

**Minutes of Barleythorpe Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 30th November 2023
Rutland Showground Pavilion, Barleythorpe**

Attendance	<p>Cllr. David Blanksby Cllr. Malcolm Phillips – Chairman Cllr. Julian Richardson Cllr. Andrew Burton</p> <p>Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk 7 members of the public</p>
Item 2023/83	The meeting opened at 7.05pm
2023/84	Public Participation Jenny Hughes, Chair of the Trustees, Oakham United Charities, spoke regarding her letter under correspondence.
2023/85	To approve absences The absences of Cllr. Hudson and Cllr. Goodwin were approved. Apologies received from C. Cllr Carr and C. Cllr. Zollinger-Ball.
2023/86	To co-opt a Parish Councillor It was proposed that Andrew Burton be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Proposed Cllr. Phillips Seconded Cllr. Richardson
2023/87	To receive declarations of member's interests and requests for dispensations None
2023/88	To approve the minutes of the meeting 28th September 2023 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2023/89	Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings 28th September 2023 not listed separately on the agenda. None.
2023/90	Clerk's report Adoption of Bellway Park – there remains no progress in this matter. Bellway's solicitors have yet to be instructed by their client. Parish Council noticeboards – the noticeboards are in need of some attention, cleaning and repainting.

2023/91	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Oakham United Charities – request for permission to relieve Barleythorpe Parish Council of the obligation to nominate a Trustee of the charity.</p> <p>It was proposed that Barleythorpe Parish Council relinquish the obligation to nominate a Trustee of Oakham United Charities. Proposed Cllr. Richardson Seconded Cllr. Blanksby All in favour</p> <p>b) RCC Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation – the consultation is now open and runs until 8th January 2024.</p> <p>c) Two letters of complaint from residents expressing concern at recent tree planting work to Chepstow Park.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed the following: The digger being used is operated by a licensed and trained contractor, approved by Allison Homes. The majority of trees being planted are replacements for trees which have died. The area is designated as a wild area and will be mowed 3 times a year (March, July, October). A maintenance agreement will be put in place. The cuttings mentioned are left by Allison Homes’ contractors, who maintain the area. The area was agreed to become a wood for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and is being planted with that intent. Preim approved the original design and plans.</p> <p>The possibility of planting a wildflower meadow at the front of the Queen’s Canopy was discussed. It was agreed that a site visit will be arranged, and the matter considered further at the next meeting.</p>	
2023/92	<p>County Councillors report</p> <p>There were no County Councillors present at the meeting.</p>	
2023/93	<p>Parish Liaison</p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting.</p>	

2023/94	<p>Environment Working Group</p> <p>a) Barleythorpe in Bloom – all planters have been sited and planted. Volunteers were thanked for their assistance.</p> <p>b) Tree planting – planting is almost complete.</p> <p>c) To consider proposal to purchase 6 Christmas trees.</p> <p>It was proposed that 6 Christmas trees, at a cost of £500, be purchased and planted in Barleythorpe – The Avenue, Linear Park, Farriers Reach and Stud Road.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr. Phillips Seconded Cllr. Richardson All in favour</p> <p>d) Main Road – to consider applying bark surface to path to park. It was agreed that the unofficial ‘path’ cannot be maintained by the Parish Council.</p>	
2023/95	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) To receive planning application responses and decisions since last meeting: none.</p> <p>b) To consider planning application 2023/1199/FUL Land west of Bosal Way. Construction of 14 units for commercial, storage or trade counter uses (Class E(g) (ii) [R&D] and (iii) [Light Industrial], Class B2 and B8 [Storage]) and 1no. unit for use as a builders merchant (sui generis) for the display, sale and storage of building, timber and plumbing supplies, plant and tool hire, outside display and storage including storage racking with associated external storage, associated parking, landscaping and drainage.</p> <p>Additional small business units offer some employment opportunities. Landscaping is essential and must be as planned.</p>	
2023/96	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. To approve financial statements to 31st October 2023 These were approved.</p> <p>b. To approve payments – none.</p> <p>c. CIL monies</p> <p>d. To approve the budget for 2024/25</p> <p>It was proposed that the budget for 2024/25 be set at £22,250. Proposed Cllr. Burton Seconded Cllr. Richardson All in favour</p>	

		Proposed budget 2024/25
Clerk's salary		£13,300.00
Clerk's expenses		£720.00
NI		£450.00
Street lighting		£200.00
Insurance		£560.00
room hire		£0.00
sundries (stationery,pri		£350.00
subscriptions (LRALC)		£520.00
website & IT (website,		£800.00
general budget		£3,500.00
Maintenance		£1,000.00
audit		£300.00
training		£200.00
election		£0.00
defibrillator		£250.00
Chairman's fund		£100.00
Total		<u>£22,250.00</u>
Precept request		£22,250.00

e. To approve the precept request for 2024/25
 It was proposed that the precept for 2024/25 be set at £22,250.
 Proposed Cllr. Burton
 Seconded Cllr. Richardson
 All in favour.

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The meeting closed at 8.05pm
 Next meeting Thursday 25th January 2024