

**Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council
held on Monday 20th March 2023 in The Birbury, Birdingbury**

Present: Cllrs French, Preston, Kent and Mrs J Chapman (clerk)

1 Welcome

Cllr French opened the meeting at 19:40 hrs and welcomed those present.

2 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Cutts and Cllr Kendell

RESOLVED to accept Cllr Cutts and Cllr Kendell apologies and reason for absence.

3 Declarations of interest

Councillors are reminded that they should declare either a personal or prejudicial interest. (Councillors with a prejudicial interest should leave the room for the relevant items.)

None declared.

4. Representations from the Public

Two members of the public.

5. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023

RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true and complete record of the meeting held on 13th February 2023.

6. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Neither were in attendance. The Clerk advised Cllr Crane had emailed regarding the difficulties she had faced trying to arrange for the refuse from the litter pick collected. Cllr Crane is taking this up with the Section Heads at Rugby Borough Council. The old railway path is wet again by the houses on the Bourton Road, it is believed this is caused by the septic tank leaking from a nearby property.

ACTION Clerk to report it to RBC, Sustrans, Environment Agency and Clerk for Bourton Parish Council.

7. Reports from Councillors

Cllr Preston advised the building works and associated vehicles at Abberley have destroyed the grass verge. The owners of Abberley have advised Cllr Preston they will reinstate the verge once the building works have been completed estimated to be sometime in July 2023.

Cllr French advised there is due to be a Tractor Run through the village on 30th April 2023, this may cause a few parking issues.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 The following planning application has been received since the last meeting held on 13th February 2023.

Planning No.	Address	Planned Work	Comments due by
R23/0143	Mill House, Stockton Road, Birdingbury, CV23 8EE	Proposed change of use of agricultural land to residential for a new access track to dwelling	No comment

8.2 Planning Decisions

The following planning decision has been received since the last meeting held on 16th January 2023.

Planning No.	Address	Result
R23/0143	Hedgehog Corner, Stockton Road, Birdingbury CV23 8EE	Withdrawn

8.3 Appeals

None

9. Financial Issues

9.1 Payment made since last meeting

Payee	Amount £
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for two spring loaded gate closures	23.40

9.2 Approval of cheques –

Payee	Amount £
Mrs J Chapman – Clerk salary February 2023	
A Dollar – Recreation Ground/footpath hedge trimming	186.00

RESOLVED the payments be made.

9.3 Bank Balance Reconciliation

Bank statement and reconciliation as at 28.02.23.
Agreed, Cllr French signed the reconciliation.

9.4 Budget Report as at 28.02.23

Noted

10. Recreation Ground

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Frank Mann Farmers to fence off the original gated access to the recreation ground £95.00 + vat.

Cllr French advised one of the logs on the house shaped climbing frame on the recreation ground has split.

ACTION – Clerk to ask Frank Mann Farmers if they can replace the log.

11. Birdingbury Club

The Chairman of the Birdingbury Club attended the meeting and advised the Club will be taking over all the administration of The Birbury, as agreed with The Birbury Management Committee.

The Clerk has sent a copy of The Birbury lease to WALC who will pass it to their legal advisors for advice regarding the lease and the best action to take to protect The Birbury ad infinitum for the village.

12. Highway

12.1 Grass Verge Main Street

The Clerk advised she spoke to the officer at RBC earlier and he will arrange to survey the grass verge and supply a price to install brick setts/kerb stones within the next week.

12.2 Parking on Main Street/corner Marton Road

Warwickshire County Council Highways Department have stated the dropped kerb area was installed to allow residents to park half on the pavement/half on the road, so long as drivers park with consideration, leaving room for pushchairs/wheelchairs.

Warwickshire County Council are also looking to move the 30 m.p.h. sign and place it on the bend of Main Street/Marton Road, by the dropped kerb. Whilst obviously being a speed warning sign, it will also stop vehicles from being parked on the bend. This work is being done by WCC as a repair and there will be no charge to the Parish Council.

12.3 Traffic Survey

RESOLVED to instruct WCC to undertake a two speed surveys one on Marton Road and one on Main Street for one week at a cost of £207.00 plus vat.

13. Telephone Box

The Clerk has spoken to a company who restore telephone boxes, they cannot be done on site given the amount of work to be undertaken. The owner will send an estimate of the cost through. Clerk has established it may be possible to apply for a grant for a Heritage Grant Fund.

ACTION Clerk to investigate a grant application

14. Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd May 2023 in The Birbury.

15. Elections

Are due to take place on Thursday 4th May 2023. Anyone who wishes to stand as a Cllr needs to complete a nomination form which can be obtained from Rugby Borough Council or from The Electoral Commission. All forms need to be taken in person to Rugby Borough Council by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023.

16. Coronation Weekend

The Parish Council will not be arranging any celebrations for the Coronation but is willing to offer support if required to any other group making arrangements.

16. Annual Parish Meeting

To take place 25th April 2023 @ 7.30 pm

17. Civility and Respect Project

RESOLVED to sign up to the Civility and Respect Project

18. Litter Pick

The Litter Pick was well attended and roughly a dozen bags of rubbish were collected from around the village and the main roads out of the village. Approximately 15 car tyres were pulled out of the ditch along Stockton Road. The rubbish has already been collected by RBC from the Birdingbury Club Car PARK.

ACTION Clerk to report the fly-tipped tyres

19. Newcomers to the village

None

20. Items for next Agenda

None declared at the meeting

21. Date of next meeting 17th April 2023.

Meeting closed 20:45 hrs

Signed

Date