*BARKBY & BARKBY THORPE PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting On Tuesday 14th May 2024 @ 7 pm at Barkby Village Hall

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| **Present:** : Cllr Chris Thompson (chair), Cllr Owen Bentley, Cllr Darren Heyes, Cllr Phil Saunders, Cllr Paul Fletcher, Cllr Dwayne Toon, Cllr Brenda Seaton  **Members of Public: One**  **Apologies**: None  014/24**Parishioner Business**  None  015/24**Police Report**  One theft was reported, however its whereabouts are unknown to the Parish Council.  016/24 **BABTAG Report**  **Thorpebury**  Barkby and Barkby Thorpe traffic mitigation measures.  LCC Highways is expected to set in motion around mid-May the consultation process on  the traffic mitigation measures for the villages. During the period of consultation CEG will  arrange a meeting where villagers will be able to ask questions about the scheme. (It has  been a real fight to get these limited mitigation measures. In calling for any additional  measures at the consultation it should be made clear that the scheme itself should not be  delayed.)  Hamilton Lane Closure  The new date for the closure of Hamilton Lane for up to four months is 3rd June to enable  the creation of two new accesses to Thorpebury and associated works. Again this will need  to be confirmed by LCC Highways.  Barkbythorpe Road remedial traffic measures  The builders confirmed that there is now agreement with Highways for a stout bollard to be  installed at the width restriction to prevent HGVs from straddling the pinch. At the  dangerous southern chicane road humps will be installed to slow traffic down to lessen the  chances of collisions on the brow of the rise. This work should take place at the same time  as the Hamilton Lane works.  Southern Relief Road  Negotiations are on-going between CEG and the city Council on agreeing a price for the  Page 89    land necessary for the new road. CEG hope to reach a deal this summer which will open  the way for construction of the road.  Number of completions  Roughly 150 houses have been completed and CEG believes it is line with housing  trajectory of Charnwood Borough Council    Bus Service  Negotiations are at an advanced stage with the bus provider but, as a new service running  on the City streets, it has to be approved by the City Council at authorising meetings which  only take place on two days per year. The service has to start by the occupation of the 175th  house  **Charnwood Local Plan and the 1500 houses**  Following the Examination in Public in February the inspectors have asked for a number  of fairly minor amendments to the Local Plan which council officers are currently working  on. The assumption is that once the inspectors are satisfied they will approve the Plan with  all the sites for 1500 more houses close to Barkby intact. It will then be up to the full  council to approve the Plan either this autumn or early in 2025.    In the meantime the inspector called in to adjudge in the 195 houses application north  Of BarkbyRoad by the traffic lights on the Queniborough Road has approved the  development which will see a housing estate midway between Barkby and Queniborough.  The inspector imposed a number of conditions on the developer which must be discharged  before building can commence. Within the next three years the developers will have to  put in a planning application for these “reserved matters” and get Charnwood Council’s  approval. So it is a matter of when not if.    Cllr Dwayne Toon reported on HA8, and that the reinstatement of the land on Barkby  Lane had still not taken place, this has been promised back in January 2024. The clerk to  chase again. Cllr Owen Bentley suggested that Cllr Dwayne Toon contact the local press.  017/24 **Declarations of Interest on the Agenda – Personal &**  **Prejudicial**: None  018/24 **To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held**  **on the 12th March 2024 in Barkby village hall:-**  The minutes were signed by as a true record. No matters arising. The  meeting minutes will be posted on the parish council website. The clerk will also put a  draft copy of the meeting minutes of this meeting on the noticeboard.  019/24**Borough Councillor Report**  None available  Page 90  020/24**County Councillor Report**  Cllr Brenda Seaton reported that the quality of the roads around the village had improved.  Also the 6 house development at Beeby were progressing, which would be rental  properties.  021/24**Financial Reports:**  B**ank Reconciliation:**  The balance on the 30th April 2024 was £ 34210.78  **Payments**  Total authorized payments for the period 1st April 2024 – 30th April 2024 = £2956.66  **Receipts**  Total income received for the period 1st April 2024 – 30th April 2024 = £13776.66  £0.00  As of today the “Platinum group” have spent £7630.57 leaving them  with a balance of £2369.43, which includes the VAT refund now received of £1080.50.  022/24 **Parking on Beeby Road/Holt Lane/School Lane**  Fred Hammond kindly attended the meeting representing the estate to discuss how this  problem could be addressed. Cllr Dwayne Toon shared some photos with the council on  the problems of parking from vehicles along Beeby road/Barkby Holt Lane and their  closeness to the junctions severely impacting on visibility to safely pull out. It would  appear the problem is coming from vehicles parked there all day (suggesting staff).  Fred Hammond discussed that many options had previously been looked at and offered to  help with the staff car parking problems including the use of the Cricket field and The  Brookside pub (with the previous landlord), however the take up of this was very short  lived, so again the problem is still there.  A resident on School Lane has also written to the school (April 2024) asking for staff not  to park on School Lane leaving their cars there all day when the parking is at a premium  for residents and particularly those who are disabled and elderly. The Pochin School  headteacher did reply that firm guidance had been given to not park beyond the school  down School Lane.  Fred Hammond as chair of BUCC offered this evening the opportunity for staff to use the  Cricket field for parking whilst working at the school. Another short term solution  suggested is for the school to contact The Brookside pub to again use their carpark as  staff parking.  A longer term solution suggested by Fred Hammond would be the creation of a lay-by/pull  in area along the Beeby Road past the school. This is something to be discussed again in  more details as clearly lots of planning considerations/costs/permission. The Parish  council unanimously agreed in principle this would be a good solution and supported the  Page 91  idea.  023/24 **Cemetery Fees – Review**  The clerk is to share all the current fee’s for the cemetery and other current fees of  neighbouring parishes to then review to make some increases. The clerk to email all these  details to then be approved at the next parish council meeting.    024/24 **The** **Parish Council approved the AGAR for 2023/2024.**  To consider and approve documents relating to the 2023-2024 AGAR   1. To complete and sign the Certificate of Exemption [exempt authorities only] 2. To receive the Annual Internal Auditor’s Report 2023/2024 3. To consider recommendations or matters arising from the internal auditor’s narrative report 4. To complete and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024 5. To receive and sign the Accounting Statements 2023-2024 6. To receive and consider the bank reconciliation 2023-2024 7. To receive and consider the explanation of variances 8. To receive and consider the breakdown of reserves held 9. To agree the dates for the period of public right   025/24**Clerk’s Report**   1. J1 Footpath – Patching works has not taken place as LCC deem the area not to be safe for the operatives due to the sloping of the footpath. The clerk continues to chase the Inspection and Enforcement Officer for LCC as to who is responsible for the repair to the footpath/embankment itself as it is falling into the brook at a rapid rate and will soon become a real danger. The clerk is awaiting on inspectors to visit the site. 2. Footbridge (J1b) along Brookside – A further quote has been received, however a very large quote, and so the clerk will revisit the quote with the company. The clerk will again chase the LCC to see if an inspector can visit to try and work with them to come up with a solution. Other options to be explored by the Parish council. 3. Fly tipping in and around the village is regularly reported by the clerk, as is the need to empty the dog poo bins in the village. 4. Potholes are constantly reported to LCC to be addressed. 5. The drain cover has been replaced on Beeby Road, having been initially blanked off. Drainage is crucial on Beeby road!   026/24 **General Correspondence**   * Weed killing – Has taken place on the agreed areas around the village. This is funded from the Members grant the Parish Council received. * Street light out along Brookside near No.64 & 66. Leicestershire County Council have stated they will not be able to replace the bulb as it is obsolete, and so the clerk   Page 92  has contacted the National grid to see what they can do to help. Awaiting a response.   * A letter of sympathy and condolences was agreed to be sent to Pam Greens family on her recent passing. Her funeral will take place at St Marys church on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 11am. Pam showed dedication and commitment as both councillor and Chair of the Parish Council serving our parish for many many years.   027/24 **Items for Next Months Agenda**  Model financial regulations 2024  Standing order review  Footbridge  Footpath  Cemetery fees  **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7.30pm at**  **Barkby Village Hall**  The meeting closed at 8.30pm    Chairman:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Clerk to do  Clerk to contact Pochin school  clerk  clerk | |
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