



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 30th July 2012 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Rachel Banner, Edwin Gumbley, Charles Hotham, John Jagger, and Susan Whitehand.

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer); District Councillors Richard Deeming and Stuart Dudley (part).

Appendices: The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda;
- Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee;
- the updated planning application report;
- the RFO report.

45/12 Apologies – The apologies of Cllrs Alun Davies and Doreen Hawkley were accepted by the Council and the reason for absence noted in the attendance book.
Apologies were also received from County Cllr Peter McDonald.

46/12 Declarations of Interest
(a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted.
(b) No interests were declared by Parish Council Members.

47/12 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting dated 25 June 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting

48/12 Chairman's Report
The Chairman commented on the work being undertaken by the Council in connection with:

- the residential development of Fiery Hill Road;
- the development of the Barnt Green Neighbourhood Plan;
- the recent flooding in parts of the village; and
- the faulty installation of the new playground equipment.



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- 49/12 District Councillors' and County Councillor's question and answer session**
Cllr Deeming explained the background to the Labour Group's withdrawal from the District Council Planning Committee.
Cllr Dudley reported that he was in contact with the manager at Tesco regarding the disposal of waste and delivery arrangements.
Cllr Dudley invited the Parish Council to consider:
- whether to take responsibility for the proposed car park on Fiery Hill Road;
 - village projects that might be funded using available section 106 monies.

50/12 Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed to:

- create a Neighbourhood Plan Committee comprising Cllrs Davies, Hawkley, Hotham, Jagger and Whitehand;
- adopt the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee at Appendix 1;
- hold a public meeting to promote the Neighbourhood Plan on at the Friends' Meeting House on Thursday 13 September 2012 at 7.00pm;
- hold the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee prior to the public meeting in September.

51/12 Infrastructure

(a) Planning and Conservation

It was agreed that:

- the report on planning applications and decisions made by the District Council's Planning Committee (Appendix 2) be received and the attitudes expressed by the Parish Council Planning Group approved;
- Jeremy Whitehand be co-opted onto the Parish Council Planning Group;
- the Parish Council should only accept responsibility for the proposed car park on Fiery Hill Road if:
 - monies can be secured in advance for the future resurfacing of the car park;
 - the Parish Council can offer free parking without additional cost to residents of Barnt Green.

(b) Highways and lighting

It was agreed:

- to accept the County Council's proposal for a third disabled parking bay on Hewell Road;



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- (ii) that representations should be made to John Fraser of Worcestershire County Council about the configuration of the junction of Bittell Road and Bittell Lane.

(c) Environment

It was agreed to seek Queen Elizabeth II Field status for the Parish Council's playing field on Bittell Road.

52/12 Community and Safety

(a) Village Watch - Nothing to report.

(b) Health and Safety – the action taken to secure the area around the faulty playground equipment was noted.

(c) Communication and Events

It was agreed:

- (i) that Cllr Hawkey's request to withdraw from the Communication Group due to her other commitments be approved;
- (ii) to contact traders to see what support might reasonably be offered should they wish to proceed with a Christmas Faye.

53/12 Governance

(a) Finance

It was agreed that:

- (i) the report of the Responsible Finance Officer (Appendix 3) be approved;
- (ii) the report on income and expenditure to 30 June 2012 be received;
- (iii) the discussion on the possible part funding of a community support officer be deferred to a future meeting.

(b) Casual vacancy - Cllrs noted that there were no applications.

(c) Training – The schedule of training offered by Worcestershire Association of Local Councils was noted.

(d) School governor - Nothing to report.

(e) Worcestershire Association of Local Councils – The Bromsgrove District meeting to be held on 5 September was noted.

