

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at

7:00pm

in Plungar Village Hall

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

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: None

Members of the public: 5

Ref: Subject:

115/18 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillors Smith and Jackson.

116/18 Resolution of sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 20th November 2018 and sign the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting on Wednesday 5th December 2018 – The minutes from both meetings were signed. The Clerk was requested to amend item 114/18 on the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting.

117/18 Declarations of Interest - None

118/18 Residents Questions – There were no residents' questions in relation to items not on the Agenda.

119/18 Update from Borough and County Councillors – There were no Borough or County Councillors in attendance.

120/18 Planning :

For information only:

Applications received for consideration

(a) 18/01392/FULHH – 10 Rutland Square, Barkestone-Le-Vale – there were no comments or objections made in relation to this application

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

(c) 18/01442/TCA – Recreation Area, Main Street, Redmile – the Clerk advised that permission had been received on 7th January 2019 in relation to this application

121/18 Assets of Community Value (ACV):

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

(b) Update on the John Dory, Barkestone-Le-Vale – Councillor Parry gave an update and it looks as though the purchase by the Village Hall Trust will not go ahead.

The Parish Council heard from Richard Elliott and Mike Plumb, trustees of the Barkestone Village Hall Building fund (VHT), who said that they had tried to find a solution which would enable the VHT to purchase the pub and hold it on a short term basis as an investment, while keeping the longer term aim of constructing a village hall. However, they have received legal advice that means they are not able to do this (copy provided to the Clerk).

In the meantime, they are talking to Belvoir Estate about possible land provision for a village hall and they have a meeting with the Belvoir Estate architect on 14th January 2019. The Council heard from Chris Evans who represents a group of Barkestone residents who believe that there are other solutions for purchasing the pub building which the VHT should pursue. Mr Evans said that they were planning to put a communication out to the village and also to hold a village vote. Both Mr Evans and the VHT trustees asked the Parish Council to facilitate a village forum to enable these matters to be discussed. The VHT wanted the forum to be after the 14th January and Mr Evans said it would be best held before the village vote. The Parish Council resolved to do as requested and hold the forum which would be chaired by a Parish Councillor. A date of 22nd January was agreed, venue to be Barkestone Church at 7.30 pm (Mr Evans to arrange).

Items for the Agenda to be submitted to the Clerk, who would draw up the final Agenda on advice from the councillors.

122/18 Financial:

(a) Current account balance at 30.11.2018: £15,790.15; Deposit account balance: £17,710.97

(b) Bank statement matches receipts and payment listing

(c) Payments required for December 2018: Michele Jones - £437.43 – December salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire; R P Hunt - £727.80 – Footpath Mowing; E-on - £216.00 – Quarterly Maintenance Charge; HMRC - £111.80 – 3rd Quarter Payment; Clerk's Expenses - £7.30 – Special Delivery Postage

(d) Direct Debits – Eon - £118.50 – Street Lighting (December)

123/18 2019/2020 Budget and Precept – The Parish Councillors signed the Precept Form for 2019/2020.

- 124/18 Redmile Play Park:
- (a) Commencement of Works – work will commence on the refurbishment of the Play Park in February 2019
 - (b) Tree Maintenance Update – planning permission has been received for works to commence on the Weeping Willow and Leylandii hedging.
- 125/18 Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile Canal: this will be carried forward to the March meeting when the Parish Council will ask a representative to speak
- 126/18 Footpaths:
- (a) To note the progress on the land ownership where the 5 bara gate has been installed close by the Plungar Canal bridge closing off the access to the old railway line: – this will be carried forward to the March meeting when the Parish Council will ask a representative to speak
- 127/18 Disused Railway Line in Barkestone Le Vale: – this will be carried forward to the March meeting when the Parish Council will ask a representative to speak
- 128/18 Nuisance Noise: The Parish Council has been advised by residents in Plungar of noise levels from events being held late into the evening
- 129/18 Midland Rural Housing Survey: - the Parish Council wrote a letter to Melton Borough Council and a response was received
- 130/18 Update on Grain Store on Gypsy Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale: - this will remain an Agenda item for the February meeting
- 131/18 Update on Faulty Street Light on Footpath in Barkestone-Le-Vale: - The Parish Council has been advised by E-on that they are unable to gain access to the street light. Councillor Parry agreed to speak to the Parishioner who reported the faulty light
- 132/18 Update on Repairs to Wood Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale: - The Parish Council has written to Highways at Leicestershire County Council who have advised that they will investigate the problems further.
- 133/18 Councillors' Reports:
- Councillor Johnson asked if a response had been received from the contractors who undertake the grass cutting in Redmile church yard in relation to the damaged headstones. The Clerk advised that a response had been received and a copy of the letter will be sent to the Parishioners who reported the damage. It was agreed that access passwords to the parish email would be given to a nominated councillor if the clerk is away from work. The nominated councillor can then ensure anything urgent is noted. Going forward, it would be helpful if a brief note of action points and person responsible could be noted on the minutes – a helpful aide memoir.
- 134/18 The Clerk advised that she had:
- (a) Written to Barry Adams about the condition of the Plungar Notice Board
 - (b) Written to the Diocese of Leicester in relation to the Parish Council's wish to re-point the remainder of the church wall and to undertaken tree works

Meeting closed: 9:00 pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7.00 pm at Plungar Village Hall