



**Members of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council  
are summoned to attend the  
Parish Council Meeting at Catshill Village Hall on  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 starting at 7.30pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Chairman's welcome
2. To receive apologies from any member unable to attend
3. **Open Forum** : official business is suspended in order to receive representations / reports from:
  - 3a) Members of the public.
  - 3b) Worcs County Councillor for the Woodvale Division (report for March 2015 e-mailed)  
Notable key points are that the County Council has set a balanced budget; the Government funding settlement had left a funding gap which WCC has bridged; Councillor allowances are frozen for the seventh year running; a council tax precept of 1.94% is being set which will offer a £4million increase of funding into the base budget; Children's Services is overspent by a considerable sum again this year; capital investment includes set-aside to develop a scheme around the A38 Bromsgrove. The savings pie chart shows the percentage funding taken from each directorate. The Adult Social Care budget has benefitted from substantial additional funds from the Public Health ring-fenced grant and the Better Care Fund.
  - 3c) Bromsgrove District Councillors for Catshill Ward and Marlbrook Ward:
  - 3d) Any other community representative eg local Community Support Officer.
4. To re-open the meeting NB: Members of the Public are welcome to stay for the whole meeting but unless the Chairman directs otherwise only Parish Councillors and the executive officer may speak from this point forward.
5. Declarations of Interest Members are asked to -
  - a) Update their register entry on the Members' Register of Interests where necessary;
  - b) Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in items on the agenda and their nature (a DPI relates to anything on the member's entry in the Members' Register of Interests);
  - c) Declare any Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in items on the agenda and their nature.Councillors who have declared a DPI or an ODI must leave the room for the relevant item unless granted a dispensation on specific grounds to stay/speak/vote; the request for a dispensation must be put in writing to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.
6. Dispensations To consider any written request for dispensation from a member
7. Previous minutes To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held 26/02/2015
8. Members' Questions Where possible Members are asked to submit questions in advance of the meeting, particularly if a detailed response is expected.
9. Chairman's Report Cllr G Witcomb to report
10. Clerk's report on delegated actions, update and list of communications

No decisions are required during this agenda item

  - a) Concerns regarding land off Stourbridge Road (report WCC, not 'highways')
  - b) National clear up day 21/03/2015 as per DCLG and DEFRA
  - c) Neighbourhood Planning Workshop, 24/03/2015
  - d) Nomination forms for the Parish Council elections, 07/05/2015, now available
  - e) Relevant correspondence available from the Clerk: includes weekly CALC updates Mar 2015; Catshill Green Deal for Communities scheme; weekly updates from BDC Planning lists, WCC County-wide road works lists, Police & Crime Commissioner.Items carried forward: Dedication stone for Diamond Jubilee Garden, Community Speed Watch, New Homes bonus
11. Committee and Representatives Reports

*Background papers available*

- 11a) **Environment & Highways Committee** meeting held 05/03/2015 (Cllr M Shephard)
- 11b) **Planning Committee** meeting held 12/03/2015 (Cllr F Cook); draft minutes circulated.
- 11c) **Any other report** from parish council representatives including those for:
- Newsletter
  - Marlbrook Tip
  - North West Ward Association, trustee for Catshill Meadow
  - Catshill Village Hall
  - Police Roadshow – meeting for parish councils 10/03/2015, Cllr B McEldowney to report
  - Bromsgrove Area CALC – meeting held 11/03/2015, Cllr G Witcomb to report
  - SLCC Conference – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March, Clerk to report

12. **PLANNING**

To note planning applications notified by Planning Authority since the last meeting and provide comment; copies of the plans will be displayed at the meeting and are available as pdf via the Clerk and on line via <http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk>

Log no.	App. No.	Address
628	15/0114	Ivy Cottage , 30 Gibb Lane, Catshill, Bromsgrove
Proposed External Alterations, Extensions, Installation of ATM with Anti Ram Raid Bollards and Subdivision of Existing Flat to Two Units		

13. **Catshill War Memorial** **Decision Required**  
To agree the Working Party's Terms of Reference.
14. **Council Tax Support Grant (District Ward Members' Fund)**  
The parish council is unlikely to receive any of the Council Tax Support Grant; report attached.
15. **Local Council Award Scheme** **Decision Required**  
The Parish Council has registered its interest in the scheme.  
To progress this requires approval of an annual plan and consideration of improvements to the parish council's website. It is therefore proposed to establish a working party to prepare a report on the actions that need to be taken, the likely costs and any risks involved.
16. **Paper copies of agendas, minutes and reports** **Decision Required**  
To consider whether members would prefer to receive no paper copies at all of agendas, minutes, reports etc., in favour of e-notifications only.
17. **Committee membership** **Decision Required**  
To consider appointment of newly co-opted members to membership of the parish council committees: Finance & Staffing, Cllr J Bate; Environment & Highways, Cllr S Webb; Planning.
18. **Financial Report** **Background papers available**  
18a) To consider the 6<sup>th</sup> Bromsgrove Scout Group request for £1,400 grant to replace flooring  
18b) To note the External Audit date of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 (accounts available to view from 27/04/15)  
18c) To agree to Lengthsman scheme contract 2015/16 (report attached)  
18d) To receive information relating to the current financial status and bills for payment,
19. **Items for next meeting**  
Members to advise items for consideration at the next meeting
20. **Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting :**  
Next Parish Council Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 7.30pm at Catshill Village Hall  
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7pm at Catshill Village Hall.

Gill Lungley, MILCM  
Clerk to the Council 20/03/2015



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