

**Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in the Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Roberts (Chairman), J Boswell, J Bradley, A Hood, T Jones, A Mabbett, P Margetts, Dr R Morgan, S MacDonald, S Nock, G Parsons, S Pawley & C Scurrall.

In attendance: J Farrell Clerk. District Cllr. M Sherrey. 8 members of the public also attended.

**202/15** No Apologies had been received..

**203/15 Declarations of Interest: None.**

**204/15 Dispensations:** No written requests had been received.

The Meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak on any matter of concern relating to the agenda or for future discussion.

**205/15** The meeting was re-opened and the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**206/15 Membership of Committees and appointment of Members to outside bodies.**

This item was deferred until after agenda item 7 – ‘Co-option of a new councillor for Fairfield Ward’.

**207/15 Reports**

*Chairman’s Report:* Cllr. Roberts instructed that Council minutes are draft until approved by the Council and councillors should be aware that changes to the drafts could be made at the approval stage.

*Planning Committee:*

Council noted the minutes of the committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 after Cllr. Scurrall had emphasised the issues listed causing concern in the County Council Wildmoor Quarry Extension Scoping Report.

*Finance Committee:*

Cllr. Bradley reminded Council that the applications deadline for this year’s capital and minor grants is 30<sup>th</sup> June. He confirmed that Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Pawley would be monitoring the respective parish gardeners but that all Cllrs. should advise of works that could be considered. Cllr. Scurrall reminded Council that the source of funds for the grants was income from the asset base of the Council and not the precept. Council noted the minutes of the committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

*Clerk’s Report:*

1. The Green Belbroughton – The Council’s solicitor has been informed by the Developer’s solicitor that a response to the Deed of Easement terms is expected early this week.

2. The police have advised that due to personnel issues they cannot currently progress the work with Belbroughton School on irresponsible car-parking.

**3. Three Meetings Reminders:**

a. Wildmoor Residents Association AGM Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm at The Chapel Top Road Wildmoor.

b. Calc Annual meeting Weds 10<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm B.D.C. Burcot Lane.

c. 11th Parish Conference Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm County Hall, Worcester.

4. All Cllrs. had signed the ‘Declarations of Acceptance of Office’ – a reminder that any outstanding ‘Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests’ forms and ‘Expenses forms’ need to be completed and returned to the District Council by 8<sup>th</sup> June.

5. A letter of thanks had been received from Fairfield Village Hall for the 2014/15 capital grant of £1,150.
6. Letters have been sent: to Fairfield Village Hall Management Committee requesting soundproofing is added to the door between the Barton Room and the main hall, to Belbroughton Recreation Centre requesting action to combat the smells from the toilets, to Belbroughton Cricket club supporting their grant request to B.D.C. for improvements to their changing rooms.
7. James Callaghan will be repainting the road name sign 'Forge Lane' which is attached to the Horseshoe pub.
8. The various requests of B.D.C. and W.C.C. hub are in hand on highways and other issues.
9. Broadband Connection Voucher Scheme.

In April 2015, a new scheme was launched in Worcestershire to enable eligible businesses and voluntary organisations to claim grants of up to £3000 towards the cost of upgrading to superfast broadband. Businesses and voluntary sector organisation can apply individually or they can apply as a group. A simplified form for businesses to complete is available: Info available: <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/media/1091092/Broadband-Connection-Voucher-Scheme.pdf> and <http://voucherapply.com>

*District Cllr. Margaret Sherrey:*

Advised that she was meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June with the District Head of Planning Ruth Bamford to discuss the Wildmoor Quarry Extension Scoping Report. She had similar concerns to those raised by the parish council also emphasising the apparent lack of prior consultation by the company and the questionable availability of materials for refill. In addition there were outstanding enforcement issues at the current site. She would advise Council of the outcome of her meeting.

**208/15 Co-option of new Councillor for Fairfield Ward**

Three applicants applied for the vacant position and the Council elected Mr James McFarling as the new councillor. He completed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and took his place on the Council.

**209/15 Membership of Committees and appointment of Members to outside bodies.**

Council agreed changes to the appointments to Committees and agreed that Cllr. Mabbett would be the representative on the Fairfield Village Hall Management Committee. This position would be reviewed again later in the year.

*Finance Committee*

James Bradley  
Allan Hood  
Alan Mabbett  
Paul Margetts  
James McFarling  
Bob Morgan  
Gemma Parsons  
Dave Roberts  
Chris Scurrrell

*Planning Committee*

Janice Boswell  
Trevor Jones  
Scott MacDonald  
Gemma Parsons  
Sue Pawley  
Chris Scurrrell

*Agricultural Holdings Committee*

Allan Hood  
Trevor Jones  
Paul Margetts  
Bob Morgan  
Dave Roberts  
Ann Ince (Co-option)  
Margaret Rees (Co-option)

### **210/15 Parish Tidy up Day.**

Cllr. Roberts confirmed the generous offer and anticipated works that Ringway Plc would be undertaking on 6<sup>th</sup> June subject to weather and time limitations.

1. Removal of chains and wooden posts from footway boundary at Hartle Lane / High St junction.
2. Painting of the railings at the above site between the footway and the road - working down the High St.
3. Re-staining of the bus shelter opposite the Talbot Pub.
4. Replacing the two small seats in the bus shelter with a bench type arrangement across its width.
5. Removal of rusty posts alongside entrance to the Talbot carpark - one being subject to WCC confirmation that there is no electric feed.
6. Sylvester's Corner:  
Lifting out of two benches which will be restained by our parish gardener.  
Remove the black BDC litter bin and green 'dog bin' and re locate securely on the parish council land adjacent to the footway by the main road. Resurface the small pathway, leaving the tree stumps in place.
7. Repair a large pot hole on the church hall car-park.
8. Reinstate wooden bollards on land opposite the school.

Council agreed not to proceed with involving resident volunteers on the day due to preparation delays caused by the elections, the need for two Cllrs. per volunteer group, and imminent changes in the District Council Community Partnership dept. whose support was desirable plus, the short time scale now available for advertising the day.

The District Council officer had offered to meet the Council to discuss how a future event could be set up.

Council approved advertising the Ringway Plc works by displaying their poster on the Belbroughton notice board and via the group e mail database.

### **211/15 Parish Projects**

Council deferred a decision until the July Council on what projects to approve.

**Action:** Cllrs. to research which existing projects and new ideas should be brought back to Council for consideration.

### **212/15 Communication**

Council approved placing 'parish news' items onto the 'My Parish' website 'notice board'.

Council noted that the Annual Parish Report would be delivered to residents by hand as well as electronically to those who had requested it via e mail.

Cllr. Roberts recommended Cllrs. may wish to attend Calc training sessions on communication to assess if the Council could gain further ideas on contacting residents.

**Action:** The clerk to input the additional information onto 'My Parish' website.

### **213/15 Display Board Fairfield**

Cllrs. noted that the present display board was not in an ideal location and approved assessing the costs of a new display board and further assessment by Fairfield Cllrs. on the best location.

**Action:** The clerk would obtain costings.

**214/15 Councillor Information and future agenda items:**

Cllr. Parsons felt that the surface of the playarea at Fairfield Recreation Centre may benefit from a woodchip topping. Cllr. Roberts advised that he and Cllr. Jones would be attending to the damaged parts of the surface using the repair kits provided by the installation contractors and felt that this should be an adequate solution.

Cllr. Parsons suggested the purchase of addition of equipment on the site for adult usage should be considered at a future council.

Cllr. MacDonald advised that benches had been vandalised at the Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

Cllr. Pawley advised that discussions continued with residents on the further improvements at Sylvester's Corner.

Cllr. Mabbett advised that the W.W.1 commemoration plaque had now been installed at Fairfield Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Margetts requested that the settlement of the legal expenses for the lawyers work on 'The Green Belbroughton' is considered at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Cllr. Scurrrell reminded Council that the leader of the District Council was attending the Calc meeting at B.D.C. on 10<sup>th</sup> June and that he would take forward any questions Cllrs. wished to raise.

Cllr. Scurrrell advised that there would be an official presentation of the plaque in Fairfield Recreation Ground on a Saturday morning and would advise of the precise date in due course.

Cllr. Scurrrell advised that the Badgers Copse area was looking well and recommended that the area is visited.

Cllr. Roberts advised that Ringway Plc would be happy to welcome Cllrs. to assist during the 'makeover day'. The clerk informed Council that any activity undertaken would be at the individual's own risk as it was not an activity that had been risk assessed by the Council.

The Meeting was closed at 9.28 p.m.

Signed ..... Chairman.