

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7:00pm
in Plungar Village Hall

Present: Councillors Barlow, Johnson and Parry (Chairman)

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: 1

Members of the public: 4

Ref: Subject:

085/17 Apologies for absence – Councillors Jackson, Lowther and Smith.

086/17 Resolution to sign Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2017 – Minutes were signed following a request for minor amendments to 077/17 (c) and 083/17 by Councillor Jill Barlow.

087/17 There were no Declarations of Interest declared at this meeting.

088/17 Residents Questions –

Councillor Johnson advised that there was a street light out on Church Lane, Redmile and that there was a street light on all day on The Gas, Plungar.

The bin at the bus stop, opposite the church in Plungar was overflowing.

089/17 Update from Borough & County Councillors

Councillor Byron Rhodes advised that the Borough Council were considering a number of planning applications and that in some villages there was potential excessive development which could mean those villages doubling in size.

090/17 Planning:

17/00582/FULHH – The Byre, 10 Church Lane, Redmile. Having read the objections to this application and following a lengthy discussion, the Parish Council, objected to the application on the following grounds:

We are concerned in relation to the car parking, highways issues and the shared drive access to this property

We are concerned that the proposed extension of this building is not in keeping with its current character. The Byre's character is a single storey building

The Parish Council observes that there are currently many properties in a small area and there is a danger of them being over developed. We have noted that there are a number of objections from Redmile residents, some who are not in the immediate vicinity.

17/01169/REM – Field No. 4663 Barkestone Lane, Redmile. The Parish Council agreed that as this was a new build in open countryside, the character of the building would need to blend in. Councillor Parry advised that he would like to see the roof line reduced.

17/01230/FUL – Old Hill Farm, Sutton Road, Redmile. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Decisions:

17/00988/FUL – Redmile C of E Primary School - Approved

091/17 Assets of Community Value (ACV)

(a) The Windmill has been bought. The new owners want to have it up and running as a pub by Christmas. The residents of Redmile support a Pub/Restaurant in the village.

(b) The John Dory. The Parish Council had been advised that the residents of Barkestone were dismayed at how the process had been handled and the lack of communication from Melton Borough Council. Councillor Jackson is registered to speak at the Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday 19th October 2017.

092/17 Update on the Melton Local Plan

The projected time line for the Melton Local Plan is as follows:

September 2017 – Local Plan approved by Melton Borough Council

October 2017 – Plan will be sent to government for consideration

Spring 2018 – Public examination hearing for the plan

Summer 2018 – Plan approved by Government and approved by Melton Borough Council

093/17 Financial:

(a) Current account balance at 29 September 2017: £17,377.12; Deposit account balance: £17,699.25 - Noted

(b) Bank statement matches receipts and payment listing – Checked & approved

(c) Payments required: Michele Parker – September salary £372.35, Michele Parker – October salary £372.35, Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – Hire, Grant Thornton Audit £120.00, HMRC £204.30 - Q2 on costs

(d) Direct Debits: Eon - £118.38 - Street Lighting for October

094/17 Play Area:

(a) Monthly Reports – Councillor Lowther had advised the Clerk, via email, that the park inspections were up to date. The gate handle and the pivot bracket to the see-saw had been repaired.

(b) Discuss current funding raising & agree approach to applying & securing grant funding – Carried Forward to next meeting.

095/17 Footpaths:

(a) Report submitted by Footpath Warden, Ken Brockway – Carried Forward to next meeting.

(b) To note the progress on the land ownership where the 5 bar gate has been installed close by the Plungar canal bridge closing off the access to the old railway line – Carried Forward to next meeting.

096/17 Flagpoles:

(a) To consider the merits of a flagpole in the villages - Carried Forward to next meeting

097/17 Parish Council Responsibilities:

Status of Repairs and refurbishment – Carried Forward to next meeting

Contact with the Borough County Council over local repairs/refurbishment – Carried forward to next meeting

098/17 Redmile Halloween Fayre:

The Parish Council were updated with the arrangements that had been made for this event. The Parish Council thanked Oonagh and Chris Turnbull for sorting everything out and they hoped it would be a good event.

099/17 Community Walking Activities – Carried forward to next meeting.

100/17 Councillors Reports:

Councillor Jill Barlow commented on the condition of Granby Lane between Granby and Plungar. There were many pot holes and uneven surfaces and the sides of the road appeared to be collapsing as there were no kerbs.

Councillor Amanda Johnson asked that the County Council be reminded that they had promised us 'dragons teeth' at the start and end of Redmile Lane.

101/17 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk advised that the Redmile church gates had been oiled.

The Clerk advised that Harby Lane, Plungar will be closed from Monday 27th November 2017 to Friday 1st December 2017.

The Clerk advised that the Wicksteed report of Redmile Play Area does not refer to any specific trees in the Play Area.

Meeting closed: 9:15pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 7:00pm at Plungar Village Hall