

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL GOLDEN CROSS LANE, CATSHILL, B61 0JZ THURSDAY 30th JUNE 2011, 7.30PM

<u>Present</u>: Councillors G Witcomb (Chairman) G Blackmoor P Baker F Cook

A Kelly P Masters M Tingle

In attendance: County Councillor Sheila Blagg; District Councillors John Ruck, Brian Cooper

Clerk - G Lungley

11/06-01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Gray and M Shepheard

11/06-02 <u>Co-options</u>

There are now 4 vacant seats on the council (Catshill Village Ward 1, Barley Mow Ward 2, Marlbrook Ward 1). There had been some interest shown at the recent Catshill Fun Day but no firm commitment. Members agreed to circulate information with the next newsletter.

11/06-03 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

None

11/06-04 Previous Minutes

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 19/05/2011.

11/06-05 <u>Open Forum</u>

No members of the public were present.

11/06-06 Reports from County and District Representatives

County Councillor Sheila Blagg (Woodvale division) had provided a written report (circulated) and was present to add as follows:

- SB had written to BDC to object to the Cala Homes application to develop land off Church Rd;
- Consultation is expected soon regarding proposed parking restrictions at Lydiate Ash Road;
- Braces Lane was recently checked for traffic speeds and is to have 'slow' signs on the road;
- GB is to be the parish representative on the Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership;
- The anti-social behaviour statistics for the parish have risen significantly in one month and SB will forward any analysis in due course;
- There is a (local authority) vacancy on the Governing Body for the Catshill First School;
- Responded to the recent consultation to lift the speed restriction on the M5 J4 traffic island;

- Church Road speed survey showed no cause for concern. [Members asked for the survey to
 be re-done due to the unusual circumstances at the time of the original survey including road
 works in adjoining road (Wildmoor Lane) causing traffic to avoid using Church Road, closure
 of church for re-decoration and decorator's van parked outside causing traffic to slow down,
 school closure for most of the duration of the survey.]
- Has had no response from BDC on the subject of decriminalisation of parking.
 District Councillor John Ruck (Marlbrook Ward)
- Has been involved in new/refresher councillor training;
- Is concerned that the football pitches at Braces Lane Recreation Ground are to be used for juniors only, meaning the resident adult team will have to find an alternative site with changing facilities;
- Is now a member of the District Council's planning committee;
- Has been involved with the Court Leet;
- Is aware of the over-tipping at the Marlbrook Tip where it would appear the situation has been abused but the earlier problem of flooding has now been overcome and the site is safe.
 District Councillor Brian Cooper (Marlbrook Ward)
- Is getting used to the system and has also been involved in the training.

There was no representation from the district councillors for Catshill Ward

11/06-07 Chairman's report

GW reported thanks for re-election for another year; had enjoyed the Musical Evening held on 27/06/2011 organised by the M and C Club as part of Catshill Music Festival.

11/06-08 Clerk's update and list of correspondence received not otherwise mentioned

The Clerk provided a list of communications received and retained for view; the running order for the Lickey End Branch of the Royal British Legion's Party in the Park on 02/07/11 had been received, GW would be representing the parish council.

11/06-09 Reports from Committees and Representatives

- a) <u>Planning Committee</u> Meeting held 26/05/2011. It was agreed to meet on 14/07/2011 at 6.30pm to discuss the draft District Core Strategy.
- b) <u>Events Committee</u> Meeting held 09/06/2011. The Fun Day and Music Festival were briefly discussed.
- c) <u>Environment & Highways Committee</u> Meeting held 23/06/2011. The ornamental garden was briefly discussed.
- d) <u>Policing Matters</u> AK attended at North Bromsgrove High School; Chief Inspector Baker was present and advised of forthcoming changes due to budget savings such as unpaid volunteers being used in administration and CSO's coming under local control.
- e) Community Emergency Planning This had been introduced to Bromsgrove's parish councils at a meeting held on 16/06/2011. It was agreed this should be taken forward by a working party to meet on Thursday 21st July 2011 at 6.30pm; attendees to confirm intention to attend by e-mail.
- f) <u>Bromsgrove Area Committee of Worcs County Association of Local Councils</u> Meeting held 01/06/2011, GW and GB had attended; presentation on the Age Well Scheme by Ian Anderson of the Bromsgrove Strategic Partnership.
- g) <u>Bromsgrove Parish Forum</u> Meeting held 21/06/2011. This had also incorporated training on the Code of Conduct, attended by GW, GB and FC from this council. Ruth Bamford, the Bromsgrove and Redditch principal planning officer had talked about planning issues; the draft Core Strategy was included.

- h) <u>Bromsgrove Strategic Partnership, Health and Wellbeing group</u> GB reported on recent attendance, including news of the Age Well scheme and a summary of the ongoing strategies for healthy living although these are subject to budget cuts.
- i) <u>Marlbrook Tip Monitoring Committee</u> AK reported on the recent news that the tip has been over-filled by 273%.
- j) <u>Newsletter</u> PM hopes this is to be published by the end of July.

11/06-10 Parish Plan

It was agreed that this is to be published and delivered along with the newsletter; pdf version to be posted on to the website. In future this will be a standing item on the agenda.

11/06-11 Use of parish council notice boards

It was agreed to prioritise information so that parish council notices would take precedence followed by notices for local charities and community groups at the parish council's discretion via delegated authority to the Chairman and Clerk.

11/06-12 <u>Worcestershire Agreement</u>

It was agreed to respond to this document at the next parish council meeting.

Point of order Being 9.30pm it was agreed to extend the meeting for another 15 minutes.

11/06-13 Councillor Training

The preference is for training to be delivered locally on a weekday evening (not Monday or Thursday), as from September to allow for attendance by any new members.

11/06-14 Catshill Library

There was a brief discussion on the future of the Catshill library which is to be reviewed by WCC as part of the wider review seeking cost savings.

11/06-15 Funding Request

Parochial Church Council (Christ Church Catshill and St Luke's Marlbrook) were requesting funding help to replace the notice board outside St Luke's in Braces Lane. **It was agreed** to delegate a decision to the Finance Committee and to seek further information from the PCC.

- 11/06-16 <u>Financial Report</u> The financial update was circulated and noted. Payments were signed.
- 11/06-17 <u>Items for the next meeting</u> Members were to inform the Clerk of items for next meeting.
- 11/06-18 Date, time and venue of next meeting 28/07/2011 at 7.30pm at Catshill Village Hall.

This meeting ended at 9.50pm

Signed .		. Date	
0	Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council		28/07/2011