

The Minutes of the Meeting of Berrow Parish Council
Held at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 8.00pm.

Present: Cllrs. Richard Fellows (Chairman), Mike Thomas, Ruth Coates, Angela Tomkinson, Anne Lewis and Paul Lewis. Also present was the Clerk and Rev. Julie James.

There were no matters raised prior to the meeting

1. Apologies: Were received from Cllr Geof Shail

2. Declaration of Interests :

Councillors were reminded that they should keep their Register of Interests up to date. There were no personal interests declared in respect of items on the Agenda.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2016 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed.

4. Progress Reports:

- a. **Road Closures School lane and Camers Green:** The Clerk reported that the two roads: School Lane Pendock at the motorway bridge and Camers Green to Red Marley at the motorway bridge would be closed for a 42 week period from 16th January 2017. This would mean that although the defined diversion route would be to Rye Cross the roads that would take the brunt of traffic would be Whitings Hill Lane, Church Lane, Chadds Lane and Netherley Lane. The County Councillor for the area, Tom Wells was determined to ensure that any damage to these roads would be repaired within the contractors budget, and he was making every attempt to ensure the work would be finished before the start of the new school year in September. The Council was informed that the next Pendock Parish Council meeting would be on 10th January at which this would be discussed further and a County Officer would be there to answer any questions.
- b. **Damaged Railings – Camers Green:** The clerk reported that having sent a letter to the occupier of Rose Cottage, they had phoned her to assure the Parish Council that the Council workmen who repaired the fence had said there was no reason why the owners could not put a screen on the inside of the fencing. He also assured the Council that the angle of visibility at the junction met highways standards. The Clerk was asked to confirm this with our Highways Officer.

5. Financial Report:

- a. **Financial Statements:** The following transactions had taken place since the last meeting:

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Outgoings:	Lengthsman	354.00
	Churchyard	250.00
	Clerks Salary	<u>126.00</u>
	Total	£730.00
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Incomings:	Worc. CC	590.00
	Precept	<u>875.00</u>
	Total	£1,465.00

Balance at 6th September 2016 £1,470.09

Balance at 13th December 2016 £2,205.09 as agreed to bank statement

- b. **Budget 2017/18:** The Clerk had drafted a budget which was reviewed by the Council. It was not anticipated that there would be any major costs in the coming year or any rising prices. It was proposed and agreed to keep the precept as it stands.
- c. **Precept:** The Precept was therefore set at £1,750.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Planning Applications:
- 16/01704/FUL – Hay store, field access and engineering operations to raise the ground level at Farleys Ground, Berrow: The Council considered this application which was part retrospective and had no reasons not to approve it but did hope that the Planning Authority would ensure that the soil was good and not contaminated and there would be no interference with existing drainage channels.
- b. A letter had been received from Berrow with Pendock PCC thanking the Council for its donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard.
- c. BT Phone boxes - Two boxes in the parish, one at Camers Green and the other at Sledge Green had not been used over the past 12 months so BT had applied to Malvern Hills to remove these boxes. The Council had been given the opportunity of adopting the boxes should they so wish. On consideration, the Council felt they had no use for the new model at Camers Green but would like to adopt the one at Sledge Green. The Clerk would investigate what this would entail.

- 7. Date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council:** Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 8.00pm at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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