



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Catshill Village Hall

THURSDAY 28th Oct 2021, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs B McEldowney (Chair), P Baker, I Hooper, B Laniosh,
P Masters, T Gillespie, M Johnson, J Alderson, S Osman, G
Blackmoor

In attendance: Clerk – Carol Blake

Apologies –

Members not present:

21/10-01 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

21/10-02 To receive apologies from any Member unable to attend

No apologies had been received.

21/10-03 To consider any applications for co-option.

Abdul Jilani had applied for co-option and his particulars and personal statement were circulated. He expressed his interest to join the Parish Council to help the community and enhance the area.

It was agreed that Abdul be co-opted on to the Parish Council and he joined the meeting.

21/10-04 Open Forum

4.1 Members of the Public

No members of the public were present.

4.2 Speakers for ABCD Community Builder project.

Alan Warnock from the project was introduced and talked about the benefits of the project to the area. He explained that they are introducing themselves and talking to residents and trying to find out from them how they are coping with life at the moment and whether anything can be done to help enhance their lives such as clubs, coffee mornings etc. Parish councillors felt that they have already done this with clubs already set up and residents being informed of events in the area by regular newsletters being distributed and updates on Facebook.

It was agreed after a lengthy discussion that Alan would attend another parish council meeting in six months' time to update on their project and their progress and see if projects they are involved in at that time could be

enhanced by Parish Councillors knowledge and experience, having a joined up approach and working together rather than as individuals.

4.3 Worcestershire County Council member for Woodvale Division

No representative present

4.4 Bromsgrove District Councillors for North Catshill, South Catshill and Marlbrook Wards.

No representative present

4.5 Any other community representative

None present.

21/10-05 Declarations of Interest

None received

21/10-06 To re- open the meeting Parish Councillors and the Executive Officer may only speak from this point forward

21/10-07 Dispensations

No member had submitted a request for dispensation to any agenda item.

21/10-08 Approval of Minutes of previous council meeting and previous matters arising
It was agreed to accept the minutes of the previous Full Parish Council meeting held 30/09/2021 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

21/10-09 Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed members of the various meetings he had attended during the month. - There was a better than expected turnout for the NP referendum, with a healthy 15.81% of eligible voters participating. 723 people (87.96%) voted in favour of the plan.

9.1 Bracken Grove – A short discussion took place regarding the subject.
It was agreed by all, that the Parish Council (PC) should not get formally involved with this project, as they had not been involved from the outset, and it would only benefit a very small number of people living in close proximity to Bracken Grove.

9.2 Capital Project Meeting Update – A summary had been distributed to all listing the outcome of the meeting.

Cllr Hooper updated on the graffiti on the new bus shelters and has contacted PC Lloyd Stone regarding CCTV from the Co-op that may help identifying the culprit.

**21/10-10 Clerk's report on delegated actions, update and list of communications
General Correspondence received:**

Weekly CALC updates; weekly BDC planning lists, WCC road works lists and reports,

The clerk had received a letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £1000 this year and their continued support.

10.1 Winter flower display for Ivy Cottage Garden – It was agreed to go ahead with Option B from the distributed quotation of £1040.98 from Birmingham City Council.

21/10-11 11.1 The payments and receipts report to 20/10/2021 was received and noted.

The council's accounts spreadsheet for Oct 2021 was circulated.

An excerpt from the council's accounts spreadsheet for Oct had been sent along with the bank reconciliation to 20/10/2021, it is as follows:

Bank Reconciliation as at 20/10/2021			
Opening Cash Book balance		£86,117.87	A
Add receipts between 1 April - 20 Oct 2021	72,500.03		
Less payments between 1 April - 20 Oct 2021	-33,505.73		
Cashbook balance at 20 Oct 2021		£125,112.17	
Bank statements at 20 Oct 2021			
Unity Trust Bank	128,833.89		
Soldo Card	5.77		
Less unpresented cheques, as list below	3,727.49		
Bank balances at 20 Oct 2020	-33,505.73	£125,112.17	B

21/10-12 Items for Discussion

- 12.1 Barley Mow Gardens** – Cllr Laniosh reported that the Natural Networks Programme had visited the area to make assessments and were very keen on developing green areas in Lingfield Walk and Barley Mow Garden. They would like to develop wildlife meadows and introduce interpretation boards initially in those two areas. Cllr Laniosh is awaiting a report from them and will update members when this has been received.
- 12.2 Catshill Middle School Update and Bench Update** – Cllr Laniosh updated on the meeting at Catshill Middle School and felt that the children were on board with providing ideas on improving the area for young people. They will be asked to attend a Parish Council meeting if they so wish in the future.
Cllr Laniosh has received a request from a resident asking for a memorial bench to be placed on Oak Rd in remembrance of her husband. She is willing to fund £400 herself and **it was agreed** that the Parish Council will fund the rest, which is approximately £182.00.
- 12.3 Update regarding Solar Lights and Christmas** – Cllr Osman reported that he thought the posts for the solar lights had already been fitted but would double check.
Regarding Christmas, Cllr Osman agreed to speak with the Foodbank and ask about making a donation and/or having hampers made up for people who would normally attend the Parish Council Christmas Party, which is again not being held this year, due to the continuing Covid pandemic.
- 12.4 Update on Remembrance Day – Cllr Hooper** – The service will take place at the War Memorial site this year as an outdoor event, on Sunday 14th November. Still waiting to hear about the service sheets.
- 12.5 Budget Figures for 2022/2023** Cllr Baker discussed the budget and the spreadsheet that had been circulated to all members. He asked that any comments on the figures are sent to him, and he will present the updated budget and precept figures in next month's Full Parish Council meeting.

21/10-13 Committee and Representatives Report

- 13.1 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** Cllr Osman –The NPSG met on Wednesday 20th October, to discuss the outcome of the recent NP

referendum and proposed changes to the original Terms of Reference for the NPSG, to reflect the post referendum and implementation phase of the NP. The result of the recent NP referendum still needs to be formally signed off by Bromsgrove District Council. Chris Fabray stood down as Chair of the group and Richard Eccles was elected to replace him as chair. Paul Crysell was elected to become the vice chair. There will be an annual report produced regarding the NP when the Project Officer is appointed, which is likely to be around next July.

13.2 Environmental and Highways Cllr Hooper – Data has been collected on speeding in the area in the last month. Woodrow Lane data showed in excess of 47000 cars coming into the area, the highest speed recorded on that road was 76mph.

Cllr Hooper will send the data out to all councillors.

Cllr Laniosh and others are still awaiting training re footpaths, he is considering setting up a group of councillors to look at and improve footpaths in the area.

13.3 Whitford Vale and Perryfields Development Cllr Baker – No update.

13.4 Planning Committee Cllr Gillespie reported about 20 Woodrow Lane. There is no information forthcoming from Bromsgrove Planning Dept as the issue is currently under investigation so cannot be commented on because of this. Cllr Gillespie suggested physical Planning meetings being rearranged in the near future.

13.5 Finance and Staffing Committee Cllr Baker updated previously point 12.5

13.6 Village Hall Management Cllr Hooper reported that he will be on holiday from 20th – 27th November and so would need the Christmas Tree to be sorted during that time. Cllr Gillespie has ordered the tree and will liaise with Cllr Osman and Cllr Webb on the Christmas Light switch on event and erecting the tree outside Village Hall.

13.7 Newsletter and Events Cllr Masters will liaise with Cllr Gillespie regarding the Christmas lights switch on in November.

Meeting finished @ 21:20

21/10-14 Date and time of next meeting: FPC 25th November in the Village Hall @ 19:00

Excerpt from Oct 2021 spreadsheet:

Oct-21							
Soldo	BACS	v093	Top up debit card: Transfer to soldo		50.00		50.00
Oct Salaries	s/o	v094	LP salary Oct 2021		840.17		177.60
Talk Talk	D/D	v096	Office phone and broadband - Sept 2021		44.45		44.45
O2	D/D	v097	Mobile		13.20	2.20	11.00
Allen Farnsworth	BACS	v098	Lengthsman Sept		238.00		238.00
Grenke	D/D	v099	Grenke Leasing for Copier		76.97	12.83	64.14
CAB Grant	BACS	v100	Donation		1,000.00		1,000.00
HMRC	BACS	V101	PAYE & NI month 4		184.91		184.91
HMRC	BACS	V102	PAYE & NI month5		184.91		184.91
HMRC	BACS	V103	PAYE & NI month 6		184.91		184.91
JRB Enterprise Ltd	BACS	v104	Dog waste bags		261.60	43.60	218.00
Unity Trust Bank	d/d	v105	Bank charge, 2nd quarter		18.00	-	18.00
Worcestershire County Council	D/D	R7	Lengthsman reimbursement July 2021	300.00			
Meadowfields Ground Maintenance	BACS	v106	Maintain shrubs at gardens Sept 2021		237.60	39.60	198.00
Soldo Card - Stinky Ink	Soldo	v107	Ink Cartridges		14.78	2.46	12.32
ICO	D/D	v108	Data Protection Fee		35.00		35.00
Cllr Ian Hooper	BACS	v109	Reimbursement for hose clips		14.99	2.49	12.50
Worcestershire County Council	D/D	R8	Lengthsman reimbursement Aug 2021	130.75			
Bromsgrove District Council		r9	Second half of 2021/22 precept	35,500.00			-
Mrs C Blake	BACS	v110	Working from home allowance		36.00	-	36.00
DABS	BACS	v111	Painting bus shelters		2,208.00	368.00	1,840.00
Royal Mail	BACS	v112	Licence fee		119.40	19.90	99.50
Heron Press	BACS	v113	Autumn Newsletter		425.00	-	425.00
				35,930.75	6,137.89	491.08	4,984.24
			Total for year to 31/03/2021	72,500.03	33,505.73	3,251.24	29,591.92