

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 7:00pm
in Plungar Village Hall

Present: Councillors Barlow, Johnson, Lowther & Parry (Chairman)

Officer present: Parish Clerk

Borough & County representative: Councillor Byron Rhodes

Members of the public: 0

Ref:	Subject:	Outcome:
226/16	Apologies for absence – Councillor Roger Smith	Agreed
227/16	Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March 2017 – Signed once a minor amendment had been made	Agreed
228/16	Declarations of Interest – Councillor Jill Barlow declared a pecuniary interest in minute 231/16a – a planning application for The Grange – as Councillor Barlow’s property overlooks this location.	
229/16	Residents Questions	None received
230/16	Update from Borough & County Councillors Borough & County Councillor Byron Rhodes provided the following verbal report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County Council is in virtual hibernation due to the purdah period in the lead up to the elections on Thursday 04 May The Borough Council has been overwhelmed by the level of communication received relating to the draft Local Plan. A response from the consultants is expected next week & depending on their recommendations it may mean a re-consultation. The reported planning contravention at The Wickets is ongoing The Red Lion at Stathern has been made an Asset of Community Value but not the car-park. The decision on the Windmill’s Asset of Community Value is being requested prior to the auction date The John Dory seems to have an active group trying to save it as a community pub & asset. 	
231/16	Planning: For consideration: (a) 17/00182/FUL – The Grange, 17 Granby Lane, Plungar – Councillor Jill Barlow left the room whilst this application was being discussed. (b) 17/0222/FULHH – 8 Harby Lane, Plungar (c) 17/00346/FULHH + 17/00347/LBC – 5 Jericho Lane, Barkestone (d) 17/00340/FULHH – Carlecotes, 2 Drift Hill, Redmile Decisions: (e) 17/00035/FUL – The Barn, Lodge Farm, Harby Lane, Plungar – Approved – the Parish Council did not object to this application	No objection No objection No objection No objection Noted
232/16	Assets of Community Value (ACV) (a) Update on The Windmill & any progress on the ACV – Letter received from Melton Borough Council requesting additional information. Councillors Johnson & Lowther to respond. (b) Update on The John Dory – Representatives from the Barkestone Hub have met with Matt Timson. (c) To receive any update from Melton Borough Council on the handling of its earlier rejections of the John Dory ACV by both the Parish Council & CAMRA. – Melton Borough Council has reviewed its original decision & believe it to be correct. They will, however, permit a new application to be made. It was proposed that the Barkestone Hub make a new Asset of Community Value application.	Agreed Agreed
233/16	Update on the Melton Local Plan (a) To note the response from Melton Borough Council to the Parish Council’s 26 March 2017 letter	Noted
234/16	Financial: (a) Current account balance at 31 March 2017: £7,748.87; Deposit account balance: £10,696.78 (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payment listing (c) Payments required: Sharon Pyke - £462.56 April Salary; Marc Owen - £265.00 – Repairs to Play Park; Rural Community Council - £50.00 subscription renewal; LRALC - £236.59 membership renewal; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 - Hire (d) Direct Debits: Eon - £122.33 Street Lighting	Agreed Agreed
235/16	Play Area:	

	<p>(a) Monthly Reports – Councillor Ian Lowther to forward to the Parish Clerk. The camel ride handle has been vandalised by a local child. It can be repaired & Councillor Ian Lowther will talk to parents of the child involved.</p> <p>(b) Update on the contact with the Belvoir Estate for a new lease – The Belvoir Estate initially declined the request for a new lease. The Parish Clerk has gone back to the Belvoir Estate with additional information.</p> <p>(c) Discuss current funding raising & agree approach to applying & securing grant funding - Outline plans & pricing is starting to come through. Money could be saved by removing & disposing of the existing play equipment.</p> <p>(d) Update on the definition of an event where permission is required from the Parish Council – Councillor Roger Smith sent an email updating the Parish Council on his discussion with the insurance company. Councillor Tom Parry to draft wording which will be included in a new sign at the Play Area.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p>
236/16	<p>Footpaths:</p> <p>(a) Report submitted by Footpath Warden – Ken Brockway</p> <p>(b) Discuss progress on Definitive Map Modification Order on the land where the old railway line runs parallel with Grantham Canal at Plungar Canal bridge</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>No progress made</p>
237/16	<p>Towpaths:</p> <p>(a) To discuss action taken in regard to motorbikes using the towpath to date – the motorbikes are using the old railway line</p> <p>(b) Update on working with the Canal Trust – Councillor Jill Barlow & a local landowner are meeting with Robert Braithwaite, Customer Operations Supervisor based out of Harby later in the month</p>	
238/16	<p>Risk Assessment Policy:</p> <p>(a) Review draft policy with a view to adopting</p>	<p>Deferred</p>
239/16	<p>Date Protection Policy:</p> <p>(a) Review draft policy with a view to adopting</p>	<p>Deferred</p>
240/16	<p>Newsletter:</p> <p>(a) Discuss progress – The production of the newsletter has suffered because of other priorities therefore it will most likely be issued in the Summer</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
241/16	<p>Barkestone Parish Councillor</p> <p>(a) To fill the Barkestone vacancy available via co-option – A Barkestone resident has made their interest know but the Parish Clerk not received any response to her recent emails.</p>	<p>Chase up</p>
242/16	<p>Social Media</p> <p>(a) Discuss & agree an approach to using Social Media</p>	<p>Deferred</p>
243/16	<p>Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 16 May 2017</p> <p>(a) Discuss & agree topics & format – Emphasis to be on residents having the opportunity to make their views known.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
244/16	<p>Parish Council Responsibilities:</p> <p>(a) Status of repairs & refurbishment -</p> <p>(b) Contact with the Borough or County Council over local repairs/refurbishment</p>	<p>No update</p>
245/16	<p>Councillors Reports:</p>	<p>None received</p>
246/16	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>(a) LRALC has sent a supporting letter with their renewal of their membership – scan & forward to Parish Councillors</p> <p>(b) The horse chestnut tree that was felled in Barkestone which was subject to a Tree Preservation Order – the residents must plant a new tree which will also be subject to a Tree Preservation Order</p> <p>(c) The Parish Clerk is going to take some holidays over the Easter period</p> <p>(d) A reminder to read the policies & procedures in advance of the Annual Parish Council meeting. The Parish Councillors were keen to see a reduction in the maximum duration of a Parish Council meeting from 4 hours down to 2 hours with the discretion to extend upon agreement by a further 30 minutes. The Parish Clerk will amend the Standing Orders</p> <p>(e) A reminder to Parish Councillors to review their disclosable pecuniary interest forms</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9:02pm</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 7:00pm at Plungar Village Hall</p>	