

Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in the Jubilee Meeting Room at Belbroughton Recreation Centre on Monday 4th March 2013

Present: Cllrs K Green (Chair), J Bradley, I Dalziel, N Hartill, C Hine, A Hood, A Ince, T Jones, J Kitson, A Mabbett, S MacDonald, D Roberts, C Scurrall and P Shotton.

In attendance: Mrs C Limm, Clerk; County Councillor Ed Moore, District Councillors Janice Boswell and Brian Lewis, and 5 members of the public also attended.

057/13 Apologies

There were no apologies.

058/13 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

059/13 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2013 were approved. The minute book was signed by the Chairman.

060/13 Reports

Planning Committee

The Council noted the Minutes of the meeting on 18th February.

Finance Committee

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Clerk's report

- The Boundary Commission's revised proposals for District Ward boundaries would be on the agenda for the Council's meeting on 8th April. The Commission had agreed to accept the Council's comments the day after the deadline.
- An approach had been received from Paul Mason for a meeting to discuss the impact of the Hartle Lane housing development on Belbroughton village green. This would be arranged to involve members of the village green working group.
- A meeting of the Agricultural Holdings Committee would be arranged to discuss the advice received from the Council's solicitor about the tenancy agreements. Cllr Kitson asked if the Committee could consider the policy of not allowing livestock on the land and also whether the Council should consider purchasing more land as an investment. Cllr Kitson was co-opted to fill a vacancy on the Committee.
- Letters were being sent shortly to residents affected by the Council's proposals to move the location of several street lights. Any comments would be considered by the lighting working group in due course.

061/13 Local quarries, Veolia and potential developments

Cllr Green briefed the Council about the existing activities and sites in the Sandy Lane area. She circulated maps of the main locations of current activity and the site of Veolia's proposed Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) plant. The IBA facility if approved would process the incinerated residue from domestic waste. The waste would be transported to the site and stored in large open mounds. The main points made in discussion were:

- concerns about increased heavy traffic to and from the site – it was noted that the County Waste Strategy said that waste should be processed as close to source as possible
- concerns about liquid and airborne pollution- Karen May, Chair of Bournheath Parish Council, outlined the concerns in her parish following flooding in the village and the recent prosecution of Severn Trent Water after leachate from the current landfill site found its way into the sewage system
- the proposed site was green belt land and development was not permitted except in very special circumstances
- Cllr Lewis said that the original planning approval for the Veolia site was on condition that it would be restored to pastureland
- It was noted that waste has to be processed somewhere and that the development would provide some employment

The Clerk said that in response to the Council's request for a public meeting Veolia had offered a meeting once their planning application had been submitted. The Council had also considered setting up a monitoring group to monitor current activity at the landfill and other sites in the area. It was agreed to defer this in order to focus attention on the imminent IBA application.

There was also an existing action group involving Wildmoor Residents and others which would be focussing on the new application. Members of the Council were very welcome to join this on an individual basis.

062/13 Wall at Sylvesters Corner, Belbroughton

Detailed drawings were not yet available so this item was deferred. Cllr Roberts confirmed that he and other Belbroughton Councillors would consult local residents informally about the proposals.

063/13 Annual Parish Meeting

The Council agreed that the format and arrangements for the 2013 APM should be along the same lines as in 2012. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to organise the meeting and decide on the detailed arrangements.

064/13 Parking Restrictions junction of Woodfield Lane/Nash Lane

The County Council had proposed revised parking restrictions at this junction following an approach by some local residents. There were differences of view about whether the proposed changes would improve or worsen the situation in relation to safety and visibility on Nash Lane. Some residents who were present also voiced concerns about the impact on parking.

The Council decided that it would not respond to these proposals, but urged the residents affected by them to write to the County Council with their views. Mrs Perry said that she would undertake a 24 hour traffic survey on this junction and would send the results to Cllr Moore so that they could be taken into account.

065/13 Parish Projects

The Clerk circulated an update on parish projects. The Council noted the Finance Committee's recommendation that it should not part-fund work to improve the footpath near

Belbroughton Cricket Ground at present. However the Council decided that, since Cllr Moore had offered £1,500 towards this project from his current year divisional funds, it would agree to finance the remainder of the costs.

Consideration of other parish projects was deferred.

066/13 Councillors' Items

Councillor Lewis had raised his concerns about the neglect of local footways with the County Council. Their view was that if the footways are not well used priority will not be given to maintaining them. The Clerk said that she had written to the County Council about the footway alongside the A491.

Cllr Boswell said that the Nash Works Planning application had been approved. Cllr Hartill reported that S106 money was not being paid at the moment but would be considered again once six houses had been sold.

Cllr Roberts reported that work was in hand to repair a number of Belbroughton village street name signs.

Cllr Kitson said that the Council's Henderson fund was currently valued at £51,014.

Cllr Scurrall reminded the Council that it had agreed to consider changing its name to include Fairfield - for a future agenda.

Cllr Hood raised with Cllr Moore the problem of vehicles leaving the Veolia and Chadwich Quarry sites and using an inappropriate route on unsuitable local roads. Cllr Moore said that this should be pursued via Cllr Blagg since it was in her patch - but he undertook to discuss the issue with her.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed.....Chairman