



BOURNHEATH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The minutes of Bournheath Annual Parish Meeting
Held at Bournheath Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on 25th May 2011**

Present: Parish Cllrs: K. May (Chairman), K Drew, H Feeney, S Hall, B. Lodge,
M Millinchip and S. Hall
District Cllr: B Lewis
County Cllr: S Blagg
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: B Hewitt

In attendance: Members of the public as per attendance list
Gill Lungley, Clerk to the Council

1. Chairman's Welcome:

The Chairman Cllr K May welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2010, had already been approved and signed.

3. Chairman's Annual Report for the period May 2010 to April 2011

Cllr. K May gave the Annual Report - copy attached.

4. Reports from Woodvale County and District ward representatives

County Representative for the Woodvale Division -

Sheila Blagg: Funding is presenting a challenge at County Hall with reviews taking place of the public transport and the library services, and the youth services budget has been cut to nearly a third. Other issues covered in her report included the new highways officer for Bromsgrove district (R Clewer), recent speed surveys in Rocky Lane, decriminalisation of parking offences to be considered in Bromsgrove district, SureStart at Catshill, Health Funding to Catshill Middle School benefits many residents of the division, the Anti-Social Behaviour review had been encouraging as overall the figures were dropping. Concerns about sites for travellers and gypsies were being addressed via an information leaflet that will provide advice to communities.

Questions asked related to the bus service concession scheme (it does not allow for concessionary passengers to board before 9.30am); re-siting of the Blue-Light services in Bromsgrove (moving near to the Artrix site); un-authorized business signs on Sandy Lane have been removed; the Localism Bill (slow progress); use of the Ryland Centre is open to all.

District Representative for the Woodvale Ward –

Brian Lewis: Now a member of the district council's planning committee where his concerns lie with the enforcement branch of the planning department. Other items covered included concerns with speeding through the ward, signs on Sandy Lane, Bromsgrove Town Centre and developments at the Market Hall and Recreation Road; leachate concerns from the Wildmoor Quarries and on-going investigation by Severn Trent / Environment Agency. BL is pleased with the new Bumble Hole access onto Rocky Lane. **Questions** asked related to planning housing quotas, infrastructure, location of football pitches in the district (Barnsley Hall sites no longer available).

5. Reports from community representatives

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Bournheath

Bryan Hewett: Thanks to those who helped during the year. About 80% of the crime in the area is opportunistic so everyone should be careful about 'advertising' the fact their house may be unoccupied. We should all be more neighbourly, get to know each other and speak to the local CSO when seen.

Parish Tree Warden

Stuart Hall: Notable trees in the area were mentioned. Electricity company had provided replacement trees that had been planted on the playing field and on Rocky Lane. Residents were asked to keep their hedges trimmed if fronting roadway and footpaths.

Bournheath Village Hall

Keith Drew: Many improvements over the last 18 months with funds raised by the committee's efforts, and grants from Veolia, Bumble Hole Foods, lottery funding and the parish council. Special mention to M Jenkins Construction and funds raised via competing in the London Marathon with thanks to all supporters.

6. Issues affecting the Parish

The following issues were raised:

- a) Dog mess seems to have increased on the playing field and around the children's play area and the gate is not child-proof. Also the play equipment looks to be in need of renewal. SB replied there is funding available via WCC grant. Dog waste bags were no longer available via Bromsgrove DC, the parish council were to source from elsewhere.
- b) A caravan was stolen from Home Farm caravan storage recently.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed:

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