



Minutes of the Meeting of Broseley Town Council
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 9th August 2016
at the Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley

Standard abbreviations used throughout: Shropshire Council – SC
Local Joint Committee – LJC
Birchmeadow Centre – BMC
Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee - BCMC

102. PRESENT

Councillors Childs, Cooke, L Garbett, M Garbett, Harris, Jones, Pickles, Scott, Smith, Taylor.

103. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk
Mr D Bould, CSO M Watkins

104. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Mr Bould drew attention to recent correspondence between himself and the Council. He also read an extract from a letter he had received from the SC Monitoring Officer in 2012. Mr Bould stated that he just wanted answers.
- b. CSO M Watkins gave an overview of the “Stop that Thief” initiative, which targeted rural crime and had been very successful.

105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
Childs	11e	Refurbishment of BMC toilets	Pecuniary	Employee of BCMC	114e
Jones	13	Asset Transfer	Bias	Member of Shropshire Council	116
Smith	10	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between site and jointly owned property	113
	11e	Refurbishment of BMC toilets	Bias	BCMC Trustee	114e

107. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last month had been relatively quiet. The Mayor had attended the Harrington Cup final on the Birchmeadow Park, which had been a successful event and had raised £1,800 towards the Lingen Davies cancer relief fund.

108. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2016

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2016 as a true record of the proceedings.

109. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2016

Minute 89b: Councillor Jones had heard nothing further regarding the SC task and finish group considering the future of the local planning system and therefore assumed that she had not been selected to join the group.

110. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.

111. REVIEW OF PROJECT GRANT AND SERVICE SUPPORT GRANT POLICIES

RESOLVED to change the Council’s contact address and make minor amendments to the policies to ensure consistency.

112. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th July 2016.
- b. Councillors noted a report from the Planning Committee.
There had been no resolution to the matter of CIL funding for Broseley CofE Primary School. The Council would continue to lobby SC.
Residents in the vicinity of the Rosewood site had expressed concerns about continuing problems with noise and parking. Councillors agreed to write to Rosewood to seek suggestions on how to alleviate the problems.

113. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Nothing significant to report. The next stakeholder meeting was scheduled for 2nd September.

114. ESTATE COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the Estate Committee meeting held on 19th July 2016.
- b. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the Estate Committee meeting held on 26th July 2016.
- c. Councillors noted a report from the Estate Committee. The committee had agreed to send the draft BMC Management Agreement to the Council's solicitor. There still appeared to be a problem with the BMC accounts on the Charity Commission website. The Clerk was asked to check this.
- d. On the recommendation of the Estate Committee, **RESOLVED to allocate £35,000 from general reserves for the conversion of the Town Council's street lights to LED lanterns.**

Having declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, Councillor Childs left the meeting.

- e. On the recommendation of the Estate Committee, **RESOLVED to allocate £15,000 from general reserves for the refurbishment of the upstairs ladies and gents toilets at the Birchmeadow Centre.**

Councillor Childs returned to the meeting.

- f. On the recommendation of the Estate Committee, **RESOLVED to leave the operation of the intruder alarm at the Library as existing.**

115. IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION ARTEFACTS

Councillors noted a report from the working group. Arrangements had been made for the kibble bucket to be relocated to Maypole Green. A letter drop would be made beforehand to residents around the Green. Following removal of the bucket, the first sculpture would be fixed on the Pritchard Memorial base.

116. ASSET TRANSFER

- a. Councillors considered the draft Lease for the library and car park. They expressed concern that there was no commitment in writing from SC to resurface the car park and repair the boundary walls and wished this to be provided prior to signature.
RESOLVED to leave the matter on the table until the September full council meeting.
- b. Councillors considered the draft Service Level Agreement for the operation of the library and customer services. An apparent error was identified in the opening hours of the library and customer services.
RESOLVED to leave the matter on the table until the opening hours had been clarified.
- c. There had been no further progress with the transfer of other Shropshire Council assets. The timetable for negotiations had been extended by SC as another year's funding had been found.

117. CCTV

The installation of a CCTV camera on the King and Thai restaurant was progressing.

118. CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES

Councillors noted information on the "Stop That Thief" joint police and National Farmers' Union initiative, as outlined by CSO M Watkins earlier in the meeting. The Clerk was asked to include information on the initiative in the next edition of Town Talk.

119. HIGHWAYS

Councillors noted a report on highways matters:

- the Coalport Road scheme was under way but was behind schedule.
- the drain jetter would be in the town for two weeks clearing gullies and drains.

120. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- a. Councillors considered nominations for Citizen of the Year 2016 and selected the recipient.
- b. No nominations had been received for Young Citizen of the Year 2016.

121. CORRESPONDENCE

None to note.

122. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded for the following item of business, on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts:

Agenda item 20. Personnel matters

123. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Councillors considered a report and recommendations from the Personnel Group.

Chairman