



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Catshill Village Hall

THURSDAY 30th June 2022, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs B McEldowney (Chair), P Masters, P Baker,
S Osman,

In attendance: Clerk – Carol Blake

Apologies – Cllr B Laniosh

Members not present: G Blackmoor,

22/06-01 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting

22/06-02 To receive apologies from any Member unable to attend

Cllr Laniosh sent apologies.

22/06-03 Open Forum

3.1 Members of the Public

Two members of the public attended the meeting. The cemetery on Stourbridge Rd was discussed as part of it is in a state of disrepair and graves cannot be visited or tended by families because of the poor condition of the land. Offenders who have been issued with Community Service Orders, under the supervision of a Probation Officer will be visiting the cemetery on Saturday to help with maintaining the area.

3.2 Worcs County Councillor for the Woodvale Division.

Cllr Webb reported that some of the VAS batteries need to be replaced. A new solar VAS sign will be sited on Golden Cross Lane and the others will be situated around the busiest roads.

Cllr Baker had previously raised an issue that Spencer Walk, which has had slabs replaced with tarmac, needs to have a better surface finish by contractors, Cllr Webb agreed and will request that Highways visit the site and put this right. No update on this issue to date.

YMCA Outreach workers have been talking to youths in the area to gauge their ideas to enhance the area. A skate park has been discussed and Cllr Webb is requesting capital funding for this project, but this will not be available until next year.

Ideas of erecting lighting and a shelter in the cage area to try and deter anti-social behaviour was discussed, Cllr Webb will be consulting with residents on this idea before anything is agreed to. The rough cost would be 20-30k for a skate park and 10-15k for a shelter.

In principle the Parish Council were in favour of this idea dependent on costs and Cllr Webb will also provide a rough diagram on how this is likely to look.

Additional yellow lines are to be painted on Woodrow Lane and a proposal has been put forward for yellow lines to be added to Church Rd.

Cllr Webb discussed setting up “Friends in Catshill” who would incorporate looking after the cemeteries in the area and help with the mapping of graves which in some cemeteries is non-existent.

It was agreed that Cllr Webb would contact Pat the Church Warden to ask her to compose an article for the next edition of the newsletter to request any volunteers to help.

3.3 Bromsgrove District Councillors for North Catshill, South Catshill and Marlbrook Wards

Cllr Till has been contacted by a resident in Chadcote Way to request a dog bag dispenser. It was felt that as only one resident has complained, it would not be value for money to invest in purchasing the bin and replenishing it for one resident.

3.4 Any other community representative

No update.

22/06-04 Declarations of Interest

None received

22/06-05 To re- open the meeting Parish Councillors and the Executive Officer may only speak from this point forward

22/06-06 Dispensations

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

22/06-07 Approval of Minutes of previous council meeting and previous matters arising

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the previous Annual Full Parish Council meeting held 26/05/2022. The Chairman then duly signed the minutes.

22/06-08 Chairman's Report

The Chairman updated members on the various meetings he had attended during the month.

8.1 Update on Fireworks Event – Cllr McEldowney attended a meeting on 20th June together with the Scouts and the Meadow representatives to begin planning and organising this year's event, all actions arising from the meeting have been dealt with.

8.2 Update on Queen's Jubilee Event – The Chairman expressed thanks to everybody involved in the event, including Cllr Laniosh and his wife for staffing the gazebo, Cllr Masters for compering and former Cllr's Gillespie and Cllr Alderson who participated in organising the event.

8.3 Chatty Bench location – **It was agreed** to defer this item as there is no update.

8.4 Creation of new Planning, Env and Highways Committee - It was agreed that as there are now so few Parish Councillors, that all Committees would be amalgamated to make them all quorate.

A Planning, Env and Highways Committee meeting will be set up for w/c 18th July.

It was agreed to purchase a water sprinkler system which Cllr Osman will obtain and fit which will be on a timer to water the Ivy Cottage Garden in hot weather.

22/06-09 Finance

9.1 The payments and receipts report to 20/06/2022 was received and noted.

The council's accounts spreadsheet for June 2022 was circulated. An excerpt from the council's accounts spreadsheet for June had been sent along with the bank reconciliation to 20/06/2022, it is as follows:

| | | | |
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| Bank Reconciliation as at 20/06/2022 | | | |
| Opening Cash Book balance | | £105,685.54 | |
| Add receipts between 1 April - 20 June 2022 | 26,250.50 | | |
| Less payments between 1 April - 20 June 2022 | -16,812.06 | | |
| Cashbook balance at 20 June 2022 | | £115,123.98 | A |
| Bank statements at 20 June 2022 | | | |
| Unity Trust Bank | 116,731.28 | | |
| Soldo account | 19.63 | | |
| Less unpresented cheques, as list below | 1626.93 | | |
| Bank balances at 20 June 2022 | | £115,123.98 | B |

22/06-10 Items for Discussion

- 10.1 Solar Lights and Skate Park idea** – Update provided by Cllr Webb, see minute reference 22/06-03.2
- 10.2 Motion to normalise 20mph in Worcestershire** – It was agreed not to be part of this motion, Cllr McEldowney will contact the group himself to inform them of the PC decision.
- 10.3 Recruiting new councillors** – It was agreed to use Cllr Baker’s report on how to recruit new councillors and put it on Facebook and on PC website.
- 10.4 Any update on Remembrance Day Service** – Cllr Baker will be the Parish Council’s contact this year for the Remembrance Service and will organise the event and attend meetings nearer the time of the service.

22/06-11 Committee and Representatives Report

- 11.1 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – Cllr McEldowney** – Once the Project Officer is in post then a NPSG meeting will be organised.
- 11.2 Finance and Staffing Committee – Cllr Baker** – no meetings held.
- 11.3 Newsletter – Cllr Masters** – All articles need to be submitted by the end of July for submission into the next newsletter.
- 11.4 Village Hall Report** – no report received.
- 11.5 Natural Networks Project – Cllr Laniosh** (document providing update was circulated to all)

Meeting finished @ 21:02

Date and time of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting 28th July in the Village Hall @ 19:00

Excerpt from June Spreadsheet

| Jun-22 | invoice ref V/R | Description | Receipts | Payments Gross | Payments VAT | Payments Net |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Soldo | v040 | Top up debit card | | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| DM Payroll Services Ltd | v041 | Internal Audit fee 2021/22 | | 180.00 | | 180.00 |
| Shaw Loos Ltd | v042 | Toilets for Queen's Jubilee Event | | 480.00 | 80.00 | 400.00 |
| Jess Charlton | V043 | Large Bunting | | 26.85 | | 26.85 |
| UK Life Medical | V044 | 2 Medics | | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Magic Al | V045 | 2 Hours of magic and balloon modelling | | 175.00 | | 175.00 |
| Kaos disco hire | V046 | PA Speaker System Hire | | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| Melissa Butler (Mitzy) | V047 | 2 X 45 minute sets | | 120.00 | | 120.00 |
| Catshill Baptist Church | v048 | Jubilee booklets | | 219.54 | | 219.54 |
| Donna Ramlal | v049 | Bouncy Castle and fuel for event | | 175.00 | | 175.00 |
| Katie Burgess | v050 | Winner prizes for Big Picnic | | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| June Salaries | v051 | PO Salary June 2022 | | 939.76 | - | 939.76 |
| Clr B Mc Eldowney | v054 | Expenses for watering Ivy Garden | | 12.57 | | 12.57 |
| HCI Data Ltd | V055 | Renewal of website domain for 2 years | | 102.00 | 17.00 | 85.00 |
| Allen Farnsworth | v056 | Lengthsman May 2022 | | 335.00 | | 335.00 |
| Talk Talk | v057 | Broadband for office | | 46.95 | - | 46.95 |
| O2 | v058 | office mobile | | 14.74 | 2.46 | 12.28 |
| Meadowfields Ground Maintenance | V059 | Maintain shrubs at gardens in May 2022 | | 237.60 | 39.60 | 198.00 |
| | | Bitdefender | | 39.99 | | 39.99 |
| | | Stinky ink | | 6.71 | | 6.71 |
| Soldo card | v060 | A4 paper for printer | | 8.84 | | 8.84 |
| | | Top up on card | | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| | | Microsoft monthly fee - June | | 7.99 | | 7.99 |
| | | subtotal May/June to 20/06/2022 | - | 3,498.54 | 139.06 | 3,359.48 |
| | | total for year to date | 26,250.50 | 16,812.06 | 1,186.68 | 15,625.38 |