



Broseley Town Council

The Library Building, Bridgnorth Road, Broseley, Shropshire TF12 5EL

Minutes of a Town Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 11th February 2020** commencing at **19:00 hours** at the Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley TF12 5LP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Mick Burton (Mayor), Caroline Bagnall, Roy Childs, Simon Harris, Mark Garbett, Michael Garbett, Ann Maltby, Colette McCabe and Tarlochen Singh-Mohr

IN ATTENDANCE:

Vanessa Voysey (RFO/Deputy Clerk)
Jenna Munday (Administration Officer)
Sgt Ram Aston
P C Jess Hindley
Members of the public

180. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR

Councillor Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

181. VISIT FROM WEST MERCIA POLICE

Councillor Burton introduced Sgt Ram Aston from We Don't Buy Crime to discuss Smartwater packs for Broseley residents. The Town Council received a verbal quotation of an approximate price it would cost Broseley Town Council (approximately £8.90 a pack with town sign-up of 80% for households. Free signage for the town with a sign-up of over 89%).

With the use of the Smartwater packs he confirmed that over £175,000 of stolen goods were recovered last year.

Sgt Ram Aston suggested to have a public meeting for Broseley residents to have their say.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED to discuss this further at the next full Council meeting with a view to holding a community meeting.

Councillor Burton also introduced PC Jess Hindley to give an overview on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics in Broseley.

Crime Figures are accessible to view on www.police.uk. Cllr Hindley noted that there had been 31 anti-social complaints since last October. The police also get calls about trees down, dogs, speeding, and parking complaints.

The Town council received an update from PC Jess Hindley confirming that Bridgnorth station will stay open and has no plans to close.

Bridgnorth also have a new Sergeant, Kap Pindoria.

CSO Mike is due to retire on 31st March 2020 and the recruitment process has started to replace him.

The next police surgery meeting will be held on Saturday 7th march 10:00-12:00 in the Library Building.

NOTED.

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor asked those Councillors if they had any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

There were none which had not been previously recorded.

184. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were given an opportunity to ask the Council questions and raise any issues.

A member of the public raised the question why recording machines are not being used in council meetings, when this had been agreed at a previous full council meeting.

The councillors confirmed that this was agreed at a previous council meeting and still needs to be implemented/tried out.

Councillors did have concern of this not being accurate when councillors/public members are talking over one another.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding Coalport Road's 11-day road closure and asked the Town Council to confirm when this road is closed during school hours why residents don't have full access when letters received by residents from Shropshire highways state that residents will still have access. They also informed the council that most residents have not received letters from Shropshire highways regarding the 11-day road closure on Coalport Road. The office staff confirmed along with Cllr Harris that this will be followed up the following morning with Shropshire highways to have agreed access put in place for residents as confirmed in original letters.

A member of the public from the Haycop Nature Reserve spoke with regards to the increase of vandalism since April 2019, there has been damage to the forest school young people congregating there having fires and there are reports of visible drug use. The owl boxes, benches, signage, and new bird hide have suffered fire damage and the bird hide windows and doors have been broken several times. Repairs since April have cost £1,000. The Haycop Nature Reserve is a charitable organisation and if this matter keeps arising this will cause a serious problem for the charity. Councillor Harris will agree a suitable time for a meeting at the Haycop to discuss this matter in more detail.

185. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor provided the following update:

He attended the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

He attended the Red Church Open Day, the next open day will be in March 2020 for anyone who would like to volunteer with gardening.

He Attended the cemetery to view the new container, this has now been painted.

NOTED.

186. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of a Town Council meeting held on 14 January 2020 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Roy Childs, SECONDED by Cllr. Colette McCabe and RESOLVED that the minutes be APPROVED and ADOPTED as a true record.

Councillor Linda Garbett and Councillor Phil Revell abstained.

187. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Council were asked to **NOTE** a verbal updated provided by the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

The Planning Committee noted the following planning decisions made by Shropshire Council:

- a) 19/05404/FUL - permission had been granted after the publication of the Agenda

188. ESTATES COMMITTEE

The Council were asked to **NOTE** a verbal update on the Estates Committee meeting held on the 21st January 2020 from Councillor Michael Garbett. Doors had been ordered and fitted at the Birchmeadow Centre and new maintenance approved for the repair of two broken windows. A report was given from MUGA. The condition of benches at the cemetery had been raised as an action item.

NOTED.

189. PLACE PLAN & RESERVES GROUP

The Council were asked to **NOTE** that there was no Place Plan and Reserves meeting held on the 5th February 2020 and there was no update to be provided.

190. FINANCES

The Council **RECEIVED** a report and verbal update from the RFO / Assistant Clerk on January's payments to be made.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Roy Childs, SECONDED by Councillor Michael Garbett and unanimously AGREED that payments for January 2020 be APPROVED.

191. ALLOCATION OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Ann Maltby said she was willing to stand down as a Member of the Birchmeadow Management Committee.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Roy Childs, SECONDED by Cllr. Michael Garbett and unanimously AGREED that councillors be appointed as follows:

Planning Committee - Cllr Phil Revell

Estates Committee - Cllr Caroline Bagnall

Birch Meadow Management Committee - Cllr Collette McCabe

SALC- Cllr Roy Childs

J L Edwards Memorial Trust – Cllr Caroline Bagnall

Steering Group of the Gorge – Cllr Phil Revell

192. GRANTS

1) A grant application from the Cadets was considered for approval.

The council agreed to a grant of £700

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Colette McCabe, SECONDED by Councillor Roy Childs and AGREED that £700 be awarded to the Cadets.

Councillor Harris abstained.

2) A grant application from the Youth Association was considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Colette McCabe, SECONDED by Councillor Phil Revell and unanimously AGREED to grant a £50 limit to be paid once a breakdown of costs had been received.

3) A grant application from the Friends of the Red Church was considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Colette McCabe, SECONDED by Councillor Roy Childs and unanimously AGREED to award a grant of £750.00

4) A grant application from the Little Owls Nursery was considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Colette McCabe, SECONDED by Councillor Roy Childs and unanimously AGREED to award a grant of £971.00

5) A grant application from Broseley in Bloom was considered for approval.

The Chairman, Cllr Mick Burton PROPOSED and it was therefore AGEED that consideration be deferred.

193. YOUTH PROVISION

Councillors discussed a grant proposal for youth provision for a 9-week project for 2 youth workers to engage with local young people, out and about in the town. A report would be presented to the Town Council to suggest how to proceed.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Tarlochen Singh-Mohr, SECONDED by Councillor Phil Revell and unanimously AGREED that the next PPR meeting would discuss this in more detail.

194. HIGHWAYS

The Council **RECEIVED** an update with regard to highways by Councillor Simon Harris. He also gave an update on a replacement plan for new street lights in Broseley.

It was AGREED that this should be discussed at the next Estates Committee meeting.

195. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council **NOTED** a verbal update received by Councillor Phil Revell regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and **RECEIVED** the reports on the Executive Summary of the Neighbourhood Plan, Employment Land for Syspal and Housing Allocation on Avenue Road.

Councillor Revell discussed Planning Application 19/02749/FUL that was granted in 2019 for the main manufacturing employer in Broseley – Syspal, to extend their existing site.

This is an employment land allocation; proposals for housing will not be supported for this site.

Councillor Revell also discussed the housing allocation on avenue road that was decisively rejected in spring 2019.

A parallel Neighbourhood Plan consultation narrowly accepted this site as a preferable option in summer 2019.

Documents of the Neighbourhood Plan are available on the Town Council's website for members of the public to view.

There will be a public meeting held in Broseley Social Club on 19th February at 7:30pm.

Neighbourhood plan maps are on display within Broseley Library.

NOTED.

196. OFFICE VISITOR'S BOOK

A verbal update was **NOTED** by the Council from Councillor Tarlochen Singh-Mohr with regard to implementing a new visitors log to the office. This is to comply with GDPR regulations.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that a visitor's log be implemented in the Town Council's office.

197. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Request from RBL for a donation.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and unanimously AGREED that the Town Council would consider awarding a grant once a completed grant form had been received from the Royal British Legion.

b) Christmas Lights

Councillor Simon Harris **PROPOSED** and it was **unanimously AGREED** that discussion of Christmas lights be deferred for 8 weeks.

198. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business so be transacted the public and press should not be present.

199. STAFFING UPDATE

The Council received a verbal update from councillor Tarlochen Singh-Mohr with regards to a new part time Locum Town Clerk to start 2 days per week from Thursday 13th February 2020, covering Mondays, Thursdays and evening meetings.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that a Locum Town Clerk be appointed to work a minimum of 2 days per week and that fortnightly reviews of administrative staffing be implemented.

The Council received a verbal update from councillor Tarlochen Singh-Mohr on the complaints system and audit paperwork from the former Locum Clerk Clare Turner.

NOTED.

200. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 10th March 2020 - 7.00pm at the Birchmeadow Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed: _____
Town Mayor

Date: _____

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