

Bournheath Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 26th June 2013, 7.30pm Barton Room, Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

Present	Councillors Karen May (Chairman), Stuart Hall (Vice-chairman), Keith Drew, Stephen Westwood
In attendance	June Maw, Parish Footpath Officer Clerk: Gill Lungley

13/06/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Hazel Feeney and Brian Lodge were accepted.

13/06/02 Public Participation / Question Time

June Maw provided an update having completed the Parish Paths Warden (PPW) induction and taken receipt of appropriate tools; a paper copy of the definitive map has yet to be provided. June has set up a contact e-mail for the role – <u>bournheathppw@gmail.com</u> There was discussion about specific areas of concern and provision of help via probation service.

13/06/03 Declarations of interest

Cllr K Drew declared an interest as a member of CAMRA with regard to listing of buildings of community importance and will submit a dispensation in time for the next meeting.

- 13/06/04 Dispensations None at this time.
- **13/06/05** Approval of Previous Minutes Amended min no. 13/05/04 Cllr S Hall re-elected as Vice-Chairman; approved and signed.

13/06/06 Chairman's Report – Cllr K May

Planning application for Incinerator Bottom Ash recycling facility at Veolia landfill site, Sandy Lane, Wildmoor. Cllr K May had been unable to attend the public meeting arranged by Belbroughton Parish Council to hear discussion of the plans between Veolia and residents, but she had met with independent planning consultant Allison Blakeway of Evolution who will put together comments on behalf of Bournheath PC. Members agreed to ask her to also represent the parish council when the matter is considered by the WCC planning committee. Cllr K May was also concerned that WCC had not been petitioned about Bournheath's water problem and therefore wrote to the planning case officer, Lucy Botterill, to state specific concerns in the light of the current Veolia planning application.

Boundary Commission decision Cllr K May had spoken to a local resident who had been keen to put forward local concerns about the proposals, who was pleased with the outcome as it showed the Commission had listened to local views.

Vehicle Activated Signs Cllr K May noted the Lengthsman had been unable to fit the equipment due to a missing allen key. The Clerk is to provide padlocks.

13/06/07 Report from Vice-Chairman – Cllr S Hall

Bromsgrove Area CALC meeting 12/06/2013 – questions had been put to the BDC Leader. Asked about the precept grant that BDC had changed their minds about paying to the Parish Councils, the Leader had stated that he 'didn't care what other councils had done', and that BDC will not be paying any interest on the parish council grants they are keeping hold of for the year. Other questions related to BDC's duty to co-operate regarding finding land for house building for Redditch BC and Birmingham CC. It would appear the Leader is keen for S106 monies, CIL and New Homes Bonus to go into a collective pot. Governance reviews would be carried out piecemeal due to financing constraints. The Leader appeared antagonistic towards parish councils.

13/06/08 Progress reports from the Clerk:

New bench – Members agreed to the revised cost and installation.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England decision – Bournheath is to stay as one parish, ie. un-warded, within the new district ward of Belbroughton and Romsley which is to be the only 2-member district ward of the new 30 wards.

Horse box in field entrance of Doctors Hill – the parking of this vehicle that is an obstruction to free flow of traffic has been brought to the Highway Authority's attention.

Casual Vacancy – following Cllr M Millinchip's resignation no one has come forward to request a by election and the council is now free to fill the seat by co-option. A letter of thanks has been sent from the council to Martin and will be followed by a token of appreciation.

13/06/09 Planning

- a) Road junction changes at Wildmoor Lane / Mill Lane. No progress
- b) Veolia proposed use of quarry/landfill site off Sandy Lane for IBA recycling facility (WCC ref 13/000027/CM). It would appear that District Councillor B Lewis would like the district council's planning committee to discuss the application and pass comment. See also Chairman's report, minute no. 13/06/06 above.

13/06/10 Notice board for Bournheath Village Community Centre

The Village Hall management committee have asked for a board that will take 8 x A4 sheets. It was mooted this is to be shared with the parish council needing 6 x A4 sheets and an open board for public / general notices.

13/06/11 Bournheath Village Community Centre

Cllr K Drew commented on the recent community event 'B-Fest Picnic in the Park' held on 22/06/2013. For the first time this had been held it was a good start with entertainment provided by a good dog show and talented local musicians; the weather was a hindrance but members were not disheartened and will learn from this event to improve the next one. It was reported that BDC had charged a hiring fee for use of the playing field for the day which prompted members to ask for this to be added to the parish council's next agenda.

13/06/12 Correspondence

None to report.

13/06/13 Finance:

- a) One member of the public had taken the opportunity to view the accounts during the public inspection period. The Annual Report had now been forwarded to the External Auditor, Grant Thornton.
- b) Members were advised of the council's current financial status.
- c) Members agreed to the payments as per schedule circulated.

13/06/14 Items for next agenda and for general consideration

Bulbs purchase B-Fest playing field hire charge

13/06/15 Date and time of next meeting

Parish Council meeting 31/07/2013; 7.30pm at the Barton Room, Fairfield Village Hall

This meeting ended at 22:30.

Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

Date