had spoken with a number of people who were happy with the decision made but some were not.

A subsequent discussion was had, at this meeting, to decide if a flag pole should be erected for a few days per year or if the flag pole could be put somewhere else or if there should not be a flag pole at all in Plungar. Following this discussion it was proposed 'to allow the erection of the flag pole for Remembrance Day'. This was proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Smith. It was acknowledged that the pole may be up for a maximum of 3 days – the day prior to the event, the day of the event and the day after the event.

Following the decision made, Mr and Dr McGarry advised the Parish Council that they would no longer be maintaining Plungar War Memorial.

144/18 Redmile Play Park:

- (a) Commencement Date for Refit – Work commenced on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and this should be completed within 3 to 4 weeks
- (b) Tree Maintenance Update – Tree works have now taken place on the Weeping Willow and Leylandii hedging.
- (c) Donation of a Memorial Seat – The Parish Council approved to accept the donation. The slabs will be saved from the Play Park Refit to be relayed with the bench placed on them subject to the appropriate hard-standing
- (d) Play Park Party – Councillor Lowther had spoken to Redmile CE Primary School in reference to the Headteacher, Mrs Julie Hopkins, opening the play park.

**ACTION: Clerk to write to Mrs Hopkins asking if she can open the Play Park on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon**

Councillor Lowther advised that he had banked monies from the old Play Park Committee in the sum of £3,633.61. These monies will be ring-fenced for the Play Park.

**ACTION: Clerk to email Chris Starmers thanking him for the monies on behalf of the old Play Park Committee**

Councillor Smith advised that, when the Play Park refurbishment was complete, our insurance would need to be reviewed to cover the cost of the replacement value for the equipment.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact insurance company on completion of the works**

Councillor Smith offered to arrange for a plaque to be prepared for the Play Park. The wording for the Plaque would be agreed at the next meeting.

145/18 One Drive and IT Issues – The Parish Council, together with the Clerk, recognised the need to appoint a computer consultant to look at the problems that were being encountered in relation to the sending and receiving of emails together with the requirement of the Parish Councillors to be able to access 'One Drive. In addition, it was recognised that the Parish Council website needed an update.

**ACTION: Councillor Smith to advise the Clerk of the name and number of a computer company that would be able to assist with these matters.**

146/18 Update on Grain Store on Gypsy Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale: - this will remain an Agenda item for the March meeting

**ACTION: Councillor Parry to find out what action has been taken to date by Barkestone residents**

147/18 Councillors' Reports:

Councillor Johnson explained that, with Councillor Lowther, she would be organising a Redmile Fund Raising Event for the Play Park – further details will follow in due course.

Councillor Lowther explained the problems with Redmile Church in relation to falling masonry .

**ACTION: Clerk to write to the diocese asking them to undertake an inspection of the church as a matter of urgency**

**ACTION: Clerk to follow up with the PCC the matter of the tree in church yard which could be having an effect on the church as we have not heard from them in relation to this matter**

Councillor Smith referred to the theft of lead from the roof of St Helens Church, Plungar and how the use of CCTV in the village might be beneficial.

**ACTION: Clerk to look into whether the Parish Council can install CCTV cameras**

Councillor Barlow would like a representative to be invited to the March meeting to speak about the Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile Canal, footpaths - Plungar and the disused railway line – Barkestone-Le-Vale.

**ACTION: Councillor Barlow to forward the name of the person to be invited to the Clerk in order that the invitation can be sent out**

Councillor Barlow advised the Parish Council that she would not be standing in the May 2019 elections.

Councillor Parry advised that on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2.30 pm there would be an event to Inaugurate the memorial and asked if any Parish Councillors were able to attend.

Councillor Parry advised that the street light on the footpath in Barkestone-Le-Vale was still faulty. The Clerk advised that she had received correspondence in relation to this matter.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact E-on to enquire if the light can be added to the list of street lights the Parish Council is responsible for together with checking to see if they can gain access to the light. The Clerk will also communicate with Western Power who have responsibility for the pole**

Councillor Parry had received an email from residents in Barkestone-Le-Vale about a road traffic incident involving a speeding car that had occurred and asking the Parish Council about the introduction of electronic speed indicators. The Clerk advised that Leicestershire County Council will not look at any potential action to be taken in relation to roads unless evidence can be provided.

**ACTION: Councillor Smith to send the Clerk details of who to contact at LCC in relation to the speed Camera scheme**

**ACTION: Clerk to contact LCC in relation to the speed camera scheme**

There was a discussion on the Affordable Housing Consultation. The deadline for comments is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

148/18 Clerk's Report:

- (a) The Precept form for 2019/2020 has been sent to Melton Borough Council
- (b) No response has yet been received from the Diocese of Leicester in relation to the trees in Redmile Church Yard and the repointing of the remainder of the wall
- (c) Invoice for the tree works in the Play Park has not yet been received
- (d) Councillors were reminded to let the Clerk have details of any expenses for inclusion in the March expenditure as the financial year end for 2018/2019 was approaching
- (e) Councillors were reminded they were in receipt of a copy of the Clerk's appraisal and Michele hoped they'd had a chance to read it
- (f) Michele will be attending the Parish Council Elections Workshop at MBC on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Meeting closed: 9:30 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00 pm at Plungar Village Hall