

THE PARISH OF BARWELL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

24th APRIL 2018 @ 6:30pm

Held at the Parish Office, 10 High Street, Barwell

In attendance:-

Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Mr B Granger

Borough and Parish Councillor Mr R Roberts

Parish Clerk – Mrs D Deighton

6 parishioners

1. The chairman welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting
2. The Chairman gave a verbal report to the meeting as follows
 - Thanked the Borough Councillors Mr R Roberts and Mr H Williams for their continued support on getting derelict sites demolished and made safe. Also expressed his thanks to Borough Councillor Mrs H Smith for organising events in the village increasing them from 3 to 9 this year
 - There are now 26 Dog Bins and 61 Benches around the village
 - Free Wifi is going to be installed in Top Town by HBBC
 - Council Staff have been reduced to 6 from 8 saving £11,000 in Salaries
 - All the Parks have been brought up to a high standard again with a new slide for Tip Park and Bench for Boston Way

- Central heating in the Parish Office and Jubilee Hall is saving hundreds of pounds in energy bills
 - The Market has now been operating successfully but could do with a few more stalls
 - A Grant has been made available from HBBC for the local Shop towards upgrading their Shop Fronts to help improve the outlook of the village
 - Another successful Christmas Lights Event again this year
 - War Memorial will be undergoing a refurbishment in time for Remembrance Day as well as a Monolith to be erected to mark the World War One
 - East Green is still ongoing, but the Parish Council will continue to fight to get the footpath more accessible to the parishioners
3. Written report was received from County Councillor Mr B Crooks and a verbal report was received from Borough Councillor Mr R Roberts.

Cllr Roberts informed the meeting of

- Anti-Social Behaviour issues have been managed with the help of the Endeavour team and local Police
 - Derelict sites have been made safe
 - Top Range Motors is an ongoing issue
 - Barwell has the lowest percentage of empty units in the County
4. There were questions from parishioners regarding:
- The issue of Borough Councillor's expenses was raised by a Parishioner
 - Northamptonshire County Council has being abolished owing money to Leicestershire County Council so how were they going to be able to pay back the loan

Meeting closed at 6:50pm