

# Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm  
in Plungar Village Hall

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

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 2

Members of the public: 8

- Ref: Subject:
- 127/19 Apologies for absence – Apologies received from Parish Councillor Smith and Borough Councillor Mel Steadman.
- 128/19 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The Minutes were accepted and signed.
- 129/19 Declarations of Interest – Councillor Lowther declared an interest in planning application nos. 19/01296/FULHH and 19/01308/LBC .
- 130/19 Residents Questions – A number of points were raised by members of the public:
- (a) Sustrans – the Clerk advised that she had received a communication advising that the Parish Council’s request for a licence was being processed. The leak from a water pipe is still continuing and Councillor Evans advised that both he and Borough Councillor Mel Steadman would be meeting with Belvoir Estates in January 2020 to address outstanding matters together with how the Parish Council and Belvoir Estates can work together.
  - (b) Picnic Benches, Fishpond Lane, Barkestone-Le-Vale – The Parish Council was reminded that a licence/general permit would be required to site the benches.
  - (c) Plungar Village Hall – The Parish Council was advised that, although it had agreed that Plungar’s monies from Severn Trent could be used to purchase a projector, the village hall committee felt that this was not a good use of the resources as it was very unlikely that there would be film nights held in the village hall as other equipment would also need to be purchased. It was suggested by a representative of Plungar Village Hall Committee that the monies be put towards the cost of the Plungar History Booklet currently being edited. It is proposed to provide each household in the village with a copy.
  - (d) The relocating of the Silo – Councillor Evans advised that he had visited the site. No decision has yet been made in relation to when it will be moved.
- 131/19 Update from Borough and County Councillors – Councillor Evans was in attendance. County Councillor Byron Rhodes was in attendance. Comments from both Councillors are incorporated into these Minutes. Councillor Rhodes requested that he receive copies of any communication to Highways.
- 132/19 Planning :  
Councillor Lowther left the room -  
Applications received for consideration:
  - (a) 19/01296/FULHH – 22 Main Road, Redmile – The Parish Council objected to this application
  - (b) 19/01308/LBC – 22 Main Road, Redmile – The Parish Council objected to this applicationApplications withdrawn:
  - (a) 19/00659/OUT – Former Army Camp, Redmile
- 133/19 Councillor Lowther 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.** It was established at the meeting that LCC are responsible for footpaths and landowners are responsible for the cutting of hedges. Trevor will continue with what he is doing and the Parish Council thanked him for all his hard work.
- 134/19 Presentation from Barkestone Hub Trustees – The Parish Council was given the background of how the building came to be purchased in May 2019. The aim is to create a Community Facility which brings people together and create some activities. Refurbishment works have been carried out and the Hub has been open to the public 25 times to date. A coffee morning is a staple activity and many social

events have taken place which have been run by the villagers. The Parish Council acknowledged the achievements that had been made.

135/19 Barkestone-Le-Vale:

- (a) Notice board – The Clerk advised that she had written to the contractor advising them to supply the notice board. The exact siting of the board has not yet been decided but it will be a wall mounted board.
- (b) Picnic Benches – The Clerk to ask Councillor Smith if the benches had yet been purchased. Parishioners had been notified via the village Facebook page that the Severn Trent monies were being used to purchase the benches. **ACTION: Councillor Parry agreed to speak with the neighbours to ensure that they were happy with this decision.**  
**ACTION: Clerk to contact MBC as a licence/general permit is required to site the benches.**
- (c) Bus shelter – The Parish Council agreed unanimously to accept the quote of £390.00 for the repairs to the bus shelter. The contractor has advised that it requires 3 layers of felt to the roof. This was proposed by Councillor Lowther and seconded by Councillor Parry

136/19 Redmile Footpaths – LCC Highways have acknowledged the Parish Council's communication with regard to the condition of the byway between Church Lane and Long Lane. Owing to inclement weather, many of the footpaths, at present, are in a poor condition.

137/19 Parish Street Lighting – The Clerk advised that E-on had been asked to carry out the necessary repairs discussed at the December meeting. Councillor Evans advised the Clerk that a number of street lights need attention in Barkestone-Le-Vale. **ACTION: Clerk to advise E-on of faulty street lights.**

138/19 Parish Newsletter – The Parish Council agreed, unanimously, to produce a newsletter. It was recognised that this would take some time as format would need to be decided. **ACTION: Councillor Evans agreed to compile a list of items for inclusion in the Newsletter to be presented at the next meeting.**

139/19 Agenda and Minutes Publication – The Parish Council recognised the importance of keeping the notice boards up-to-date with the most recent publication of the agreed Minutes and the meeting Agenda. **ACTION: Clerk to provide a key to Councillors for the parish notice boards.**

140/19 Parish Council Facebook Account – It was agreed that the Parish Council would post items on the Villages' Facebook Account. **ACTION: Councillor Greaves to arrange for this to be set up.**

141/19 2019/2020 Parish Council Audit – The Clerk advised that LRALC had allocated the Parish Council an Internal auditor for 2019/2020. The External Auditor will remain the same.

142/19 Employment of a part-time handyman – The Parish Council agreed to hire a person to carry out jobs on behalf of the Parish Council on a job-by-job basis. This was proposed by Councillor Evans and seconded by Councillor Grant. The Parish Council will advertise for someone via the Parish Newsletter.

143/19 Financial:

- (a) Current account balance at 29.11.2019 - £10,132.60; Deposit Account balance - £17,746.32
- (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payments listing
- (c) Payments required for December 2019: Michele Jones - £486.20 – December salary; LRALC - £40.00 – Councillor Training; E-on - £216.00 – Quarterly Maintenance Charge; E-on - £28.16 – Streetlight Repair, Barkestone; E-on – £420.00 – Streetlight Installation, Barkestone;
- (d) Direct Debit: E-on - £118.50 – Street Lighting (December)

144/19 Councillors' Reports:

Councillor Greaves advised on the poor road maintenance and the management of recent road works in Redmile. **ACTION: Councillor Greaves to advise the Clerk of precise details and she will write a letter to LCC Highways.**

Councillor Grant advised that the fence on the approach to the canal bridge going towards Granby was damaged. He had been advised that a water supply had been installed on the paddock land, Barkestone Lane, Plungar

Councillor Parry advised that the verge out of Barkestone-Le-Vale, on the right towards Granby was churned up.

Councillor Lowther advised that a headstone 'push check' was required at Redmile Church. He expressed concern on the poor visibility coming out onto the main road, from the minor roads in Redmile and the increased volume of traffic through the village towards the Engine Yard at Belvoir.

**ACTION: Clerk to enquire with regard to the purchasing of flashing speed signs and traffic mirrors to assist with visibility.**

145/19 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk advised that all correspondence requested at the previous meeting had been written to the relevant parties.

Councillors advised how to access the new Parish Council website which will be 'live' shortly.

146/19 Date of next meeting: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Plungar Village Hall at 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm