

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in Bearley Village Hall at 7.00pm  
Monday 16 January 2023**

**Present:** Councillor Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Councillor Richard Le Page (Vice Chair), Councillor Marion Mitchell, Councillor Ray Greening and Councillor Nick Edden.

**Parish Clerk:** Karen Mason

**Public:** 4 member of the public for all of the meeting.

**1. Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of the meeting**

The Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of meetings was read out.

**2. Public conduct during Parish Council Meetings**

The Chairman's notice regarding public conduct was read out.

**3. Record of members present**

Noted

**4. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence**

County Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell, due to ill health. Apologies noted.

**5. Declaration of Interest (existence and nature) on Items on the Agenda**

Councillor R Le Page declared a personal interest relating to item 15, Village Hall as a trustee). In addition, item 21/01925/FUL (Planning Inspectorate APP/J3720/W/22/3290946) (personal objection and adjacent property).

**6. Public Forum (subject to a time limit of 15 minutes)**

A member of the public spoke of their desire and proposal for the Upper Play Area (Bearley Green) to be identified as an area of green space for rewilding and a flower meadow. The detail of the proposal was discussed at length with examples shared. The Chairman thanked the resident for sharing their ambitions. It was agreed that the Clerk will request the full written proposal and will circulate with Councillors and for discussion and, or, consultation in a future edition of the Bearley Beacon Newsletter.

A member of the public wished to discuss the outcome of planning application 21/01925/FUL. It was agreed to move forward item 20.2 for discussion 21/01925/FUL (Planning Inspectorate APP/J3720/W/22/3290946).

The Chairman briefed the meeting on the timeline and history of this application.

The member of public raised concerns in respect of the Planning Inspectorate report which has led to the approval of the planning application and an overturn of the original decision by Stratford District Council in November 2021.

Concerns shared relate to inconsistencies and the definition of Infill. Some residents are considering their options in response.

The Chairman thanked the member of public for sharing their feedback and asked to keep the Parish Council updated on any further news.

Additional concerns were raised with the Parish Council by another member of public in relation to the planning application and access off Ash Lane, which is shared by residents living on the lane. Councillor Ian Shenton contributed that the Planning Inspectorate has added numerous conditions to the application in respect of parking and access during the construction phase. Additionally any tree or hedge removal will require replacing.

**7. To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 November 2022**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 November 2022 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**8. Matters Arising**

None.

## 9. County & District Council Liaison

Apologies were received for Warwickshire County Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell.

Stratford District Councillor Ian Shenton shared key highlights from his latest report which is available here

<https://bearley.org/district-councillors-report-for-bearley-january-2023/>

Highlights include that SDC 2023/24 budget has been approved and there is an additional fund set aside for Cost Of Living. Councillor Shenton added that the consultation is live for the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) and runs until 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Bearley is highlighted within this consultation and Councillor Shenton has urged residents and the Parish Council to contribute to the consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk would consider an article for the Bearley Beacon and a community session for residents should be arranged. If residents have any questions then Councillor Shenton is happy to take these.

## 10. Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

## 11. Bearley Community Speedwatch

Councillor Ray Greening provided an updated on Bearley Community Speedwatch.

Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January is Safer Neighbourhood Policing Week and the speedwatch team will be active during that campaign week. Councillor Greening has raised a number of items with County Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell in respect of Noise Vibration, Speed limits and VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs). A meeting was held with highways before Christmas and feedback is as follows:-

Noise Vibration – there are no plans for Bearley in terms of road resurfacing within the next 12-18 months, WCC Highways will be following up on some pot holes identified.

Vehicle Speed Limits – lead commissioner Jo Edwards has been in contact with the Parish Council and reviewed the current speed limits in place and there will be no plans to change this in the short to medium term.

VAS Signs – This is not an option for Bearley due to the tree coverage and an additional concern over their effectiveness and value for money.

Church Bend – WCC Highways have agreed to consider a plan for new road markings on this stretch of the Snitterfield Road. The Clerk to follow up.

Councillor Greening is happy to consider more residents to train for speedwatch, residents are asked to make contact if this is of interest.

## 12. To receive an update on flood prevention

The flooding across Snitterfield Road outside Hallfield Farm was discussed. The Clerk to follow up on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 13. Communications update

13.1 Bearley Beacon February – Karen Barguss is working to the deadline of 31/01/23 for the Beacon. All articles due in by then. Agree to include an article on SWLP.

13.2 Village Website – the clerk shared the issues experienced with the Village Website and Google. Looking for support and skills on reviewing google analytics.

## 14. Report from Friends of Bearley Park

Councillor Greening shared that a site meeting with Playdale was scheduled for 24.01.23 for the maintenance repairs. It was agreed that these costs and that of a new park sign, moss clearance, new basketball nets and steel tennis equipment box to be tabled at a future meeting. The Clerk and Councillor Greening to discuss with FOBP for progressing.

## 15. Local Elections 2023

The Clerk shared that local elections are to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023. Any interested or prospective Parish Councillors should contact the clerk for further information. Key dates to be distributed in due course once released by Stratford District Council and the Election Commission.

## 16. Grass Cutting Contract 2023-2025

The Clerk circulated the tender submissions for the four companies quoting for the Grass Cutting Contract.



				<p><b>Appeal Completed</b></p> <p><b>19.12.2022</b></p> <p><b>Appeal Decision – “<i>Appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for 4 dwellings subject to conditions in schedule.</i>”</b></p>
22/02354/LDE	3 St Marys Acre, Bearley. Conversion of existing garage to study. Certificate Lawful Development-Existing.	20.10.2022	No representation	Lawful Dev. Cert. Existing Permitted  06.01.2023
22/03049/FUL	88 Grange Road Bearley Warwickshire CV37 0SF Demolition of rear single storey kitchen extension and conservatory and replacement with flat roof kitchen/diner.	15.11.2022	No objection	Permission with conditions.  05.12.2022
22/03121/FUL	Airfield Farm Snitterfield Road Bearley Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 0EX (Notification as an adjoining Parish)	7.12.2022	Object.	Refused 12.01.23

The clerk noted that the Parish Council received notification on 12 January 2023 that 22/03121/FUL (Airfield Farm retrospective) has been refused. Councillor Shenton added that this application will be picked up by SDC Planning Enforcement team.

20.2 21/01925/FUL (Planning Inspectorate APP/J3720/W/22/3290946)  
Discussed under item 6 Public Forum.

## 21. Correspondence and Communications Report

21.1 WALC news and training – A reminder for Councillors wishing to access the latest training provided by the County Association.

21.2. Cost of Living communications – The Chairman shared information received at the briefing session delivered by colleagues at WALC, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council in January. It was agreed that the Parish Council has a role in sharing as much information, support and help available, via Village Communications. Clerk to action.

## 22. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be an **Ordinary meeting** held on Monday 20 March 2023 at Bearley Village Hall, 7pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 09:20pm

Signed.....Designation .....Date.....