

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
15 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.
HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, HIGH STREET, BARWELL

Present: Cllr Mr A Wheeler (Chairman)
Mr M Gould (Vice Chair), Mrs P Gould, Mr B Granger, Mrs G Granger,
Miss T Simmans, Mrs T Hollingworth, Cllr Mr R Neale Gardner and Mrs
H Smith.

Proper Officer – Mr A R Ellis

Also Present: County Councillor Mrs D Bown
Borough Councillor Mr D Gould
4 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr J Cullinane and Mrs E Boulter.

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were declared at this stage.

129. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Ruth Camamile. County Councillor Mr D Bown gave Members a report on the following:-

- Proposed Community Building
- Bypass Opening

130. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Councillor Mr D Gould gave Members a report on the following:-

- Antisocial Behaviour in Barwell
- New bus stop on Shilton Road
- Street cleaning in residential areas
- Plastic and Cardboard Collection
- Increase in Traffic warden presence in Barwell
- Parking in Barwell

131. POLICE REPORT

No police were present at the meeting.

132. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

a. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr B Granger updated Members on current planning issues including the news that the Tesco application had been granted and that there was an application in for flats at Top Range Motors.

b. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Mr A Wheeler updated Members on current financial issues.

c. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CEMETERY, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs T Hollingworth updated Members on current issues. Masefield's new play area is scheduled to start work in the 3rd week of March.

d. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Clerk updated Members on current issues including the new appointment of an admin assistant and a vacancy for an office cleaner.

e. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

As the Chairman couldn't attend the meeting, Cllr Mrs T Hollingworth updated members. The Chairman thanked the Committee for their hard work organising the Lights.

133. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

134. MINUTES

- a. RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

A vote was taken with a majority decision being reached

135. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

The following Committee Minutes and reports were noted by Members.

- a. Minutes of the Planning Committee 17 November 2008.

- b. Minutes of the Planning Committee 01 December 2008
- c. Minutes of the Finance Committee 20 November 2008..
- d. Reports from Members

There were no reports from Members.

136. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk updated members on Current issues including:-

- County and Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 26th Jan 2009
- Councillor training
- Planning Committee change of meeting date from the 26th Jan to the 27th Jan

137. 156 HIGH STREET

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent and that he was waiting for a response from the recipient.

A vote was taken with a majority decision being reached

138. PARKING IN BARWELL

An update had been received from the Borough Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk is to write to the Borough Council and ask that a representative from the Parish Council should be involved with discussions between the Constitutional Club and the Borough Council

139. BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2009/10

The Chairman tabled the proposed budget and precept recommendations from the Finance Committee. The committee recommended a 3.25% increase from last years precept.

Proposal that the budget and precept recommendations for the financial year 2009/10 be accepted by Council

A vote was taken with the proposition failing by 4 votes for and 5 votes against.

The chairman reminded the Council that a decision had to be made tonight on the precept level

It was RESOLVED that the precept for the financial year 2009/10 would be £169.116 which was a 2% increase. The Finance Committee will set the budget using the agreed precept figure.

A vote was taken with a majority decision being reached

140. AUTHORISED KEY HOLDERS

RESOLVED that the following persons are authorised key holders for the Council:-

- Mr A Wheeler
- Mr B Granger
- Miss T Simmans
- Mr A Ellis
- Mrs D Deighton

A vote was taken with a unanimous decision being reached

141. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TRANSFER

The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the discussions with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and the recommendations from the work party.

It was RESOLVED to accept the transfer of staff or vacant posts and the list of machinery.

A vote was taken with a majority decision being reached

It was further RESOLVED to

- Delegate responsibility to the Staffing formulate a job description and person specification for the position of grounds maintenance operative.
- Delegate responsibility to the Staffing Committee to advertise and recruit grounds maintenance operatives

A vote was taken with a unanimous decision being reached

It was further RESOLVED that the Clerk is authorised to purchase through lease hire a Condor Rotary Mower.

A vote was taken with a majority decision being reached

142. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Communities and Local Government – Code of recommended practise on Local Authority Publicity – A Consultation

Members noted the correspondence

- b. Barwell Scout Group – Letter of thanks
- c. Members noted the correspondence
- d. Barwell Outdoor Bowling Club – Letter of thanks

Members noted the correspondence

(The meeting closed at 8.44pm)

Chairman's Signature.....