



Minutes of the Meeting of Broseley Town Council
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th July 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

75. PRESENT

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

76. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk
Mr D Pountney, Mr D Bould, Shropshire Councillor D Turner

77. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Mr D Pountney gave a rights of way report. Paths were generally clear, although some were still muddy. Overgrown paths had been reported to SC but had not been cleared yet.
- b. Mr Bould outlined what he considered to have been irregularities at the June full council meeting. He remarked that he did not know how much the repairs to the gable end of the BMC were going to cost (a matter discussed in private session at the previous meeting). Mr Bould also commented on staff related matters.

78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to accept the following apologies:

Councillor Burton – work.
Councillor L Garbett – unwell.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
Jones	17	Asset Transfer	Bias	Member of Shropshire Council	93
	20	Future Fit	Pre-determination	Member of Shropshire Council	96
Smith	14	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between site and jointly owned property	90

80. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave an overview of recent activities:

- the BMX track launch had gone well.
- the Mayor had presented the prizes for the Young Artist of the Year award.
- the Mayor had given Anna Brennand, CEO of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, a guided tour of Broseley.

The Mayor announced the forthcoming launch of a project to restore the first two Minute Books of the Borough of Wenlock; Councillor Pickles offered to attend the event.

81. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2016

Following an amendment to minute 65c, **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2016 as a true record of the proceedings.**

82. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2016

None.

- 83. STANDING ORDERS**
RESOLVED to approve changes required to Standing Orders Section 18. "Financial Controls and Procurement" for consistency with the revised Financial Regulations.
- 84. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**
RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.
- 85. BANK RECONCILIATION**
RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliations for April, May and June 2016.
- 86. INVESTMENT OF RESERVES**
Councillors noted that the Council's 6 month saver was due to mature on 21st July and **RESOLVED to re-invest the reserve funds in a further 6 month saver account with Nationwide.**
- 87. REVIEW OF PROJECT GRANT AND SERVICE SUPPORT GRANT POLICIES**
- a. Councillors noted a report from the Policy Review Task and Finish Group. The group had agreed that the policies were fit for purpose but that the section on advice to applicants should be modified.
 - b. **RESOLVED to defer consideration of agenda item 11b, to decide whether to agree the recommended changes, until the next meeting when written notes would be presented.**
- 88. POLICY FOR REVALUATION OF ASSETS**
RESOLVED to postpone consideration of this item until the return to work of the RFO.
- 89. PLANNING COMMITTEE**
- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30th June 2016.
 - b. Councillors noted a report from the Planning Committee. Applications had slowed. Some infill developments might add to highways problems. Minute 34: there was continuing uncertainty about the allocation of CIL funding. It was noted that Councillor Jones had put herself forward to join the SC task and finish group considering the future of the local planning system and that she would notify the Council if she was successful. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Jones for arranging to have a new bollard installed in Avenue Road. The pinch point was still not clearly visible and this matter had been raised again at the recent LJC meeting.
- 90. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**
It was noted that there were further problems with drainage away from the site. The next stakeholder meeting was scheduled for Friday, 15th July. Representatives were asked to obtain information on the finished appearance of the drainage area at the front of the site.
- 91. IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION ARTEFACTS**
A display had been set up in the window of J Hurdley's hardware shop showing the proposed locations for the artefacts. The next meeting of the working group was scheduled for the following week.
- 92. BID TO SET UP WALKING TRAIL**
RESOLVED to agree that members of the Council might submit a bid to the Everybody Active initiative, in conjunction with Barrow Parish Council, to set up a walking trail around Benthall Edge.
- 93. ASSET TRANSFER**
- a. Councillors noted an update on progress. Documentation relating to the library was with the Council's solicitor. Further information was awaited from SC regarding the open spaces. Discussions with SC had been widened to include options for Birchmeadow Park.

- b. Councillors noted the Memorandum of Co-operation on the Redesign of Shropshire Council Services prepared by the Clerk of Oswestry Town Council. **RESOLVED to note the paper and to comment that while Councillors did not agree to every facet, they understood the frustrations which had prompted the creation of the Memorandum.**

94. POLICE USE OF LIBRARY

RESOLVED to make available the facilities within the library to the local police officers for their use during rest breaks.

95. CCTV

Local police officers had assessed the benefit of installing a CCTV camera on the King and Thai restaurant on Ironbridge Road. The camera would allow monitoring of local traffic problems such as vehicles ignoring the pedestrian lights on the Ironbridge Road and speeding motorcycles along Pound Lane.

The Clerk was asked to add consideration of further CCTV issues to the agenda for the next meeting.

96. FUTURE FIT

a. Councillors noted the Future Fit press release dated 29th June.

b. **RESOLVED** to note the email from the Leader of T&W Council regarding the #PRH4Me campaign.

97. DISTRIBUTION OF TOWN TALK

RESOLVED to retain the existing system for the distribution of the Town Council's newsletter.

98. HIGHWAYS

Councillors noted a report on highways matters:

- a. Consultation on the scheme for double yellow lines along Coalport Road had been completed and the scheme would be implemented. However, SC would also be consulting on the extension of the 30mph speed limit towards Coalport Bridge. The zigzags outside the school would be mandatory, rather than advisory, from 8am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. Work was scheduled to be carried out between 25th July and 10th August.
- b. The bollards on the triangle of grass in Chapel Lane were to be painted with luminous paint following several collisions.
- c. The repairs and alterations to Cape Street were to be designed and built in the current financial year.
- d. The HGV scheme would be designed in the current financial year for implementation the following.
- e. The revised traffic calming scheme for Avenue Road / Bridgnorth Road would be designed in this financial year for implementation the next year. Narrowing the entrance to Bridgnorth Road from the main road and the entrance to Church Street from the main road were possibilities. Councillors were keen to see the plans to enable them to comment on these proposals.
- f. The SC Highways Officer had agreed to review the Avenue Road pinch point, which was causing concern.
- g. The SC Highways Officer would be asked to consider measures to improve safety at the junctions of Park View, Hockley Road and Sherlock Hoy Close.
- h. The Town Council's desire for a 20mph speed limit throughout the Conservation Area was reiterated.
- i. A road closure for resurfacing was planned for Merrywell Lane between 26/07/2016 and 05/08/2016.
- j. Part of Duke Street would be closed for three days from 15/08/16 to 17/08/16 for a new water connection.

99. CORRESPONDENCE

None to note.

100. 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:

Agenda item 25. Personnel matters

101. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Councillors considered a report and recommendations from the Personnel Group.

Chairman