



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

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

308. PRESENT

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

309. IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs T Barrett – Town Clerk.
Shropshire Councillor D Turner, CSO M Watkins, members of the Broseley Festival Committee.

310. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. CSO M Watkins reported continuing thefts from sheds and vehicles. Unfortunately, there were no leads at present. There were few incidences of anti-social behaviour. The mobile police station had recently visited the town and been well received. The mobile station had been requested for the Broseley Festival but it was unavailable on that date.
- b. Mrs Jo Pritchard, representing the Broseley Festival Committee, gave an overview of plans for this summer's event. It was planned to have a proper stage and overnight security, both of which increased costs compared with the previous year. A couple of more well known bands had been booked as well as local groups. The Festival Committee was continuing to raise funds but needed some additional support this year, hence the grant application to the Town Council.

311. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Subject	Type of interest	Reason	Minute no.
L Garbett	5	Grant applications – Broseley Festival Planning	Bias	Member of committee	314b
	11		Pecuniary	Owner of land subject to planning application	320
M Garbett	11	Planning	Pecuniary	Owner of land subject to planning application	320
Jones	13	SC Asset Transfers	Bias	Member of Shropshire Council	322
	15	SC Cabinet Report: Future of Local Services	Bias	Member of Shropshire Council	324
Smith	17	Dark Lane Housing Development	Bias	Point of contact between own property and the development site	327

313. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had recently attended a Civic Reception at Wellington.
The Mayor was in discussions with interested parties about a prospective motor sport hill climb event in Broseley for 2017.
Just over 100 people would be attending the Mayor's Ball on 30th April.
The Mayor had received a letter from a member of the public raising various concerns, which the Mayor and Clerk were dealing with.

314. GRANT APPLICATIONS.

- a. Councillors noted that thank you letters had been received from Willey Wanderers Cricket Club and Citizens Advice Shropshire.
- b. Councillors considered a grant application from the Broseley Festival for up to £3,000 to support the staging of a music festival in the town.
RESOLVED to reconsider the application at the May meeting as audited accounts had not been provided and these were required by the Council. The RFO should identify which budget heading any grant payment might come from and a proposal for a virement should be included on the agenda if required.
- c. Councillors considered a grant application from Bridgnorth & South Shropshire Crucial Crew for £406 to support the attendance of Broseley primary school children in year 6 at an annual safety event. **RESOLVED to reconsider the application at the May meeting as audited accounts had not been provided and these were required by the Council.**

315. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2016

Following amendments to minute 291a and 295, **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2016 as a true record of the proceedings.**

316. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2016

None

317. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED to approve for payment the schedule of accounts.

Councillor Scott drew the attention of Councillors to payments for the BMC.

318. BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for February 2016.

319. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- a. Councillors reviewed the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th March.
- b. **RESOLVED that the format of the following year's Annual Parish Meeting should be as follows:**
 - i. That there be at most one guest speaker.
 - ii. That any guest speaker be first on the agenda and answer questions and that a time limit be put on this session.
 - iii. That the Mayor and Shropshire Councillor then address the meeting and take questions immediately after their presentations.

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

320. PLANNING COMMITTEE

- a. Councillors noted the draft minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2016.
- b. Nominated councillors were still in the process of reviewing the SC draft Supplementary Planning Documents on the Type and Affordability of Housing, Natural Environment and Historic Environment.
- c. The Chair of the Planning Committee expressed his thanks to Esther Cartwright, the Council's Administrative Assistant, for taking the minutes at the last meeting in the absence of the Clerk.
The growing tendency of developers to appeal against SC decisions was noted. A response was still awaited from the SC highways officer regarding the pending application for the construction of a detached two storey dwelling on land off Fox Lane, application no. 16/00472/FUL (planning minute 207).
STAR Housing had been approached about the creation of extra parking space on their land and a positive response had been received.

Councillors L Garbett and M Garbett returned to the meeting.

321. IRONBRIDGE POWER STATION ARTEFACTS

- a. Councillors noted that the task and finish group had met. A number of locations had been identified where the artefacts might be sited and the land owners approached. STAR Housing had indicated their agreement and other responses were awaited.
- b. **RESOLVED that the task and finish group should bring proposals on finance required, insurance and health and safety matters to the next meeting.**

322. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ASSET TRANSFER

- a. Councillors noted that the move to the library had begun and was expected to be completed the following day. All had gone well so far.
RESOLVED that the operation of the intruder alarm should be checked.
- b. Councillors noted that the library was due to re-open to the public on Thursday, 14th April.
- c. **RESOLVED to move the morning the Council office is open to the public from Tuesday to Thursday to coincide with the library opening hours.**
- d. It was noted that the lease and service level agreements had been revised by SC and that these would be checked by members of the working party before sending to the Council's lawyer.
- e. **RESOLVED to hold a launch event for the refurbished library and new Council office on the afternoon of Thursday, 28th April with a budget of £30 for refreshments.**
- f. There had been no progress with the transfer of Maypole Green and Guest Road open space.

323. BIG CONVERSATION FEEDBACK EVENT

Councillors noted a report from Councillor Smith on the Big Conversation Feedback Event held on 23rd March. There was little positive news about the financial position of SC and the future of services.

324. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CABINET REPORT: A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH IN DESIGNING THE FUTURE OF OUR LOCAL SERVICES

Councillors considered the above report. SC was projecting a funding shortfall of £61m. The Mayor had approached Much Wenlock and Bridgnorth Town Councils and would be setting up a meeting with the Mayors from those councils to consider options for working together in the future.

Councillors expressed their concerns about the future of the Birchmeadow Park and the likely withdrawal of SC support. It was important to check the legal responsibilities of SC with regard to the Park and to ensure that SC continued to fulfil its responsibilities.

Councillors were disappointed that the Shropshire Association of Local Councils was not being more supportive and lobbying on its members' behalf.

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

326. BIRCHMEADOW PARK

Councillors noted that work on the BMX track on the Birchmeadow Park was due to commence the following day.

327. DARK LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The next stakeholder meeting would be held on the forthcoming Friday. Some residents had complained that piling was being carried out too close to the boundary. However, it had been established that the pre-start information provided for residents, in which a landscape buffer was shown, differed from the planning application and permission, which contained no landscape buffer.

328. HIGHWAYS

Councillors noted a report on highways matters:

- residents of Coalport Road had expressed concerns that the proposed traffic management scheme would displace parking cars to the outside of their houses. The Highways Officer would now consider modifying the scheme.

- consultation on yellow lines for Harris's Green and the High Street was going ahead.
- a meeting to discuss parking problem areas would be held the following day.
- recent work carried out by Ringway in Broseley Wood was of a very poor standard. The new road surface in Cape Street was already damaged.
- concerns were expressed about the pinch point in Avenue Road, which was not well lit and was difficult to see. This would be reviewed when the traffic calming scheme for the Ironbridge Road was reconsidered.

329. SPAR CAR PARK

Ringway had been approached about providing plantings that could be used to improve the Spar car park but had not been helpful. Councillors Harris and Pickles agreed to discuss how to make progress outside of the meeting.

330. BUS SHELTER

RESOLVED to defer discussion of a possible site for a new bus shelter until the next meeting.

331. COUNCIL WEBSITE OPTIONS

Councillors considered options for the Council website following the withdrawal of the Shropnet site and **RESOLVED to create a new website using the Hugo Fox template.**

332. TOWN TALK

Councillors considered the current distribution arrangements and agreed to make no changes at present.

333. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Councillors noted the following correspondence:

- a. Notification that Healthwatch Shropshire has launched a free and independent advocacy service to support people with complaints about the NHS.
- b. Notification of Police and Crime Commissioner elections on 5th May.
- c. Enquiry from Pinders Circus about staging a show in Broseley in September. **The Clerk would pass on contact details of the owner of the Fairfield.**

Chairman