

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 5th December 2019 at 7:00pm
in Plungar Village Hall

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

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 1

Members of the public: 1

- Ref: Subject:
- 109/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Parish Councillors Parry and Grant, Borough Councillor Mel Steadman and County Councillor Byron Rhodes.
- 110/19 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 17th October 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 111/19 Declarations of Interest – Councillor Evans declared an interest in planning application no. 19/01215/FULHH.
- 112/19 Residents Questions – Information was presented to the Parish Council relating to the damage from motorised vehicles on the by-way between Church Lane and Long Lane, Redmile. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Highways requesting a temporary closure until the weather improves.**
- 113/19 Update from Borough and County Councillors – Councillor Evans was in attendance. Councillor Evans advised that the revised bus timetable would be in operation from Saturday 21st December 2019. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Leicestershire County Council, on behalf of the Parish Council, to outline their condemnation of the cuts as these were made without proper consultation and did not take into account school finishing times.**
- 114/19 Crime Update within the Vale of Belvoir – Our Community Police Officer attended the Parish Council meeting. There has been no crime in the Parish for over 2 months. Across the Borough, a number of incidents have been reported. Everyone was reminded to be vigilant with regards to crime prevention and is advised to report any incidents.
- 115/19 Planning :
Councillor Evans left the room -
Applications received for consideration:
(a) 19/01215/FULHH – The Mill House, 20 The Green, Barkestone-Le-Vale – the Parish Council did not object to this application
Applications approved:
(a) 19/01083/TCA – The Dozen, 5 Bakers Lane, Redmile
- 116/19 Councillor Evans returned to the meeting -
Footpath Warden Update – Trevor Swinswood had provided the Parish Council with a report. **ACTION: Clerk to send report to Leicestershire County Council.**
The Clerk advised that LCC had advised that the maintenance of Stiles is the responsibility of the land owners. **ACTION: Clerk to enquire if the Parish Council is able to undertake temporary repairs of stiles if the materials are supplied by the land owners.**
In addition the Clerk was asked to contact Highways to enquire about the permissions needed for putting planters, decorative village name signs, village gates and other structures to enhance the village approaches on the roadside verges at the village boundaries.
- 117/19 Barkestone-Le-Vale:
(a) Notice board – The Clerk presented 3 quotes to the Parish Councillors and a decision was made to purchase a new wall mounted notice board. This was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Lowther. **ACTION: Clerk to write to the provider of the successful quote.**
(b) Picnic Benches – Councillor Smith had made enquiries and a decision was made to purchase 2 benches with security fittings with the monies allocated to Barkestone from Severn Trent. This was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Evans.

- 118/19 Bus Shelter – Barkestone-Le-Vale: Councillor Evans advised that the bus shelter was in need of repair. Councillor Smith will make enquiries as to the cost for these repairs.
- 119/19 Use of Severn and Trent Monies:
- (a) Barkestone: A decision was made to purchase 2 picnic benches for the village to be situated on Fishponde Lane - (Minute Reference - 117/19)
 - (b) Plungar: A decision was made to advise Plungar Village Hall Committee that the Parish Council agreed with their suggestion to purchase a projector for use in the village hall. This was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Lowther. **ACTION: Clerk to write to the village hall committee advising them of the Parish Council's decision.**
 - (c) Redmile: It was proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Evans that enquiries be made into the possibility of installing a drinking fountain in the recently refurbished play park. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Severn Trent. A second communication to be sent to Severn Trent in relation to the intermittent water supply to Redmile.**
- 120/19 Photo Cell Lighting – Councillor Smith had been in communication with E-on with regard to the cost of changing the street lighting to part-night photocell. It was agreed between the Councillors that a survey should be undertaken giving Parishioners the opportunity to comment on the possible change. It was agreed that this would be undertaken in the new year.
- 121/19 2020/2021 Parish Precept – Previous to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated to Councillors the Parish Council's financial position as at 30th November 2019 and proposed expenditure until 31st March 2020. These figures were discussed and reviewed at the meeting and a decision was made that the precept for 2020/2021 would remain the same as the precept for 2019/2020. The precept figure agreed was £20,378.00. This decision was proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Evans. Councillor Smith thanked the Clerk for providing a comprehensive breakdown of the figures.
- 122/19 Internal Audit 2019/2020 – The Clerk advised that the previous years' internal auditor has now retired and that she had contacted LRALC to register the Parish Council with their internal auditor service. There currently is a waiting list and LRALC are hoping to recruit additional auditors. It was proposed by Councillor Greaves and seconded by Councillor Lowther that the Parish Council were happy to use the services of LRALC.
- 123/19 Financial:
- (a) Current account balance at 31.10.2019 - £9,848.16; Deposit Account balance - £17,746.32
 - (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
 - (c) Payments required for November 2019: Michele Jones - £486.20 – November salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; Community Heartbeat - £54.00 – Adult Pads; Melton Borough Council - £354.83 – Parish Election Fees; Kent Services - £1,728.00 – Ground Maintenance; R P Hunt - £727.80 – Footpath Mowing; Alan Buckley - £261.64 – website hosting and domain renewal; G Richardson - £80.50 – Plungar war memorial
 - (d) Direct Debit: E-on - £122.45 – Street Lighting (November)
- 124/19 Councillors' Reports:
- Councillor Lowther advised that Redmile Primary School was looking into the possibility of a bus bay being put outside the school. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Redmile Primary School advising the Parish Council supports their proposal.**
- Councillor Smith advised that the flag pole had been erected and taken down, without any problems in November for Remembrance Sunday.
- Councillor Greaves requested an update in relation to 3 Belvoir Road, Redmile and was advised by Councillor Lowther that the official process was being followed.
- Councillor Evans advised that both he and Borough Councillor, Mel Steadman, will be meeting with Belvoir Estates in January 2020.
- 125/19 Clerk's Report:
- A communication has been sent to Historic England advising that the Parish Council had no comments and supported the listing of Plungar War Memorial.
- Wild Flower Verges – as there has been insufficient time to select a site and carry out a residents' Survey, it is suggested that the Parish Council consider joining the LCC scheme at a later date.
- The deadline for the completion of the Leicestershire Tree Warden Network survey has been extended from 19th December 2019 to 26th January 2020.

Western Power will be trimming trees on The Green, Barkestone following a conversation with Councillor Evans. Details have been requested of the work in Plungar that they have identified as requiring attention.

The new Parish website will be up and running at the beginning of January 2020.

126/19 Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th January 2020 at Plungar Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm