**BARSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2019**

**BARSTON INSTITUTE**

Chair, Jeremy Emmett opened the meeting at 8pm by welcoming all.

**Present:** Chair Cllr. Jez Emmett, Cllr. Robert Cookes, Cllr. Paul Hadley, Cllr Kay Sumner; Cllr. Lee Bould and clerk Ken Flood.

**Apologies.**

No Apologies.

**Minutes.**

The minutes of September 2019’s meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising.**

Barston Pound Rebuild: having written to Planning the clerk reported that he has yet to have a response. He went on to advise about receipt of the CIL funding (discussed under Finance) and Members agreed to give the go ahead for an estimated £1,000 spend on refurbishment.

Barston Blythe Bridge - Willow: The tree had been pruned back.

Henwood ANPR: Hampton Parish Council have tabled it for discussion.

Wildlife camera: one has been purchased.

Ford: depth indicators and signs - replacement has been actioned.

Eastcote Post Box - actioned.

Hedge trimming: Cllr Cookes will contact Kath Hemmings regarding financial contribution.

Tree loping/pollarding: Cllr Emmett is in discussions relating permission to cut back trees outside Post House. Cllr. Cookes will action work near to John Gerry’s property at Eastcote.

Fly tipping prosecutions: Chair reported that the Amey prosecution has been passed over to legal. There was no update with regard to Blythe Meadow.

**Public Forum.**

Parishioners reported serious gully blockages on Waterfield Hill. This was due to be dealt with on 13th November. Flooding outside The Pines was discussed as was the Brook at Eastcote Loop.

Discussion ensued about speed checks at Malt Shovel and the Chair informed that speeding drivers had been spoken to. He went on to call for volunteers to support the initiative. A check would take place in the village soon.

**Financial Matters.**

The clerk reported that the balance at bank as of 13th September 2019 is £14, 465.38. September’s Precept had been received together with a CIL payment of £2547.44 for the Sheridan Garage development.

The clerk reported that he had been advised that a total of £7,000 and £12,000 would be forthcoming for the Garage and Wyevale developments respectively. He was unsure of the precise timing of payment tranches but anticipated it would be within a 12 month period.

CIL may not be utilised to support Precept but was intended to support community projects. The Chair asked all to reflect on worthy projects.

**Airport Matters.**

David Elliott communicated that he had spoken to CAA (the 4th or 5th person) charged with publishing the report. He advised that further action would be unproductive. He was due to attend a quarterly meeting at the airport on 14th November.

**Planning Matters.**

Applications for Shrublands and Manor View were discussed. Both had been approved by Barston; however, the latter was rejected by Solihull. The Chair expressed his surprise and disappointment in relation to that.

Correspondence from David Keeney Traffic Manager - Switch (Solihull) regarding an ancient pathway at Oak Lane was discussed. Having listened to parishioners (particularly Ivan Eley), the matter of it reinstatement was put to the vote and failed to get any support. The clerk was instructed to write to Solihull and inform Mr Keeney of the decision.

**Highway & Environmental Matters.**

Cllr. Cookes raised the matter of rubbish outside Henwood Farm and Jacobean Lane. Cllr Emmett raised the matter of Brook Green Lane and the plan to use just 10 tonnes of dressing to address its poor condition. He had asked Solihull to reconsider the need for adequate materials. Cllr Cookes raised the matter of Solihull MBC wasting money by sending 5 men to deal with a simple speed sign replacement.

**Security and GDPR.**

The clerk advised that a cheque had been drawn for ICO renewal.

Positioning of ANPR camera at 4 new locations (redacted) were discussed and approved.

Names were taken for volunteer responders to Whats App.

**Any Other Business**

John Emmett asked that we consider putting new village signs in place.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

The next meeting is January 8th 2020.