



Minutes of the meeting of the  
Estate Committee of Broseley Town Council  
held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
at the Birchmeadow Centre

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

**83. PRESENT**

Councillors Burton, L Garbett, M Garbett, Harris, Taylor.

**84. IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Mark Garbett

Members of the BCMC: C Bagnall (Chair), B Webb (Treasurer), S Milan.

TM Barrett - Clerk

**85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Goodall – work commitment.

**86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**87. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ESTATE COMMITTEE HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 as a true record.

**88. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

Minute 71bi. Councillor Michael Garbett hoped to attend to the hole in the ceiling of the changing room within the week.

Minute 71biii. The BCMC had agreed to pay for new extractor fans to be fitted in the downstairs toilets and this work was in hand.

Minute 71biv. S Milan undertook to follow up the return of tiles from the BMC roof with Go Green.

**89. REPORT FROM THE BIRCHMEADOW CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

a. Councillors noted a report from the BCMC. Recent events had gone well. The regular Northern Soul events had variable attendance but were easy to manage; five more such events were booked for this year. C Bagnall continued to receive requests from bands wishing to play at the venue. The annual pantomime would be staged at the end of January/beginning of February.

Before Christmas a letter had been received from Philip Dunne, MP, saying that he would like to visit the Centre and meet the volunteers. This would be arranged in due course.

b. Members of the BCMC were concerned that the use of the front car park by Taylor Wimpey workers had increased as the building work had progressed towards the top of the site. It was important that users of the Centre were able to park conveniently. Councillor Harris undertook to remind Taylor Wimpey that their workers were welcome to use the rear car park but should avoid the front.

c. Councillors noted the BCMC accounts. January was a quiet month. The BCMC had agreed to fund the redecoration of the lobby and cellar area and the order for the work had been placed.

**90. BIRCHMEADOW CENTRE MAINTENANCE**

a. There had been some confusion over the seeking of quotations for a new front door. The Clerk would now obtain quotations.

- b. The boiler serving the Pritchard Room had now been mended and was working properly. The boiler in the kitchen continued to lose pressure. Councillor Mark Garbett undertook to inject a sealant into the radiator system which should remedy the problem.
- c. **RESOLVED to agree to the request from BroADS to install four additional 13amp electrical sockets on the lighting grid in the hall at their cost.**
- d. Other maintenance issues:
  - i. Councillors noted performance figures for the solar panels. The feed-in tariff due should be paid to the Council by the company Good Energy.
  - ii. Quotations had been obtained for the installation of movement detecting lighting in the common areas of the building. The BCMC proposed to submit another grant application to the Postcode Lottery if the project was eligible. If it was not possible to obtain grant funding, the installation should still be considered for health and safety reasons.

Members of the BCMC left the meeting.

#### **91. MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)**

- a. A positive meeting had been held the previous week and the youth football managers had shown interest in becoming more involved with the MUGA. It had been agreed that the MUGA committee would continue as a separate entity after the winding up of the Broseley Partnership. The Committee had thanked the Council for allocating funds towards a replacement surface for the MUGA.
- c. Zorb balls had been acquired for the MUGA with the intention of hiring these out for parties, etc. A first aid course would be arranged for the MUGA supervisor. The Clerk had been asked to check the situation with regard to insurance.

#### **92. LIBRARY AND CAR PARK**

- a. Councillors noted that an operational meeting with the SC Library Area Manager was scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> January.
- b. Councillors noted that the local police had advised it would not be possible to loan the mobile CCTV camera for the library car park. The Council's street lighting working party would be considering the provision of CCTV for the town.
- c. It was noted that there was no electric vehicle charging point at Benthall Hall or in Much Wenlock at present. The Clerk had established that there was a charging point in Church Stretton and she would contact Church Stretton Climate Care for details of their experience.  
Councillor Harris had been in contact with a manufacturer of electric vehicle charging points and a meeting would be arranged with their representative.
- d. Councillors noted that the retaining wall around the sculpture on the library car park had been damaged again. A registration number had been obtained for the vehicle concerned but Councillors decided to take no action against the driver. Councillor Harris undertook to arrange a repair and speak to the builder about rounding the corner of the wall. An ornamental shrub would also be planted on the corner to make drivers more aware of the wall.

#### **93. CEMETERY**

- a. The plans for a building at the Cemetery had been passed to two local builders for an estimate of cost. Further details were awaited.
- b. Councillors noted that the snow had brought down several tree branches in the Cemetery and that remedial work had been undertaken to deal with this.
- c. The results of the recent tree survey were still awaited.
- d. Councillors considered cemetery fees for 2018/19. **RESOLVED to recommend to full Council an increase of £10 on each fee heading.**

**94. WATER TANKS IN VAN**

Councillor Goodall had inspected the water tanks in the van. Due to his absence a report would be made at the next meeting.

**95. PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR GUEST ROAD**

The SC Community Enablement Officer was seeking further quotations for suitable play equipment. The Clerk had suggested that, if necessary, a fence along the road side of the play area could be installed by the Council's groundsmen so that more of the Everybody Active funding could be spent on the play equipment.

Chairman