



## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL

GOLDEN CROSS LANE, CATSHILL, B61 0JZ

THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, 7.30pm

**Present :** Cllrs O Sweeting (Chair), B McEldowney (Vice Chair), G Blackmoor, M Knight, P Masters, M Shephard, N Ward

**In attendance:** Clerk – R Powell;

- 17/02-01** Chairman's welcome  
Cllr O Sweeting welcomed all present to the meeting. It was with regret that the Council had been informed of the sudden and saddening death of Cllr P Callaway following the effects of a Stroke. All those present at the meeting stood and observed a minute silence in respect.
- 17/02-02** Members' Apologies for absence  
Apologies were received from Cllrs T Gillespie, M Ball, P Baker and J Bate, District Cllr S Webb and County Cllr S Blagg
- 17/02-03** Co-option  
It was noted that there were unfortunately now two vacant seats on the Council.
- 17/02-04** Open Forum
- 4.1 Members of the Public**  
There were no Members of the Public present
- 4.2 Worcs County Councillor for the Woodvale Division**  
County Councillor Sheila Blagg had sent her apologies and her report had been circulated (see attached)
- 4.3 Bromsgrove District Councillors for North Catshill, South Catshill and Marlbrook Wards.**  
District Councillor, Shirley Webb had sent her apologies.  
District Cllr Brian Cooper was present at the meeting. He provided a report which included: outline of the projects within the Local Transport Plan 4 which is out for consultation that were relevant to the Parish; the Local District Plan had been approved in January and takes effect from the day it is passed by the Council, with 6 weeks allowed for an objection to be lodged; The importance of the Green Belt Review; the budget goes to the Council for approval soon; the Bromsgrove District Council plan for development in the district in the next four years had been produced and the Licencing Committee were considering if there was an unmet demand for wheelchair accessible taxis in the district. Cllr Cooper asked if the Council had any information regarding the latter, to pass this on. Members discussed this issue with Cllr Cooper.  
Cllr Cooper left the meeting at 19:43 hrs
- 4.4 Any other community representative**  
No community representatives were present.
- 17/02-05** The meeting was closed for Open-Forum and re-opened.
- 17/02-06** Declarations of Interest  
No member stated any declarable interest.
- 17/02-07** Dispensations  
No new requests for dispensations had been received.
- 17/02-08** Approval of Minutes of previous council meeting  
**It was agreed** to accept the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held 26/01/17. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 17/02-09** Members' Questions  
No questions were received.

17/02-10

Chairman's Report

The Chairman provided a report which outlined that he had attended a number of meetings since the last Full Parish Council but rather than detail them in his report, he would allow the Chairs and Council Leads to do so in the relevant place. Cllr Sweeting continued that in the absence of Cllr Baker, he would like to thank the Clerk for her hard work and progress during the past 12 months. She had a good and constructive report during her appraisal and a progression plan had been agreed for the next 12 months. From this meeting, one item that the Chair wished to mention was that wherever practical, any Councillor reporting back on an issue to the FPC should do so in writing, giving a verbal report to the meeting and leaving the Clerk with the notes. These would then be attached to the subsequent minutes saving a deal of clerical time that can then be focused on the ever increasing Parish workload.

17/02-11

Clerk's Report: Emergency Actions, Update and List of Communications

**11.1 Parishioner Correspondence – To inform Members of the correspondence received during the last two months.**

The Clerk informed the Council that the only correspondence received was a request for the information following the speed survey that had been carried out on the Stourbridge Road.

**11.2 To note funding allocation to Village Hall from County Councillor Sheila Blagg as per the request for ideas at the last Full Parish Council**

At the last Full Parish Council, County Councillor Sheila Blagg had requested ideas for funding. From the responses received from Members it was requested that the money be put towards the refurb of the gents' toilets in the Village Hall and the security of the Village Hall ie; lights etc. This had been agreed and each project had been awarded £1000 respectfully.

**11.3 To note the request for defibrillators to be located at the Village Hall and the subsequent request for funding**

Following the installation of the first Defibrillator in the Parish on the Meadow, both Cllr Webb and Cllr Sweeting had been approached requesting a defibrillator to be placed in the Village Hall. A funding request was sent to District Councillor Helen Jones and Sheila Blagg, although we were aware that the latter had already provided funding. Cllr Jones suggested CALA as a community spirit gesture, a supermarket funding pot or the land fill trust. Cllr Blagg suggested that there may be a funding stream that could be accessed, details of which could be found through the Fairfield Residents Association who had recently obtained one, but match funding was usually needed. The cost is £1700 including fitting, security box etc.

**11.4 To clarify the final position in relation to the administration of the Village Hall Finances and Salaries**

HMRC have advised that due to the low level of pay being provided, the Village Hall does not need to operate PAYE and therefore there will be no need for the Clerk to be involved further in the administration of the Village Hall employment at this point. If circumstances change then this will need to be reassessed.

**11.5 To note the completion of the Clerk's appraisal**

The Clerk expanded on the information provided by the Chair in relation to this. The Local Council Award Scheme was a focus for completion this year and then the situation would be reassessed in September this year in relation to the Clerk completing the ILCA or CILCA qualifications.

**Relevant correspondence available from the Clerk:** includes weekly CALC updates February 2017; weekly updates from BDC Planning lists, WCC road works lists, Police & Crime Commissioner Reports and Newsletters, Bromsgrove Advertiser, Wellbeing in Partnership newsletter, Lickey Hills Society Newsletter, M5 J4A to J6 Closure programme, Worcestershire Voices e-bulletin, Invitations to; Bromsgrove and Redditch Funding Fair, 8<sup>th</sup> March; Connecting Families – Partnership event in Bromsgrove; HWW Public Meeting – Children's Services.

17/02-12

Committee and Representatives Reports

*Background papers available*

**12.1 Planning Committee – meeting held 09/02/17**

**To include feedback received from the case officer and the opportunity to discuss the possible organisation of a meeting with interested parties in relation to the Perryfields development**

Draft minutes had been circulated and Cllr Knight reported on these.

Cllr Knight had been carrying out further research into the development and nothing new had been added to the Bromsgrove Portal. The date had been extended until 14<sup>th</sup> April. The case officer was willing to meet with Members when accompanied by experts in the relevant fields ie: Highways, to explain the technical aspects of the application. It had been decided that Members would wait until further information was received on the portal before requesting a meeting.

Cllr Baker had been looking into gaining a meeting with the Chair of the Whitford Vale Group to see if the Council could work with them as the development they were looking into was virtually identical. He was also investigating if any local Councillors and Parish Councillors had any concerns or things they wished to understand with a view to meeting together.

Members discussed the situation.

**12.2 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Meeting held 15/02/17**

Cllr B McEldowney reported on the group. The group needed to get at least 350 questionnaires completed and it was requested that each Member present take 10 questionnaires and leaflets to distribute and get completed to assist with meeting the target. Currently very few had mentioned jobs or housing and there was a need to access a cross section of the Parish. Several workshops were to be held and a layout of how the room would be set up had been discussed at the meeting. Initially, a stand for each currently identified area would be created with the sub groups working on the literature for them – Housing, Infrastructure and Environment. The Bromsgrove Local Plan had been discussed now that it had been adopted. It was hoped that the next meeting would bring ideas for the presentation at the consultation events. It was discussed as to how the younger generation of the Parish could be accessed for their input.

**12.3 Any other report from Parish Council representatives including those for:**

• **CALC Executive Committee – 01/02/17**

Cllr O Sweeting noted that unfortunately he was unable to attend.

• **Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr O Sweeting reported that WCC had granted £2000 to the Village Hall for improvements to security and the Gents toilets. The ladies toilets were now complete. The security for the building had become necessary because a variety of items were being dumped/left behind the Hall and there had also been a break in. The police had requested the footage from the cameras, but at present these were dummies. The new cameras had now been purchased and 50% of them had been installed. The quotes for the Gents toilets were being received. The Village Hall dustbin had been stolen and they were looking at renting a commercial bin. They would also be looking into changing all the lights in the building to LED lamps so they would be more efficient. The Village Hall AGM was in March and they would be using this as a vehicle to actively attract more Committee Members. The Committee and trustees were down to three members and the Management Committee was needed to keep the Hall running.

• **Bonfire Debrief – 22/02/17**

Cllr B McEldowney thanked the Clerk for organising this meeting. A report had been provided (attached) It was established in the meeting that the Meadow Committee does not wish to run the event. They would however, appreciate an increase in fee from £200 to £500 for the hire of the Meadow. It was discussed that the Scouts were unsure if the amount of effort they put into their part of the event was worth the money they make. They would be reviewing their involvement. It was noted that people assume that the money collected on the gate goes to the Scouts. It was made clear that the Parish Council do not make a profit from the event and this

would be clarified in the next newsletter. The group had discussed raising the price of the ticket to the event and the Scouts would then be given 50% of the takings made.

**It was agreed** to raise the fee to the Meadow to £500 and that 50% of all gate takings would be given to the Scouts.

- **Progress with the Newsletter**

The Clerk was still awaiting articles from Members for the newsletter. Cllr Masters would assist with bringing the product together.

- **Progress with the Website**

Cllr Masters agreed to assist with updating the first page. The Clerk requested any assistance from others that would be gratefully received.

- **Update regarding the ongoing situation of the resident garden at Barley Mow Lane and Gibb Lane**

In the absence of Cllr M Ball, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

## 17/02-13 Finance

### **13.1 To receive the payments and receipts report of the Responsible Finance Officer and to approve bills for payment; spreadsheet for February circulated**

The current financial situation, including comparison of budget to actual income and expenditure to date, was noted. The payment schedules for February, as below, were approved.

### **13.2 To consider and agree the request for a grant of £600 to Catshill Baptist Church to provide an environmentally pleasing border to the Church property (documents circulated)**

Members considered the application in line with the Parish Council's donation policy.

**It was agreed** that the funding request would not be granted due to the application failing to meet the requirements of the policy.

### **13.3 To consider and agree the employment of Diane Malley Internal Audit Service for Financial Year 2016/17 at a cost of £170 (document circulated)**

**It was agreed** to appoint Diane Malley to conduct the Parish Council's Internal Audit 2016/17 at a cost of £170.

### **13.4 To consider the request for an additional dog bag dispenser to be sited at Shelley Close following complaints from residents. The suggestion is that the agreed dog bag dispenser for the Meadow to be situated here and the current unit at the Meadow be moved to the back of the field where the most fouling occurs. Therefore, two units would be purchased to the value of £94.80 for Shelley Close and near the Co-op (possible funding available to assist).**

The Clerk informed Members that since the Agenda had been produced, funding had been secured for two dog bag dispensers. The Meadow Committee would prefer two units to be situated on the field rather than moving the current siting. It was requested that the Parish Council fund a third dog bag dispenser so that each of the units covered The Meadow, top of Milton Road and Shelley Close respectively.

**It was agreed** to provide funding for the third dog bag dispenser unit.

## 17/02-14 To receive comments on the following consultation ahead of the closing date

- **Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan Third Stage Consultation (including third call for sites)**

Closing Date for Consultation: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

All information about the Consultation is available at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals)

Cllr Sweeting reported on the consultation. It was not deemed that it had a significant effect on the Parish. There is a high proportion of sand under the land that makes up the Parish, however, most of this land has buildings on it and there is no proposal to quarry it. The Parish did previously have sand quarries in Sheply Road ('Sheply Sand and Gravel' and 'Western Aggregates') but they are now closed and restored, similarly to Stanley Edwards Quarry at Chadwick Lane. John Williams is operating at Wildmore but that is kinetic sand and not really a building material. The Parish also have a significant amount of Glacial sand and gravel but no one is planning to capture it. The Plan for the County is well thought out and will service the Counties Building and Road Works Programme. The Batching Plants and Asphalt Plants are in position and are adequate for the county's needs.

Cllr Sweeting recommended that no comment was needed on the consultation.

- **Worcestershire’s Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) 2017-2030**

Closing Date for Consultation: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

All information about the Consultation is available at:

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20055/strategies\\_plans\\_and\\_bids/806/the\\_local\\_transport\\_plan](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20055/strategies_plans_and_bids/806/the_local_transport_plan)

Cllr N Ward reported (see attached)

**17/02-15** To receive comments or appoint lead Councillors in relation to the following consultations:

- **Wolverhampton Half Penny Green Airport – Introduction of Instrument Approval Procedures – public consultation (document circulated)**

Closing Date for Consultation: 30/04/17

Cllr O Sweeting would report to the next Full Parish Council regarding this consultation

- **Consultation on Penalty Points Scheme for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Holders – Bromsgrove**

Closing Date for Consultation: 30/04/17

All information about the consultation and feedback form is available at:

[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/consultations)

Cllr P Baker was nominated to report at the next Full Parish Council regarding this consultation

**17/02-16** To agree the employment for the Garden Contract following the tender process and meeting held 02/02/17 (document circulated with details of the recommendation made)

Cllr Shephard noted that all information regarding the meeting was as presented by the Clerk in the documentation circulated

**It was agreed** to employ the recommended Contractor for the next 3 years.

**17/02-17** Items for the next meeting

Members are requested to submit any suggestions to the Clerk prior to the next meeting

**17/02-18** Date and time of next meetings:

- Finance and Staffing Committee 02/03/17 Members noted the cancellation of this meeting
- Environment and Highways Committee 09/03/17
- Planning Committee 16/03/17
- Full Parish Council Meeting 30/03/17
- All Parish Committees and Meetings at 7:30pm, Catshill Village Hall

This meeting ended at 21:25 hrs

Signed ..... Date.....

Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council

Minute no. 17/02-13.1

Excerpt from accounts day-book to show payments and receipts for February 2017:

	Payment	Receipt				
Date	Voucher no.	Voucher no.	Chq No	Details	Receipts	Payments (gross)
February	135		d/d	Talk Talk - Office Phone and Broadband (Jan)		38.81
	136		d/d	N Power - War Memorial Electricity Supply		75.27
	137		online	Allen Farnsworth Lengthsman - January 2017		192
	138		online	6th Bromsgrove Scout Group - Hire of Scout generator for Bonfire Event 2016		135
	139		online	Bromsgrove Printing Co. Ltd - Leaflets and questionnaires Neighbourhood Plan		236
	140		d/d	EE Office Mobile - Feb		20.88
	141		online	Dr C Fabray - Roller Banner Graphic 1 for Neighbourhood Plan		177.6
	142		online	Dr C Fabray - Roller Banner Graphic 2 for Neighbourhood Plan		178.8
	143 - 145		online and S/O	Mr J Quinn - Salary February		1033.03
	146		online	Clerks Expenses - Stationary for Neighbourhood Plan		93.28
	147		online	G Force Fireworks Ltd - Deposit for bonfire display		250
		R16		New Homes Bonus Grant - Bus Shelter A38	3500	
				sub-total	48011.37	34650.39

Bank Reconciliation and budget comparison as at 21/02/17					
Finances at start of year	37,017.28				
Add receipts	48,011.37			Bank a/c as at 21/02/17	31,419.88
		85,028.65		Deposit a/c, Co-op	20,936.72
Less payments		34,995.99		<b>Less unrepresented cheques</b>	<b>2,323.94</b>
		50,032.66			50,032.66
					0.00
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Budget 2016/17</b>	<b>actual to date</b>			
Precept	38,386	37,513			
DCLG CTSG	873	873			
Interest	300	11			
Lengthsman*	2,104	2,329			
Donations/other/grants	500	7,046			
Newsletter advertising	300	240			
VAT refund	2,000				
Reserve Fund	4,000				
	48,463.00	48,011.37			
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Staff Costs	21,500	12,039			
Administration inc office	3,000	4,063			
CALC inc travel expenses	980	967			
Audit	380	370			
Training	1,000	30			
Insurance	730	962			
Members expenses	400	422			
Elections	1,500	-			
Grants : NWWA, Scouts,	2,500	675			
Events - Fun Day/R Sund	3,500	3,597			
Communications - news	1,200	930			
Gardens (includes water	2,000	2,385			
War Memorial (includes	1,000	244			
Lengthsman	2,400	1,977	budget/precept (intended expenditure)	14900.11	
Environment eg mainten	1,200	389	Specific reserve (capital expenditure)	14,541.43	
Neighbourhood Plan	200	566	Emergency Reserve (fixed capital)	20,936.72	
Capital Projects *	4,000	3,615	Discretionary Reserve	-	
Section 137	100	25		<b>50,378.26</b>	
VAT paid		1,742	unrepresented cheques	1,978.34	
			balance	<b>48,399.92</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,590.00</b>	<b>34,995.99</b>			
*Lengthsman, actual WCC refund amount allocated for year to 03/2017 is £2104.00					
S137 limit is £7.36 x total no. of electors 5,220 = £38,419.20					

## Attached Reports:

### 17/02-4 Worcester County Councillor February Report

#### PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Bournheath

Fairfield & Belbroughton

Catshill & Marlbrook

Dodford & Grafton

February 2017

## **OFSTED INSPECTION CHILDRENS SERVICES WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Approximately 115,250 children and young people under the age of 18 years live in Worcestershire. This is 20% of the total population in the area. Approximately 14.5% of the local authority's children are living in poverty. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016, 3,767 children had been identified through assessment as being formally in need of a specialist children's service. At 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016, 710 children were being looked after by the local authority, a rate of 62 per 10,000 children. This is an increase from 694 (60 per 10,000 children) at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016:

- Of this number, 142 live outside the local authority area
- 73 live in residential children's homes, of whom 37 live out of the authority area
- 512 live with foster families, of whom 81 live out of the authority area
- 49 live with parents, of whom 10 live out of the authority area
- 33 children are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

Ofsted Inspectors have published their findings after visiting Worcestershire County Council Children's Services between 24<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The inspection was rigorous and the judgment from the inspectors was 'Children's Services in Worcestershire are inadequate across help and protection, children looked after and achieving permanence, experiences and progress of care leavers and in leadership, management and governance.'

The report has 14 recommendations and identifies widespread and serious failures in services provided to Worcestershire children who need help and protection and children looked after.

- The previous inspection of the local authority's arrangements for the protection of children was in March 2012. The local authority was judged to be adequate.
- The previous inspection of the local authority's services for safeguarding and children looked after was in October 2010. The local authority was judged to be inadequate

Since the last inspection, three serious incident notifications have been submitted to Ofsted and three serious case reviews have been completed. The local authority is contributing to four serious case reviews in other local authorities.

Following the last inspections considerable funding has been put into Children's services each financial year. The path to improvement is obviously not just about money and the leadership, management and governance changes were made in 2016. The Inspectors did recognise the progress made in relation to the recruitment of senior leaders. The Leadership, management and governance section of the Ofsted report states: *"Following the appointment of a new director of children's services (DCS) in June 2016 and, more recently, a permanent assistant director for safeguarding services (October 2016), progress is now tangible, with some very early signs of improvement. The DCS has brought a much-needed focus and has a clear understanding of the significant challenges facing children's services and the level of service improvement required. She has a strong ambition to produce long-term service improvements and better outcomes for children. Partner agencies and staff express confidence in the new leadership team, and say that progress against the improvement journey over the past four months is starting to take shape."*

A further £3.5 million has been put into safeguarding children from April 2017 to support a focus on management oversight, support for front line staff and the IT to enable work to be done more effectively. Finances will not be a solution but an enabler for change. The recommendations made by Ofsted will be implemented and reviewed for effectiveness on a regular basis.

## **FUTURE OF ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES WORCESTERSHIRE (FoAHSW)**

The FoAHSW programme aims to ensure that we have clinically sustainable acute hospital services in the County and the Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) aims to ensure the community offer is complimentary to it. It is probably confusing to have two health change programmes running concurrently however they are separate consultations.

The FoAHSW) programme was launched in September 2013 by newly established three Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups, (Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG, South Worcestershire CCG and Wyre Forest CCG). The model of care being proposed moves:

- Most planned orthopaedic surgery (bone and joint surgery) from Worcestershire Royal Hospital (WRH) to the Alexandra Hospital

- Some planned gynaecology surgery (surgery on the female reproductive system) from WRH to the Alexandra Hospital
- More planned surgery – e.g. breast surgery from WRH to the Alexandra Hospital
- More ambulatory care (outpatient care including diagnosis, observation, consultation, treatment, intervention and rehabilitation) from WRH to the Alexandra Hospital
- More day case and short stay surgery to Kidderminster Hospital
- All hospital births from the Alexandra Hospital to the WRH
- Inpatient children’s services (children requiring a hospital stay) from the Alexandra Hospital to the WRH
- Emergency surgery from the Alexandra Hospital to the WRH

The following public drop-in sessions have been confirmed for February with more still to be announced over the coming weeks:

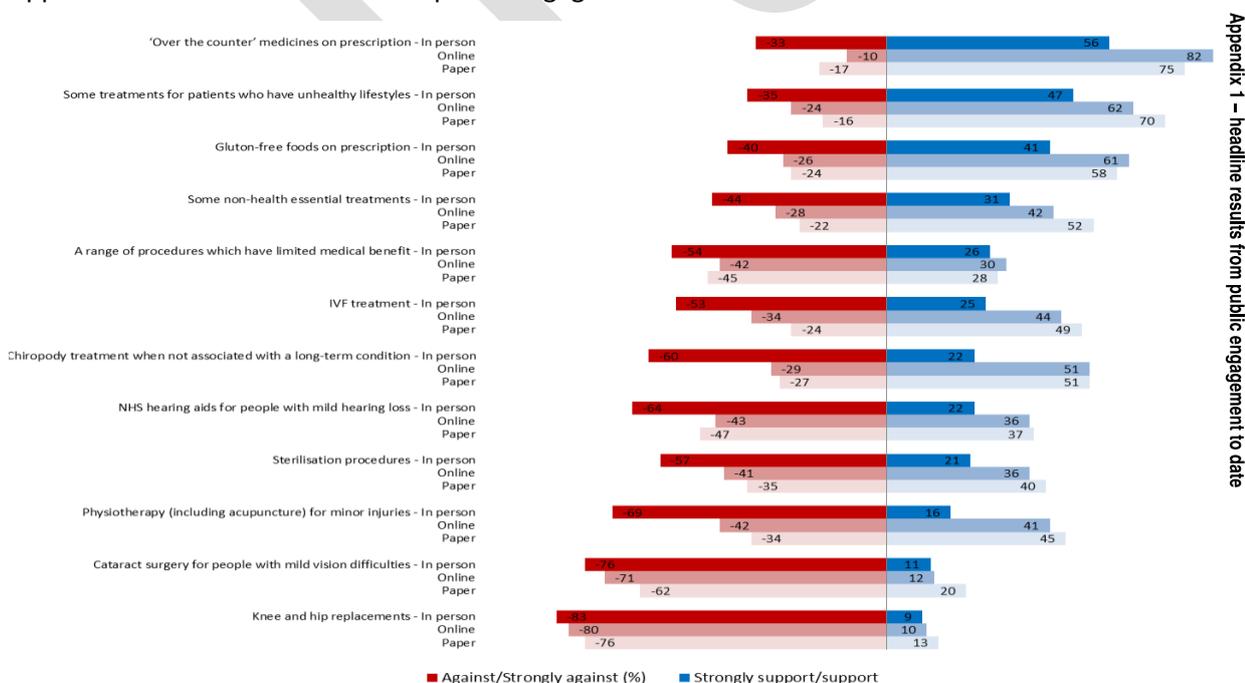
- Monday, February 6th, Pershore Community Hospital, 4-7pm
- Wednesday, February 8th, Oakenshaw Community Centre, 4pm to 7pm
- Saturday, February 11th, The Hive, Worcester, Oasis Room, 10am-1pm
- Tuesday, February 21st, Kidderminster Library, 4-7pm
- Thursday, February, 23rd, Studley Village Hall, 4-7pm

The online survey is open until 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and is available at [www.worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk](http://www.worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk)

### WORCESTERSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS (CCGs) CONSULTATION

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove, NHS South Worcestershire and NHS Wyre Forest CCGs have identified a number of planned savings and efficiencies however more needs to be done on restricting some services to protect others, such as primary care and urgent care services as well as to fund new drugs and procedures. Each year approximately £2.6 million worth of products that are available to buy over the counter are funded by the NHS. Many prescriptions are for short-term relief of minor ailments. When prescribing for minor ailments the NHS pays for both the medication plus the additional cost of dispensing it. For example a simple packet of paracetamol - which costs less than 25p in the supermarket - costs the NHS around £2.50.

#### Appendix 1 – headline results from public engagement to date



Nationally it's estimated that around 57 million GP consultations every year are for minor ailments that could be self-treated at home. This takes on average, one hour per day of a GP's time. If prescribing were reduced then GPs in Worcestershire would also have more time to see patients with more serious conditions. While there is clearly a

need to redefine service delivery, any service changes that are implemented need to be based upon a reliable understanding of resident and service user priorities.

The Worcestershire CCGs are now at the stage where they are ready to carry out further engagement. There are two main areas that they are considering at this stage:

1. Reducing or stopping access to certain medicines, treatments, products and food items on prescription, specifically:

- Treatments and medicines for short term, minor conditions/ ailments
- Gluten free foods o Baby milks and specialist infant formula o Oral nutrition supplements

2. Reducing or stopping access to assisted conception treatment (including IVF)

This next stage of engagement started on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January and continues for a further six weeks until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March using online, paper and face-to-face meetings to ensure patients and the public can access the engagement. Specific engagement will take place with parents, of those who have coeliac disease, organisations that support these groups (e.g. the Coeliac Society) and organisations in deprived areas, as these are the groups for whom the engagement is particularly pertinent. In terms of proposals around assisted conception there will be engagement with local parent groups and charities, as well as with socio-economic deprived groups through various voluntary and community sector organisations.

There will be a number of public discussion groups for people who wish to learn more about the proposals and to discuss any particular concerns with clinicians. When this period of engagement is complete a full report detailing the responses to this most recent stage as well the responses to last year's engagement will be compiled and presented to the CCGs' Governing Bodies for discussion, consideration and decision at their public meetings held on

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 (Redditch & Bromsgrove CCG)
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (South Worcestershire CCG)
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Wyre Forest CCG)

#### **WILDMOOR QUARRY Biker nuisance reports**

There have been local reports about bikers on Wildmoor Quarry. Unfortunately the reports were unsubstantiated and without evidence our enforcement officers will not be able to judge whether the operator/landowner has used up any permitted development allowance.

Landowners can permit motor cross events as long as they are restricted to either 14 or 28 days per year. There are advisory guidelines drawn up as all land within the UK is subject to planning constraints; See the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (GPD0). The Permitted Development Rights known as the 14/28-day rule allows the holding of motorcar and motorcycle racing including trials of speed and practicing for those activities. It is important to realise that 28 days is the total permissible allocation of change of use and that no more than 14 days of those 28 days may be for Class B.2. activities ie motorcross. What many organisers may not appreciate is that when the land is not being used for motor sport, but where changes of use still exist, they count towards the total allocation of days.

- Case example: Sunday: - Off-road motor sport event. Saturday the organising club arrives on site, locates some portaloos, a control caravan (not for sleeping in overnight!) and the track is laid out. The Saturday is also a change of use as is every day that those features above remain on site. The digging of course features is not permitted at all. This is because such operations are classed as engineering works and require planning permission, even if the operations are done voluntarily by the organising club's members, and with the landowner's permission.

There is a grey area around interpretation, which can be exploited by an operator, this is why photographic proof of each stage of the event is important. If there is a permitted development order and if it finds that the club is in breach of any part of the General Development Order then the local authority will have no option other than to prevent further events from taking place: it is also likely that prosecutions, via an Article 4 Notice (or similar), will result. Local Councils can create a byelaw restricting activity if they so.

Additional parameters can be brought to the attention of respective agencies.

- Are the bikes being driven to the site or taken to the site on another vehicle?

If driven Mini Motos, Go- Peds, Mechanical Scooters, Trial Bikes and Quad Bikes should not be driven to an off road event unless they are roadworthy and registered with the DVLA, have tax, insurance and display number plates. The rider would have to hold valid driving documents and wear a crash helmet. It is a police matter if unregistered vehicles are on the road.

- Are the participants young people under the age of 18 and accompanied by a parent?

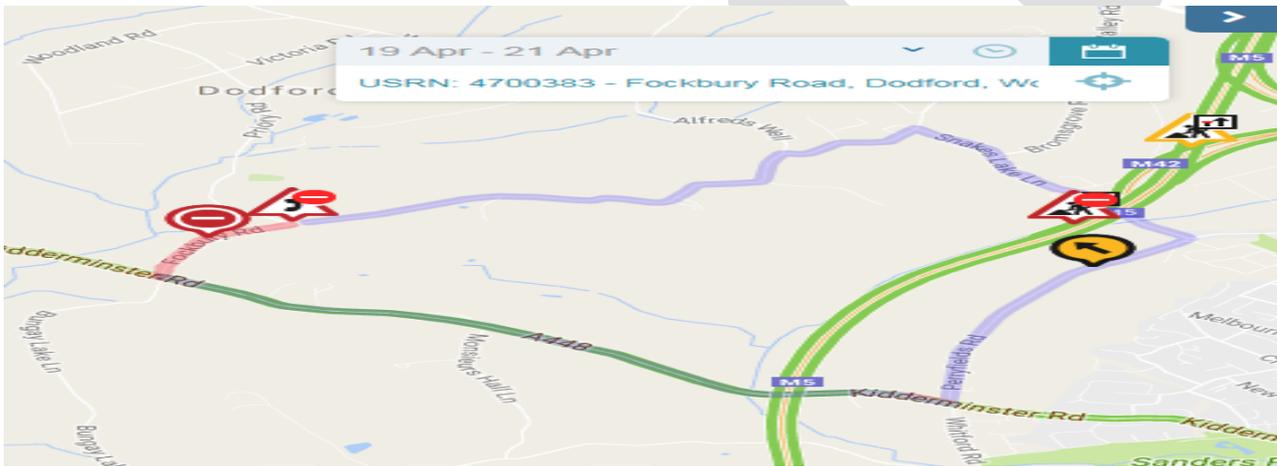
A license is needed to run a centre providing scrambling or mountain biking activities for children and young people under 18: -. The Adventure Activities Licensing Authority, 17 Lamoure Crescent, Llanishen, Cardiff CF4 5GS, issues licenses. Tel: 029 2075 5715. Website: [www.aala.org.uk](http://www.aala.org.uk). You can report the activity to the licensing authority if children and young people are involved.

- Is the noise intolerable?

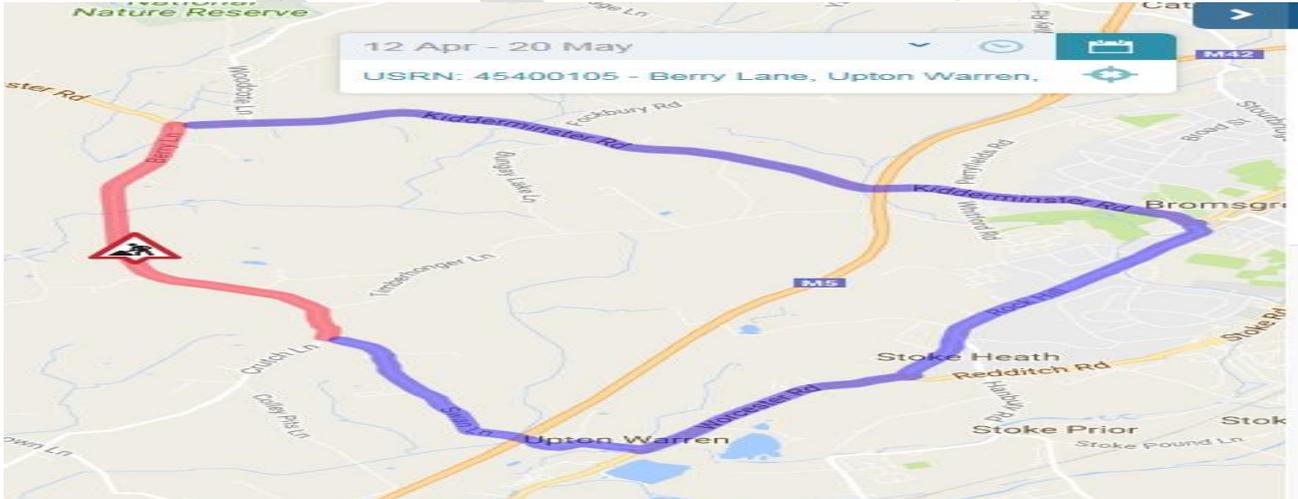
Section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 requires the local authority to serve an abatement notice in respect of statutory noise nuisance arising from premises (including land). Section 82 of the Act permits a person to lay a complaint in the magistrate's court on the grounds that he/she is aggrieved by the existence of a statutory nuisance.

### ROAD CLOSURE

Road Closure for 3 days between 19/04/2017 – 21/04/2017 to facilitate blockage cleaning.



Road Closure for 25 days between 12/04/2017 – 19/05/2017 to facilitate carriageway works.



County Councillor Sheila Blagg

**17/02-12.3 Cllr B McEldowney Report regarding Bonfire debrief**

**NOTES OF BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DEBRIEF**  
**CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL – 7.45pm 23 FEB 2017**

- Representatives of The Meadows committee confirmed that they had no desire to take responsibility for running the annual Bonfire & Fireworks event.
- They intimated they would like the contribution they received for using the Meadow for the event to be increased from the current £200.
- It was pointed out that the Parish Council did not make a profit from the event.
- It was noted that although the scouts made a small profit from catering at the event they were questioning whether the significant contribution they made to the event in terms of manpower etc, was adequately reflected in the small profits they actually generated.
- The local scout group had a small leadership team of 7 who had responsibility for 60 children.
- It was noted that some people who supported the event were of the belief that all money collected at the gate went directly to the scouts and not to the Parish Council.
- It was noted that the local Scout Association would have to review their involvement in the event as they simply were not making enough money from it. They would continue to support it however.
- Ticket prices for the event were discussed. They are currently:

Adult: £2  
Child: £1  
Family: £5

- It was agreed that there would be no family priced ticket this year and that the price for tickets for the 2017 event would be:

Adult: £3  
Child: £2

- There was a general discussion surrounding the distribution of gate receipts from the event. It was noted that the Meadow Committee would like to receive £500 and it was suggested that the scouts should receive 50% of the gate receipts.
- It was suggested that a service level agreement could be entered into with the scouts to formalise the specific tasks they would undertake for the event.
- There was a general discussion about the provision of portable loos as it was felt that current toilet facilities were inadequate for the event. It was agreed that further research would be undertaken to determine if there was any formal guidance on the provision of toilet facilities for public events.

- The provision of adequate lighting at the entrance and within the park was discussed. The generator provided for the entrance lighting last year malfunctioned. It was suggested that battery-operated lamps could be obtained, which could be charged from the mains before the event. These cost about £20 each, but they would be a one off cost. They are not reliant on a generator and there would be no trailing cables. They can be easily moved should the need arise.
- The scouts could give consideration to purchasing these lights as they would be able to use them for other scout activities throughout the year.
- It was agreed that the current sound system was adequate.
- Concerns were raised about the current risk assessment being used for the event. The Scouts and Meadow Committee agreed that they would forward copies of risk assessment documents they had to the Parish Council so that a new risk assessment could be drafted and agreed for the 2017 event.
- It was suggested that advice as to the maximum number of people who could safely attend the event could be obtained from the local Fire Service safety officer.
- There was a discussion about how marshals at the event could communicate with each other and the First Aid post. It was felt that the acquisition of radio communications would be disproportionately expensive and that the exchange of mobile phone numbers would be adequate.
- It was suggested that the use of hazard tape at the entrance would minimise the possibility of people tripping over in the dark.
- There was a discussion about the provision of fire extinguishers, buckets of water and sand and fire blankets.
- The safe collection of money at the gate was discussed and safer options will be given consideration to in due course.
- It was agreed that regular meetings of all individuals and groups involved in planning the event would take place in the lead up to the event.

End of report

#### **17/02-14 Cllr N Ward report regarding LTP4 Consultation**

##### Worcestershire 4<sup>th</sup> Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2017-2030

LTP describes itself as an, 'ambitious investment programme in our transport network, including infrastructure and technology.

LTP is underpinned by Worcester County Council Corporate Plan –

'Shaping Worcestershire's Future 2017-2022', this has 4 priorities;

- Open for Business
- The Environment
- Children and Families

- Health and Well-being.

LTP reflects Worcestershire’s Local Enterprise Plan (LEP) to;

- Create 25,000 jobs
- Increase the local economy by 2.9 billion.

#### Worcestershire Background Information

Population 578,593  
 351,672 (60%) working age  
 115,718 (21%) 65+

Planned growth of Worcestershire up to 2030 will include approximately 45,800 new homes requiring 428 hectares of new land. This is made up of;

Bromsgrove 7000 new homes  
 Redditch 6400 new homes  
 South Worcestershire 28400 new homes  
 Wyre Forest 4000 new homes.

Bromsgrove’s major development sites of 500+ homes are Perryfields 1000-2000 and Whitford Road 500.

In-order to cope with this increase in households, the LTP will target 3 main areas;

1. Transport Technology – Modern traffic signals to manage traffic flows and respond to variable demand. Improved access to dynamic traffic information through a variety of media.
2. Travel Choice – Prioritise investment into alternate modes of travel. This includes the rail network, which requires significant investment in stations and rolling stock, and walking and cycling to help tackle rising levels of obesity in the county.
3. Capacity Enhancement (Roads) – Deliver capacity enhancements to areas of congestion to support development growth and address poor air quality issues.

Across Worcestershire currently;

66% Drive to work  
 12% Work from home  
 8% Walk or cycle  
 5% Bus  
 3% Train  
 6% Other.

Major forthcoming changes in the LTP for Bromsgrove are;

- M42 Junction 1 – major enhancement
- A38 Lydiate Ash to Hanbury Turn - enhancement to a series of junctions at places of congestion.

Other changes in the Bromsgrove package are;

- Review Bromsgrove's highways networks to improve and disperse traffic flows.
- Investment in walking and cycling links to create an off road network linking residential areas, this includes Catshill, Marlbrook and Lickey End.
- Improvements to Broad Street / Stourbridge Road junction.
- Improvements to Stourbridge Road / Birmingham Road junction.
- Improvements to Hanover Street / Kidderminster Road junction.
- Worcester Road / Rock Hill improvements to signalling, cycling and walking routes and resurfacing.
- Bromsgrove Railway Station car park extension.

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