

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
5 FEBRUARY 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 and Cllr Mr R Neale Gardner.

Proper Officer – Mr A R Ellis

Also Present: PCSO's Row and Cornick

143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr J Cullinane, Mrs S Bennett, Mrs H Smith and Mrs E Boulter.

144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were declared at this stage.

145. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Ruth Camamile.

146. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Mrs S Francks who had provided a written report which was distributed to Members

147. POLICE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed PCSO's Row and Cornick to the meeting. They report that:-

- Crime overall was 35% down
- New Barwell newsletters would be distributed
- Graffiti issues in Barwell
- Jaqual Team

The Chairman thanked the PCSO's for their attendance and report.

148. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

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

Cllr Mr B Granger informed Members that planning applications had gone quiet resulting in the last meeting being cancelled.

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. The clerk is asked to contact the tree warden about the hedge fronting Dovecote Way.

d. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STAFFING COMMITTEE

Cllrs Miss T Simmans updated Members on the current staffing issues including the appointment of a new office cleaner.

e. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

As Cllr Mrs Bennett was not at the meeting, Cllr Mrs T Hollingworth informed members that there was nothing to report from the Committee

149. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

150. MINUTES

- a. RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

*A vote was taken with a unanimous decision being reached.*

151. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

The following Committee Minutes and reports were noted by Members.

- a. Minutes of the Planning Committee 15 December 2008.
- b. Minutes of the Finance Committee 18 December 2008.
- c. Minutes of the Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Committee 13 November 2008
- d. Reports from Members

- i. Cllr Mr Wheeler reported on the County and Parish Council annual meeting.
- ii. Cllr Mr B Granger reported on a meeting to site a new bus stop just off Top Town.
- iii. Cllr Mrs T Hollingworth updated Members on the progress of the Parish Plan.
- iv. Cllr Mr M Gould reported on the Earl Shilton and Barwell Forward meeting he attended.

152. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk updated members on Current issues including:-

- New guidance on Memorial Safety

153. PARKING IN BARWELL

No update had been received from the Borough Council.

The Clerk is to chase up.

154. BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2009/10

The Chairman tabled the proposed budget and precept recommendations from the Finance Committee.

It was proposed that the budget and precept recommendations from the Finance Committee for the financial year 2009/10 be accepted by Council

*A vote was taken with 4 votes for and 4 votes against. The Chairman used his casting vote and the proposition failed.*

The Finance Committee will meet and make further recommendations to Council.

155. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TRANSFER

The Clerk updated Members on the progress of the discussions with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and that a further meeting had been arranged. The supervisor's transfer date had been agreed.

156. RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

The Clerk tabled the current risk assessment policy document.

It was RESOLVED to adopt the policy.

*A vote was taken with a unanimous decision being reached.*

157. COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS WISH LIST

The Chairman informed Members that County Council would like a list of road improvements from the Parish Council.

It was agreed that Members submit any proposals to the Clerk who will bring them to the next available Planning and Highways Committee. There would be no order of preference.

158. PARISH CLERKS ACCESS TO COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

RESOLVED that Barwell Parish Council lobby Leicestershire County Council to allow Parish Clerks direct access to County Council Officers.

*A vote was taken with a unanimous decision being reached.*

159. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Rural Action Seminar – 12 March 2009

Members to inform the Clerk of their attendance. The Finance Committee is to consider changing their meeting date

b. HBBC Invitation to the Mayors St Georges Day Ball

Noted

(The meeting closed at 8.56pm)

Chairman's Signature.....