



Minutes of the Meeting of Broseley Town Council  
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 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

**177. PRESENT**

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

**178. IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk, Mrs D Webb – RFO  
Mr A and Mrs L Kaiser, Mr D Pountney, Mr D Bould.

**179. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. Mr Bould expressed his dissatisfaction with Councillors and stated his view that they had broken the Code of Conduct and were infringing on his civil rights.
- b. Mr Pountney gave a rights of way report. It was noted that the hedge overhanging Maypole Jitty had been cut back by the householder.
- c. Mr and Mrs Kaiser outlined plans for the 2017 Broseley Festival and the costs associated with staging the Festival. The Festival Committee was organising many fund raising events but the nature of the site – an open High Street – meant that it was not possible to charge for admission to the Festival. The Committee would be applying for a grant from the Town Council in due course and hoped that Councillors would feel able to support the event financially.

**180. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**181. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
Childs	9c	Birchmeadow Park Management Committee Grant Application	Pecuniary	Employee	187c
	17	Birchmeadow Centre Gable End Project	Pecuniary	Employee	189
Jones	9c	Birchmeadow Park Management Committee Grant Application	Bias	SC representative on the BMPMC	187c
	18	SC Asset Transfer	Bias	Member of SC	197
Smith	15	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between site and jointly owned property	195

**182. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had recently attended a Local History Society meeting at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum and had visited the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford.

**183. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**RESOLVED to amend the draft minutes as follows:**

Minute 150: to add “...at this meeting.”

Minute 154: to add "It was noted that the minutes relating to Personnel Matters were still outstanding."

**With these amendments, RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as a true record of the proceedings.**

**184. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Minute 165: Councillors were disappointed that the Clerk had not managed to submit the Council's comments on the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation before the deadline. It was noted that the Council's comments had been forwarded to Philip Dunne, MP.

**185. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

It was noted that the dates set for Council meetings in May 2017 would need to be changed due to the election of local Councillors on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**RESOLVED to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May and the Estate Committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

**186. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.**

**187. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

a. **RESOLVED to award a service support grant in the amount of £750 to Broseley in Bloom.**

b. **RESOLVED to defer consideration of the grant application from Broseley Tennis Club until the December meeting, pending receipt of further information.**

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

c. **RESOLVED to award a service support grant in the amount of £2,000 to the Birchmeadow Park Management Committee.**

Councillor Childs returned to the meeting.

d. Councillors noted the letter of thanks from Much Wenlock Town Council for the grant towards the Borough of Much Wenlock Minute Books Conservation Project.

e. Councillors considered the operation of the Service Support Grant Policy. The matter would be discussed further at the December meeting when a decision would be taken.

**188. BANK RECONCILIATION**

**RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

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

**189. BIRCHMEADOW CENTRE GABLE END PROJECT**

Councillors noted an update on progress with the project. The beam support had been installed and the stage roof replaced. Additional sound insulation had been incorporated into the stage roof. However, with the scaffolding in place it had become apparent that extensive repointing work was required to the outside of the gable end wall. On the recommendation of the working group, **RESOLVED to accept the quotation from the contractor dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to carry out repointing work to the gable end wall.**

Councillor Childs returned to the meeting.

**190. BUDGET 2017/18**

Councillors reviewed the first draft of the budget prepared by the RFO in consultation with the task and finish group. The draft budget would be further considered at the December full Council meeting.

**191. 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**

**192. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

- a. Councillors considered the manner of operation of the Personnel Group. The Clerk undertook to prepare guidelines outlining the requirements.

The Mayor, Clerk and RFO left the meeting.

- b. Councillors noted a report from the Clerk which would be discussed further at the December meeting.
- c. **RESOLVED to pay office staff overtime for October.**

The Mayor and Clerk returned to the meeting.

**193. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

**194. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- b. Councillors noted a report from the Planning Committee.

**195. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

A complaint regarding lorries driving through the town had been passed on to Taylor Wimpey. The SC Tree Officer would be attending site to check work being undertaken to trees.

**196. IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION ARTEFACTS**

Councillors noted a report on progress with the installation of the sculptures around the town. A sculpture had now been sited alongside Bridgnorth Road. A chain would be installed around the sculpture.

The sculpture at Cape Fold had been raised off the ground and gravel would be spread around the base.

The sculpture for Dark Lane would be delivered once all paperwork from Taylor Wimpey was in place.

A concrete pad would be created for the sculpture to be sited at the entrance to the Library car park prior to installation.

The sculpture to be sited in the churchyard would be stored elsewhere in the town temporarily. Two spare carts would be located by the Welcome to Broseley sign in Coalport Road.

**197. SC ASSET TRANSFER**

Councillors noted a report from the working party. The Council's solicitor had reviewed the lease documents for the open spaces and queries would be taken up with SC. The next meeting with SC was scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**198. HIGHWAYS**

Councillors noted a report on highways matters:

- work to address the water problems in Underwood would be carried out on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The walkway behind the houses was being monitored.
- there was still no date for the Cape Street work to be carried out.
- the parking area in Edinburgh Road had been completed.
- the initial marking of the yellow lines around the Bank and Harris's Green had been carried out.

It was noted that the pinch point on Avenue Road was still causing concern.

Councillors noted figures for highways improvements in Broseley from the SC Capital Programme 2016/17. The costs for the production of schemes only, without any implementation costs, was felt to be very high. **RESOLVED to write to SC asking for a justification of the costs of drawing up these highways improvement schemes.**

**199. CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

- a. Invitation to the AGM of Citizens Advice Shropshire to be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November at The Guildhall, Shrewsbury.
- b. Armed Forces Covenant Newsletter for Shropshire.