



Minutes of the meeting of Broseley Town Council
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th January 2016
at the Birchmeadow Centre, Broseley

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

229. PRESENT

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

230. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk, Mrs D Webb – RFO.
Shropshire Councillor D Turner, CSO M Watkins, Mr D Pountney.

231. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. CSO M Watkins reported a recent break-in at a local quarry.
- b. Shropshire Councillor Turner reported that he would be meeting SC traffic officers later in the week with regard to Much Wenlock issues but would raise the shared problem of HGVs. Councillor Turner asked Councillors to let him know if a speaker would be available from the Town Council if he referred the application for 49 Crews Park to Committee. Following the recent change of leadership at Shropshire Council, Councillor Turner had resigned from his position in the Cabinet.
- c. Mr Pountney provided an update on rights of way matters. Footpath 151 was still blocked by a tree and many paths were very muddy.

232. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor M Garbett - holiday.

233. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
L Garbett	12	Planning	Pecuniary	Owner of land subject to planning application	242
Jones	15	Asset transfer	Bias	Shropshire Councillor	245
Smith	13	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between own property and the development site	243

234. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the next LJC meeting would be held on Wednesday, 20th January. The Mayor reported that the Broseley branch of the Royal British Legion had held a well attended meeting before Christmas. Enough volunteers had come forward to keep the branch running and continue with the organisation of the Remembrance Day service in November. The Mayor had invited a consultant to visit the Birchmeadow Centre and the town to advise on possible improvements. The meeting had been positive and possibilities for the future were being explored. Councillors indicated their agreement to nominating the Mayor to attend the Queen's Garden Party. Councillors Childs, L Garbett and the Mayor were considering options for the provision of a replacement bus shelter in Bridgnorth Road. Councillor Jones agreed to contact SC Highways. The Mayor had attended several local functions, including a concert by the John Moore Quire and a Sea Cadets event.

235. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2015 as a true record of the proceedings.

- 236. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER**
Minute 225: the Patient Participation Group for the local doctors' surgery was hoping to arrange for a speaker on the Future Fit programme to attend a future meeting. The subject would not be covered at the forthcoming LJC meeting.
- 237. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.
- 238. BANK RECONCILIATION**
RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for November 2015.
- 239. BUDGET PLANNING**
Councillors considered the draft budget for 2016/17. It was noted that Shropnet was being phased out and that the Council would need to consider alternatives for its website provision. The Clerk was asked to present options for consideration at the April meeting.
- RESOLVED to approve the budget as presented with total expenditure of £230,825, income of £40,141 and a precept of £190,684.** This budget would leave the Band D council tax charge in Broseley at the same level as last year.
Voting: 9 in favour, 1 abstention (Councillor Scott).
- 240. INVESTMENT OF RESERVES**
- a. Councillors noted that the Council's six month business saver fixed rate account had matured on 23rd December 2015 and the funds were in a holding account.
 - b. **RESOLVED to invest the reserves in a 6 month saver account with Nationwide Bank.**
The RFO was asked to consider splitting the funds between banks in the future.
- 241. PENSION SCHEME**
RESOLVED that all permanent Town Council employees are eligible for membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme during their employment with the Council as specified in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended).

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

- 242. PLANNING COMMITTEE**
- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2015.
 - b. It was noted that the outline planning application for a residential development on land South of Coalport Road had gone to appeal. The Mayor offered to represent the Town Council at the appeal hearing in February.
The Mayor also agreed to speak on 49 Crews Park at the SC Planning Committee meeting if required.

Councillor L Garbett returned to the meeting.

- 243. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**
The stakeholder meeting planned for 8th January had not taken place as Taylor Wimpey had not attended. The meeting had been rescheduled.
It was noted that S106 money from the development would be passed to the Management Committee for the site, not to the Town Council.
The Clerk was asked to contact the Education department at SC and ask about the expected impact of the Dark Lane development on school numbers.
- 244. SPAR CAR PARK**
Councillor Pickles and the Clerk had met a representative from Blakemore earlier in the day to discuss the extremely poor condition of the car park at the rear of the Spar shop. The poor condition was acknowledged but there seemed to be no enthusiasm on the part of the owners to spend money improving the car park in any way. The representative offered only to speak to neighbours making use of the car park to see whether the cost of repairs might be shared. Councillors suggested that planings from SC road repairs might be used to fill the potholes at very little cost. The Mayor and Councillor Jones agreed to investigate this option.

245. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ASSET TRANSFER

SC had prepared a schedule for the alterations to the library building to accommodate the Council office. The work would be undertaken in March when the library would be closed for the month. Council staff should be able to move into the new office at the beginning of April. SC had suggested that Shifnal, Albrighton and Broseley Councils used the same lawyer to check the legal documentation as much of the paperwork would be the same and this would save money. Councillors were in favour of this suggestion.

246. CCTV

Nothing to report.

247. HIGHWAYS

- a. Councillors noted that National Grid Gas and Balfour Beatty would be undertaking gas mains renewal work in Park View, between house nos. 32 and 50, from 1st April to 28th April 2016.
- b. Councillor Jones reported that progress was being made with the proposal to create a parking area in Jackson Avenue.
A response had been received from SC officer Gemma Lawley regarding a traffic strategy for the town. This would be considered further at the next Planning Committee meeting.

248. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

- a. Police and Crime Commissioner's e-newsletter, December 2015.
- b. NALC newsletter.
- c. SC Health & Wellbeing e-news.
- d. Future Fit Digest December 2015.

249. 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 items of business, on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts:

20. Personnel matters

250. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Councillors considered a confidential report and recommendations from the Personnel Group. **RESOLVED to accept the recommendations contained in the confidential report of the meeting of the Personnel Group held on 2nd November 2015, as amended.**

Chairman