

# Barnt Green Parish Council

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## Notice of Meeting

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Barnt Green Parish Council to be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm**  
**80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green, B45 8NF**

Members of the public are welcome to attend and invited to participate during the adjournment of the meeting (agenda item 20 below) should they have any questions or comments to raise regarding matters on the agenda.

## Agenda

The running order of the Agenda may be subject to change on direction of the Chairman and with the agreement of the parish councillors in attendance.

### 17 Apologies

To receive apologies and to approve the reason for absence.

### 18 Declarations of Interest

Council members are reminded of the requirement to:

- a) update their register of interests where necessary;
- b) declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in agenda items and their nature;
- c) declare any Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in agenda items and their nature;
- d) provide to the Executive Officer as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting any written requests seeking a dispensation to be allowed to stay in the meeting to discuss and/or vote on a matter having declared a DPI or ODI.

Councillors who have declared a DPI, or an ODI which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the Code of Conduct, are expected to leave the room for the relevant items unless granted a dispensation.

### 19 To consider any dispensations received from parish council members.

### 20 Adjournment of meeting to hear from:

- a) **Members of the Public**
- b) **County Councillor** – Peter McDonald (Beacon division, Worcs CC)
- c) **District Councillor** - Charles Hotham (Barnt Green & Hopwood, BDC)

### 21 Minutes

To consider adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 06/01/2016

### 22 Chairman's Report

To receive a report from the Chairman

### 23 Executive Officer's Report

To be advised of any decisions taken under delegated powers since the last meeting and receive updates to ongoing matters; report attached.

### 24 Co-option to fill the current vacancies

No applications have been received seeking co-option. Members are asked to consider seeking suitable candidates.

### 25 Finance

- (i) To note the current financial position
- (ii) To note the completion of the third quarterly check (Cllr E Gumbley, 01/02/2016)
- (iii) To agree the budget for 2016/17 and thereby the precept for 2016/17: the council tax base figure is 921.29 and amount of council tax support grant is £634.
- (iv) To consider reimbursement to local business for Christmas lighting energy costs

Council Members: R Cholmondeley (Chairman), C Hotham (vice-Chairman), R Briggs, E Gumbley, J Jellie, S Whitehand

## 26 Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment

- a) To note the draft minutes of the NPE meeting held 18/01/2016 and consider recommendations arising therefrom:
  - i) To hold a meeting for village retailers to provide update on NDP and build on communications for forthcoming events (Sport Relief, Open Gardens, HM QEII90) Members are asked to agree costs of room hire and refreshments
  - ii) **Hewell Road bollards** To approve the cost of £200 for each replacement bollard and the site of each one including planter on pavement outside Deedar restaurant
  - iii) **Flagpole** To consider installation of flagpole in Millennium Park (installation in Hewell Road verge will not be authorised by WCC Highways)
- b) To consider the parish council's response to planning consultations received since last meeting, including:

Log018 / 15/1057	Land off Fiery Hill Road	CALA Homes development	
Application Reference Number: 13/0121 Date of Decision: 24/06/2013 Condition Number(s): 40 Conditions(s) Removal: The realignment of Fiery Hill Road is currently subject to a Full Planning application (15/0652). Condition 40 as currently worded requires the completion of the realignment of Fiery Hill Road prior to 1st occupation. Due to the outstanding application this will not be achievable without significantly delaying the provision of market and affordable housing upon the site. Request the following instead:- To enable 30 dwelling occupations, to be accessed from the current planning approved junction with Fiery Hill Road, prior to the completion of the realignment of Fiery Hill Road.			
Log019	15/0960	Copper Beech, 14a Cherry Hill Road	Proposed room over garage
Log016	15/0944	Re 28 Bittell Road, CH	requested this to be considered by BDC committee

- c) **Car Park, Fiery Hill Road** – to agree to the offer put forward by CALA Homes to take responsibility for the 28-space car park in Fiery Hill Road after the first 12-months' use, CALA to provide £30,000 to support future maintenance
- d) **Parker's Piece footway** – to agree plans for the installation of new footway across the playing field now that the specification has been refined and costings made clearer.
- e) **Policing and PACT meetings** – (i) Cllrs E Gumbley and C Hotham to report on PACT. (ii) **SmartWater Village** – to consider funding for SmartWater Village status
- f) **Community Computer Learning Bus** – to consider most suitable location for the bus in the parish and promotion of the scheme

## 27 Consultations

To consider responding to:

- a) Worcestershire County Council Flood Plan
- b) National Planning Policy Framework amendments
- c) New Homes Bonus changes

## 28 Events

- a) To note arrangements for the Sport Relief Mile on 20/03/2016.
- b) To note other events:
  - i) Shindig Theatre 'The Origin of Species' 16/04/2016
  - ii) Barnt Green Open Gardens 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016

## 29 Governance

- a) To review and approve the Child Protection Policy 2014

## 30 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Councillors may use this opportunity to:

- (i) report on meetings attended;
- (ii) agree the attendance of councillors at forthcoming meetings –
- (iii) report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda;
- (iv) raise items for future agendas

## 31 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 80 Hewell Road.

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## Supporting notes to agenda for meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 From Gill Lungley, Executive Officer, BGPC

Agenda items 17 - 22 are standard items.

Agenda item 23: EO Updates for parish council meeting 03/02/2016 to note:

23a) Network Rail / footpath 500	Press release from NR states the footpath closure has been extended for 12 months; NR will consult on options. Communication from Sajid Javid MP "will be keeping a watchful eye on the matter".
23b) Footpath 507 adj Scout drive	WCC (footpaths), NWWM (water management) and Scouts have met to clarify what is needed to be done. Footpath surfacing will follow drainage improvements.
23c) Car parking issues	Photographic evidence of anti-social parking received in this office will be forwarded to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team team at Rubery. All schools have received a letter written by joint police force for circulation to all parents urging considerate parking when on the school run.
23d) Network Rail, Hewell Lane bridge	The unfinished state of the bridge in Hewell Lane is causing concern to residents; EO seeks approval for official letter to NR.
23e) General Correspondence in addition to weekly newsletters etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concerns re speeding traffic, Bittell Road</li> <li>- Village May Ball – Saturday 14/05/2016 in aid of school</li> <li>- Shindig / Live and Local – new promotional leaflets received and notification of GAS (Go And See) events</li> <li>- WCC consulting on WCC Budget via online survey.</li> </ul>
23f) RoSPA inspection	The EO has asked to meet with the inspector when the play equipment on both sites has the annual inspection in March; – members are invited to attend as well.
23g) Organised football use of Parker's Piece	It is possible that a new football group is keen to make use of the facilities at Parker's Piece. The EO is seeking advice from the current user and depending on the situation at the time of the PC meeting members may consider discussing this item in confidential session due to the subject matter which may relate to the early stages of legal action; it will be possible to discuss at the end of the meeting following exclusion of the public.
23f) Volunteer litter pickers	The two Duke of Edinburgh students continue to provide an hour's litter picking each week; the EO has recently replaced the litter-pick sticks at a cost of £23 net
23g) Millennium Park dog waste bin removal	The dog waste bin has been removed from Millennium Park. It has been pointed out that the remaining bins do not have the 'Any Bin Will Do' stickers attached so EO has requested these from Bromsgrove DC (and is to check the bins in Parker's Piece). This prompted correspondent (C) to ask whether the recycling efforts carried out by residents re green/brown bins are followed through after collection? EO referred C to county and district members.
23h) Website update	EO to meet with current website provider w/c 08/02/2016 – and asks if any member would like to also attend?

## Agenda item 24: Co-option to fill two vacant seats

Members are asked to forward details of the application form (available on the website and from the PC office) to anyone interested in co-option to the parish council.

## Agenda item 25: Finance

- i) Current financial position, in brief is as per bank reconciliation to 31/12/2015 below. The bank reconciliation to 31/01/2016 will be circulated at the meeting.

	<b>Dec-15</b>	
<b>Cash in hand at 1 April 2015</b>		
Unity Bank current account	3,491.10	
Unity Bank deposit account	7,292.02	
Lloyds Bank current account	28,685.90	
Cambridge	25,013.70	
Alto	348.49	
		£64,831.21
<b>Add receipts between 1 April - 31 December 2015</b>	62,198.47	
<b>Less payments between 1 April - 31 December 2015</b>	-49,151.70	
<b>less unrepresented cheques</b>	-872.34	
<b>Cash in hand at 31 December 2015</b>		<b><u>£77,005.64</u></b>
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<b>Cash in hand per bank statements at 31 Dec 2015</b>		
Unity Bank current account	593.70	
Unity Bank deposit account	22,412.84	
Cambridge B/S	53,699.60	
Alto	299.50	
		<b><u>£77,005.64</u></b>
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- ii) Cllr E Gumbley is to carry out the internal check of the parish council's accounts and book-keeping on 01/02/2016, and will report thereon.

- iii) **Budget and Precept for 2016/17** – see attached sheet. To note that with council tax base of 921.29 then a precept of £58,000 will mean Band D contribution of £62.96, precept of £55,000 will see Band D contribution of £59.70. For reference:

Band A (2/3 of Band D)

Band B (7/9 of Band D)

Band C (8/9 of Band D)

**Band D is 9/9**

Band E (11/9 of Band D)

Band F (13/9 of Band D)

Band G (15/9 of Band D)

Band H (Band D \* 2)

- iv) Reimbursement for Christmas lighting energy to local business. One of the two businesses in Barnt Green that helps to provide the electricity for the Christmas lighting display has asked for a contribution towards their costs. Bill statements have been requested and provided (available from the EO before the meeting) but it is not possible to see a 'typical' specific amount and it is therefore suggested that an amount is agreed by members in appreciation of the business' good will and community spirit.

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## Agenda item 26: Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment

- a) ii) with regard to the replacement bollards, there is one missing from the corner of Hewell Road/Victoria Mews,



- b) 3 from outside Oulsnams, where it is believed that they were removed by Severn Trent Water when attending to a water leak/burst pipe at the end of last year; it is therefore suggested that the parish council applies to STW for the cost of replacement.



Photo taken facing away from Oulsnam's



With regard to the missing bollards from the Deedar isthmus:

Screen shot of photo taken Sept 2012; all 3 bollards now missing.

It is suggested that only one is replaced (to the right of the pavement crossing) and instead of 2 replacement bollards to the left of the pavement crossing, these are instead replaced by a planter similar to those outside the tea shop.

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**Agenda item 27: Consultations:** From the CALC update 15/01/2016

Opportunities Bulletin 875

875/28 National Planning Policy: consultation on proposed changes – Department for Communities & Local Government consultation The government states that this consultation is seeking views on some specific changes to National Planning Policy in the following areas: • “broadening the definition of affordable housing, to expand the range of low cost housing opportunities for those aspiring to own their new home • increasing residential density around commuter hubs, to make more efficient use of land in suitable locations • supporting sustainable new settlements, development on brownfield land and small sites, and delivery of housing allocated in plans • supporting delivery of starter homes”

This consultation closes on 22 February 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policyconsultation-on-proposed-changes>

875/30 New Homes Bonus: sharpening the incentive: technical consultation – Department for Communities & Local Government consultation This consultation seeks views on options for changes to the New Homes Bonus to better reflect authorities’ delivery of new housing. It also seeks views on reducing the number of years in which current and future payments are made.

This consultation closes on 10 March 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-homes-bonus-sharpeningthe-incentive-technical-consultation>

**Agenda item 28: a and b :** Clerk to provide update at the meeting.

**Agenda item 29: Governance**

**Review of Child Protection Policy.** A requirement for the Sport Relief event, see attached.

**Agenda items 30 and 31 are standard.**

Gill Lungley, Executive Officer  
28/01/2016