



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

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

251. PRESENT

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

252. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk, Mrs D Webb – RFO.
Shropshire Councillor D Turner, Mr D Pountney, Mr L Evans, Ms S Barnham.

253. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Shropshire Councillor D Turner reported that he had requested that the application for work at 49 Crews Park be referred to SC Planning Committee but the request had been refused. Councillor Turner had nevertheless made his views about the application known.
At the latest SC Planning Committee meeting Councillor Turner had been elected Vice Chairman.
- b. Mr L Evans reported a problem with rubbish being tipped near his house in King Street. Over Christmas the drains had been blocked and Severn Trent Water had been to clear them. They had informed Mr Evans that the drains were full of rat droppings and Mr Evans asked the Town Council to address this. The Mayor undertook to refer the matter to SC.
- c. Ms S Barnham thanked the Mayor for the provision of additional dog fouling signs. She asked whether spray paint might be provided to highlight incidences of dog fouling.
- d. Mr Pountney provided an update on rights of way matters. Many paths were still very muddy.

254. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors A Cooke and J Jones - holiday.

255. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
L Garbett	13	Planning	Pecuniary	Owner of land subject to planning application	265
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Smith	15	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between own property and the development site	267

256. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had recently attended a meeting at Much Wenlock where fund raising and future plans for the Gaskell Recreation Ground had been discussed.
The Mayor had received verbal notification that Broseley had been awarded a number of the artefacts from the Ironbridge Power Station. This was good news but written confirmation was awaited.

257. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2016

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

258. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY

Minute 239: the Clerk reported that the Council's Admin. Assistant had recently attended a training course on setting up a website. The Clerk would be in a position to present options for the Council's future website at the March meeting, rather than the April meeting.

Minute 243: the Clerk had obtained projected figures for primary school admissions from SC, however, these did not take into account the Dark Lane development. The SC Officer had agreed to update the figures and these would be circulated to Councillors when received.

Minute 244: nothing further had been heard from Blakemore's regarding the Spar car park. The Clerk was asked to add the matter to the agenda of the March meeting.

259. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday, 17th March. Councillors considered possible topics and speakers for the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to invite the following:

- a. A speaker from Arriva and SC on the future of bus routes through the town.
- b. A representative from the Friendly Bus to give a presentation on their services.
- c. Mrs H Fair, from the Health Centre, to give an overview of her role.

The Clerk would also enquire whether it would be possible to borrow the "Future Fit" information boards for display. A speaker was not required but the presence of somebody able to answer any queries raised by the display would be helpful. Light refreshments should be provided.

260. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Councillor Scott expressed his concerns about payments relating to the BMC. The Clerk provided clarification on the payments listed. It was agreed to provide further information to Councillor Scott. It was noted that any Councillor was entitled to attend meetings of the Planning and Estate Committees.

RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.

261. BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for December 2015.

262. BUDGET REVIEW

Councillors noted the budget review to 31st December 2015.

RESOLVED to make a virement from contingencies into those budget headings which were over budget to bring them within budget.

RESOLVED to earmark any unspent funds in the budget lines for public lighting and the BMC essential works programme to be carried forward into the 2016/17 budget.

263. CREATION OF NEW BUDGET LINE FOR ASSET TRANSFER

RESOLVED to create a new budget line for expenses associated with the transfer of assets from Shropshire Council and to make a virement of £1,500 into that budget line from contingencies.

It was agreed that mention should be made in the Council's Annual Report of the staff costs which had arisen for work in preparation for the asset transfer.

264. MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) FINANCES

a. Councillors noted the MUGA bank reconciliation to 31st December 2015.

b. **RESOLVED to transfer £3,000 from the MUGA current account to the MUGA reserve account.**

The RFO was asked to check whether the reserve fund was on target to cover the pitch replacement costs.

Having declared a pecuniary interest in the following item, Councillors L Garbett and M Garbett left the meeting.

265. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2016. Councillor Smith reported the Committee's growing disquiet over planning matters not being handled as well as they should be. The Clerk had written to SC.
- b. Councillors Harris and Pickles reported on the Planning Appeal hearing regarding land to the south of Coalport Road, which they had attended and spoken at earlier in the day. They felt that the case had been well argued by SC officers. The outcome would be communicated to us in due course.

Councillors L Garbett and M Garbett returned to the meeting.

266. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ASSET TRANSFER

- a. **RESOLVED that the Town Council agrees to the transfer of the open space at Guest Road from Shropshire Council on the understanding that it will be possible to transfer the Crown Land from the Crown to Shropshire Council at a later date.**
- b. Councillors noted a report on recent developments:
 - a consultation meeting had been held with those staff transferring to the Town Council and SC would draw up the necessary paperwork.
 - discussion regarding the library and customer services Service Level Agreement was still ongoing.
 - the draft lease for the library was still awaited.
 - the draft lease for Maypole Green was still awaited.
 - the working party had agreed a target handover date of 1st April 2016.
 - the library would be closed for the month of March whilst alterations were carried out to create an office space for the Council. A mobile library would be provided every Saturday morning for the duration of the closure.
 - the Clerk had informed Harwood's that the Council would be vacating the current office. A date of 30th April had been agreed in case of any overrun with the alterations at the library.

The Clerk was asked to check whether a computer would be provided on the mobile library. Councillors were concerned that those seeking work would be unable to search for jobs online and that this might jeopardise their benefits. The Clerk would check whether it might be possible to provide temporary computer access at the Wilkinson Avenue Community Room.

267. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Taylor Wimpey (TW) had been asked to check whether a pavement would be provided along the top of the development on the Birchmeadow Road. Councillors had arranged for TW to have a key to the rear BMC car park to help move contractors vehicles off Dark Lane. Subsequently, an improved parking area had been created on the development site and the vehicles were now parking there.

268. ESTATE COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016.
- b. It was noted that Councillor Harris and S Milan would be meeting later in the week to make progress with the gable end wall project.

269. CEMETERY FEES

RESOLVED that the fee for the interment of a child up to 12 years be reduced to zero, that the fees for burials of persons outside of the parish remain at double the standard fees and that all other charges be increased by 20% from April 2016.

270. HIGHWAYS

- a. Councillors noted forthcoming roadworks:
 - resurfacing of a section of the B4373 Ironbridge Road by the Old Rectory Bungalow on 19th February.
 - closure of the B4376 from Willey Park junction to B4373 Dunge junction, Barrow for milling and overlay on 14th/15th March.

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

- b. Councillors noted that a plan showing the location of grit bins was available on the SC website and that residents were encouraged to notify SC if a grit bin was running low.
- c. Councillors were requested to notify the office if they considered any additional grit bins were needed in the town.
- d. Councillors L Garbett and M Garbett agreed to attend the SALC training course: Traffic in Villages – what can help reduce speeds, improve safety and enhance village life on Thursday, 3rd March, 5.30 – 7.30pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

271. FLOOD PROTECTION ASSESSMENT

Councillors noted that Shropshire Council was offering a free residential property flood protection assessment, carried out by an independent surveyor, for properties which may be at risk of flooding or where flooding had previously occurred.

272. COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES (COCO)

Councillors noted a report from Councillor Smith on the recent meeting regarding the Compassionate Communities initiative and its possible introduction in Broseley.

273. NHS FUTURE FIT

Councillors noted that there would be widespread engagement on the preferred clinical model of services from June 2016. A number of pop-up stands had been displayed at hospitals around the County over recent months.

274. TOWN TALK

RESOLVED to defer discussion of distribution arrangements to the next meeting.

275. CLERKS MEETING

Councillors noted a report from the Clerk on recent meetings attended at SC. The Clerk was asked to add CIL to the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

276. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

- a. Friendly Bus Newsletter February 2016.
- b. Shropshire Armed Forces Covenant Newsletter, First Edition.
- c. Shropshire Health & Wellbeing News Jan 2016.
- d. Connecting Shropshire January 2016 Update.

Chairman