



Minutes of the Meeting of Broseley Town Council
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th February 2017
at the Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley

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

257. PRESENT

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

258. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk, Mrs D Webb – RFO
Mr M Branson, Mr D Pountney, Mr D Bould

259. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Mr Bould asserted that he had not received replies to a number of his letters and queries. He stated that he would be standing for Council in the forthcoming local elections.
- b. Mr Branson expressed his continuing concerns about the closure of Lloyds Bank and the bank's refusal to meet the Town Council. Philip Dunne, MP, had taken this up with the bank. It was noted that no response had been received to the Council's second letter to Lloyds. Councillors agreed to pursue the matter further.
- c. Mr Pountney gave a rights of way report.

260. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Burton - work

261. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
Childs	18	Estate Committee	Pecuniary	Employee of BMC	277
Jones	19	SC Asset Transfer	Bias	Member of SC	278
Smith	15	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between site and jointly owned property	273

262. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor praised this year's production of "Rapunzel" by BroADS, which had been very popular. He reported that he would soon be distributing proceeds from his fund raising for the youth of Broseley to local groups.

263. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2017 as a true record of the proceedings.

264. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2017

Minute 236: the Clerk had written to Lloyds Bank, but had yet to receive a response.

265. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.

266. BANK RECONCILIATIONS

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations as at 30th November and 31st December 2016.

267. QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016

Councillors noted the budget review to 31st December 2016.

268. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

- a. Councillors noted that the six monthly fixed rate account with Nationwide Building Society had matured.
- b. **RESOLVED to invest for a further six months with Nationwide.**

269. REPRESENTATIVE FOR VICTORIA HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted that, following the resignation of D Scott, an additional Council representative was required for the Victoria Hall Committee.
- b. **RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Harris to the Victoria Hall Committee, to serve in this role until May.**

270. 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:

Personnel matters

271. PERSONNEL MATTERS

- a. **RESOLVED to approve the engagement of Shropshire HR to carry out the office staffing review.** The Clerk was asked to progress this as soon as possible.
- b. Councillors noted that appraisals had been carried out for the office staff and that Councillors Jones and Smith had attended a library operations meeting. The Clerk was asked to forward copies of the appraisal documentation to members of the Personnel Group.
- c. Councillors noted that there had been a poor response to the advertisement for a temporary RFO. However, the current RFO had offered to help out on a casual basis until the staffing review had been completed and the Council was in a position to advertise for a permanent replacement. **RESOLVED to employ the current RFO on a casual basis for a limited period on the terms agreed.**
- d. **RESOLVED to pay the RFO in lieu of untaken holiday due.**
- e. **RESOLVED to pay the Clerk and Administrative Assistant for overtime worked.**

272. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the meeting held on 26th January.
- b. Councillors noted a report from the Planning Committee. Councillors were asked to feed in any priorities for the review of the Place Plan. .

273. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that lorries were still reported to be driving up the High Street. Concerns had been expressed about the volume of water in the attenuation pond. Taylor Wimpey had stated that all required safety measures were in place. Work to fill the underground reservoir was scheduled to begin on 6th March. A road closure would be in place for four weeks. The next stakeholder meeting was scheduled for 17th February.

274. FUTURE OF IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION

Councillors Jones and Pickles had attended a meeting at SC regarding the future of the Power Station. It was noted that the owners, Uniper (no longer part of E.On), intended to demolish the structures on site and to sell the site as level ground by the end of the year. However, the large national grid transfer station in the middle of the site would need to remain in place. SC would like Uniper to finalise planning agreements and bring in as many business opportunities as possible. It was hoped to involve the Telford steam railway in any planning agreements.

275. IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION ARTEFACTS

Councillors noted a report from the Mayor. The installation of the sculpture on the Taylor Wimpey site in Dark Lane was now complete.

The walls around the sculpture at the entrance to the library had been finished and the area would be planted up.

Permission was still awaited from the diocese for the location of a sculpture in the churchyard but it was expected that this would be granted.

276. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue past 9.00pm

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

277. ESTATE COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17th January.
- b. Councillor L Garbett expressed her concern about an issue raised in minute 83b. It was noted that a meeting had taken place with the Council's solicitor with regard to the BMC management agreement. The capping stones around the Memorial Garden had been checked and those requiring attention had been marked. It had been established that the cost of the street lighting work was likely to be more expensive than previously thought due to the need to prioritise the replacement of concrete columns. To obtain cost savings, it was likely that part-night lighting would now be implemented first, rather than conversion to LED lighting.

Councillor Childs returned to the meeting.

278. SC ASSET TRANSFER

- a. Councillors noted that the lease for the Library and car park had now been signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for return to SC.
- b. SC had chased progress with the Birchmeadow Park and the Town Council working party had arranged to meet to consider information to hand and how to move forward.

279. "OUR HUB" MEETING

The Mayor provided a report from the most recent meeting.

280. TREES IN THE SQUARE

An inspection by D Freer from SC had established that although the paving blocks were lifting around one of the trees in The Square, this was not bad enough to need attention from SC Highways. SC had also been asked whether the cages around the trees might be removed as the trees were growing into the cages. A response was awaited.

281. HIGHWAYS

- a. **RESOLVED to request that SC extend the Keep Clear road markings in Duke Street to include number 23 and Roselea.**
- b. Councillors noted forthcoming roadworks and road closures. Work to the road and footpath in Cape Street was due to be carried out between 3rd and 13th April. Councillor Jones was asked to obtain written assurance from SC that plans for narrowing the footpath had taken into account the risk of wing mirrors from vehicles hitting pedestrians. Councillors noted planned highways safety measures to be implemented outside Broseley CofE School in Dark Lane.

282. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL STREET TRADING POLICY CONSULTATION

Councillors noted that Shropshire Council was consulting on its Street Trading Policy between 30th January and 27th March.

283. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors noted the following correspondence and agreed to take any action recorded:

- a. Letter from P Dunne, MP, dated 23rd January.