

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1 OCTOBER 2020, AT 7.00 PM.
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA MS TEAMS

Present: Cllr P Stead-Davis (Chairman), Mr M Gould, Mrs P Gould, Mrs P Kirby, Ms M Nash, Mrs D Vernon, Mr J Hood and Mr M Hulbert

Also Present: County Cllr Mrs J Richards
Borough Cllr Mr H Williams

Members of Public: One

Clerk: Mrs D Deighton
Assistant Clerk: Mrs S Williams

271/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk reminded the members of the rules regarding accepting apologies and the importance of having valid reasons for apologies as it is the duty of the Council to agree to accept or reject

Apologies received and accepted unanimously from Cllr Mr R Roberts attending another meeting and Cllr Mrs H Smith working.

272/2020 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of interest were received from Cllrs Mr M Gould and Ms M Nash as members of the Barwell Bloomers

273/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Huw Williams raised concerns again about the Boot on Kirkby Rec – The clerk explained that it is on the list to do but due to staff shortages it has been delayed. Also raised concerns regarding the 6 month rule and apologies. Andre Wheeler updated the members regarding the footpaths and Remembrance Sunday being scaled down considerably due to COVID-19.

Cllr Mr J Hood joined the meeting

274/2020 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Report received from CC Mrs J Richards had been circulated to the members via email prior to the meeting and asked if there were any questions

275/2020 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Mr H Williams informed the members of the following:-

- HBBC are coping with COVID-19 very well
- He is the Chairman of The Fusion Academy on Moore Road which has excellent facilities particularly for autistic children
- Plants to be provided to replace hedge removed
- Issues with Charnwood Care home and Overhanging vegetation
- ASB on Charnwood Road
- PCIF Applications the Borough and Parish Council need to be more due diligence when considering applications to ensure they benefit the Parishioners of Barwell

Borough Councillor Mr H Williams left the meeting

276/2020 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman

277/2020 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk informed the members of the following: -

- Request to put posters up in Parish Council Parks for Halloween hunt – members feel whilst it is a nice idea, due to the current situation we are in with COVID-19 they decline to give permission with concerns of encouraging gatherings
- Public Toilets continue to be open – Clerk to liaise with County Council on whether they should consider closing again due to the increase in Coronavirus cases
- Election has been requested for the Red Hall seat which will be suspended until 6th May 2021 as per The Local Authority and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and

Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

- Telephone call received from Stage Effects regarding the faulty snow machine the offer of £190 still stand but refused
- Drug addicts seen and reported to the Police on Hereford Close Green Space near Barwell Park but there was no attendance
- Emergency Response Kit has now all been received

278/2020 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Members noted the Quarterly Budget Review

279/2020 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Members raised concerns regarding the grant application for Message in a Bottle from The Earl Shilton and Barwell Lions. Clerk to obtain further information and bring to the next meeting.
- Members RESOLVED to award £500 to Barwell Bloomers towards a new Water Bowser and winter plants

280/2020 YOUTH WORKER POSITION

Members received an update on the position of a Youth Worker. Clerk to invite a representative from Young Leicestershire to attend the next meeting

281/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Members received reports from the following Committees: -

- Planning & Highways

White paper on Planning recommendations to be submitted
Extension to garage on Dawsons Lane granted
Pruning of Beech Tree at Stanley House granted

- Cemetery, Parks and Recreation

Trees in Tip Park have been assessed and dead trees to be removed
Agreed on a volunteer for footpaths around Barwell
Allotments site considered clerk to liaise with HBBC on one site regarding availability

- Parish Council Events

Christmas Tree has been chosen. Date to be decided on Lights being switched on

- Finance and General Purpose

Tablet devices considered for members but rejected due to costs
Pay award agreed for all staff and a review of Pay Scales deferred to Staffing for next budget
Quotation for Gas copper piping in Parish Office to be replaced with new flex type agreed
Internet connection agreed for Kirkby Road Cemetery
Security Lights for Kirkby Road Cemetery agreed
Community Grants deferred to Full Council due to pecuniary interests
Monthly invoice approved for payment

- Staffing

Nothing to report

- Outer Bodies

Cllr Mr M Hulbert and the Clerk attended online training on Planning for the Future
Cllr Mr M Gould attended the AGM for LRALC

- Working Parties

Voluntary Sector Working Party held first meeting with positive ideas to be followed up
Climate Change Working Party to invite members of the public with knowledge to join the party

282/2020 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members noted the following committee minutes: -

Planning and Highways Committee 10th August 2020
Planning and Highways Committee 14th September 2020
Finance and General-Purpose Committee 13th August 2020
Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Committee 16th July 2020

RESOLVED That under the *Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended) the next item will be held in closed session*

283/2020 BELLIGERENT BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS STAFF MEMBERS

Recent incident was discussed, and members considered action to be taken

284/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th November 2020

(The meeting closed at 8:10pm.)

Chairman's Signature.....