



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 27th July 2011, 7.30pm
Bournheath Village Hall, Claypit Lane, Bournheath

Present Cllrs K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, H Feeney, B Lodge, S Westwood

In attendance Clerk: Gill Lungley

11/07/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Millinchip, and accepted.

11/07/02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/07/03 Public Participation / Question Time

No members of the public were present.

11/07/04 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports

Neither County Councillor Sheila Blagg (SB) nor District Councillor Brian Lewis was able to be present. SB's monthly report was read out and would be forwarded to all members. Topics discussed included the proposed incinerator at Hartlebury, speed of vehicles along Wildmoor Lane, further clarity required regarding the parish council grit bins.

11/07/05 Police / PACT reports

No report from community officer. There was comment regarding the recent attempted break-in on Fairfield Road, and the abusive treatment from car driver and passenger experienced by a jogger on Rocky Lane. Members had recently attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting and concerns were expressed regarding cut backs and reduced funding for the police workforce. SmartWater signs were believed to be a good deterrent. There were concerns about the start-up of a horse fair at Wychbold (believed to be due to the closure of Henley market). Community Policing would be discussed at the next meeting.

11/07/05a At this point Warren King was invited to join the meeting to discuss taking on the role of Parish Footpath Warden following the resignation of Phil Grierson. Cllr S Westwood offered to help WK to carry out the footpath 'audit' (prioritisation of footpaths maintenance) as requested by Worcestershire County Council, Environmental Services and WK was provided with the paper work.

The Clerk will provide details to WCC Environmental Services.

GL

11/07/06 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 22/06/2011 were approved and signed.

11/07/07

Chairman's Report

- a) KM and SH had attended the Bromsgrove District Councils' training on the Draft District Core Strategy, which plans for the building of 4,000 new homes in the district up to 2021 and for 7,000 by 2026. Members concerns about the adequacy of the infrastructure to cope with this new building were not sufficiently covered.
- b) KM was continuing to seek a satisfactory outcome regarding the Severn Trent investigation into the presence of leachate in the local water course; it was agreed the Clerk would make a request via Freedom of Information Act regarding flooding in the parish over the last few years.
- c) Debris had fallen from the M5 motorway into a nearby garden (off Wildmoor Lane) and would have affected Public Right of Way 526; additionally the motorway lights on this stretch are being left on after 12am when other lights on the same motorway are being turned off. There are on-going concerns relating to ease of access to the motorway at this point. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Highways Agency and WCC ES.
- d) KM had attended the recent BDC Planning Committee meeting to support opposition to the plans for advertising on the traffic islands at Stoneybridge (and Hagley); the applications were refused.

11/07/08

Clerk's Report

- a) The Clerk sought clarification of actions regarding the signs on the Village Hall gate and in the car park; members agreed to change the existing signs to state the gate will be closed every day at 6pm.
- b) Copies of correspondence not already mentioned or forwarded to members were made available.
- c) A list of the e-mails received for information and of those forwarded to members was made available.

11/07/09

Planning

- a) A summary of recent planning authority (BDC) decisions was provided.
- b) It was noted that the recent enforcement report had included 'the erection of a fence without permission' on the corner of Mill Lane / Wildmoor Lane.

11/07/10

Lengthsman update

The Lengthsman had been provided with black bags. He would be advised of fly-tipping / dumping in the culvert off Doctor's Hill. **GL**

Members would like to see the grass banks in Doctor's Hill and Parish Hill cut with a flail mower. SH would seek estimates for 2 cuts per year to complement the WCC cuts. **SH**

At this point in the meeting it was agreed to alter the order of business.

KD temporarily left the meeting.

11/07/11

Bumble Hole Foods name sign, Rocky Lane

It was believed this is a temporary sign and has yet to be updated; GL to seek clarification.

11/07/12

Parish flower boxes / roadside troughs

It was agreed to consider this item at the November meeting of the Parish Council.

KD returned to the meeting.

11/07/13

Wildmoor report

1. The fence at the corner of Mill Lane / Wildmoor Lane had been reported to the enforcement department at BDC.
2. Whittings are to be doing work for next year's Olympics.
3. Blue Cross are waiting for the planning authority's decision regarding their recent application. They will be holding car boot sales and an extra winter fete.
4. Local road closures are due to highways repair work; WCC had notified intention to close the Sandy Lane layby to allow for highways works.

11/07/14

Training update

Training for new members and those who have not yet attended training will be arranged for Wednesday evenings in October.

GL

11/07/15

Wildmoor notice board

BDC would be asked whether planning permission would be required.

GL

11/07/16

Rocky Lane grass verge at entrance to village

Clerk to ascertain whether the grass bank opposite entrance to Bumble Hole Foods will be cut back as in previous years, and whether spring bulbs can be planted.

GL

Cllr B Lodge left the meeting.

11/07/17

Bournheath Village Hall

KD reported as follows:

1. All keys are now on key rings.
2. A recent hirer did not lock the gates after use – raising concerns about how to seek compliance from all users.
3. The radiators are being replaced.
4. A fund-raising quiz is to be held in October.
5. Local concerns about the playing field being used by teams of footballers, deterring casual users.
6. The rota has been drawn up for next month's gate closers.

11/07/18

Local Authority governor vacancy at Catshill First School

As notified by County Councillor Sheila Blagg; noted.

11/07/19

Power of Well Being and Quality Parish Status

Discussion of these two parish council initiatives was deferred to September's meeting.

11/07/20

Community Emergency Planning

This is to be highlighted in the next newsletter and will be discussed at the August meeting.

11/07/21

Correspondence

The schedule of correspondence was provided for members to view.
Members were advised of a late invitation to attend BDC's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to discuss the situation regarding public transport – comments to be submitted would include reference to the time at which concessionary passes start (9.30am is too late in the day) and the lack of a bus service to the Alex Hospital in Redditch.

Information was provided on BDC's new 'Mucky Pup' awareness PR exercise.

11/07/22

Finance

- a) New bank account (Unity Trust Bank) – all forms had been signed; GL to send to UTB.
- b) Members were updated on the current financial situation.
- c) Payments were agreed as per schedule.

11/07/23

Items for next agenda

Power of Well-being (September)
Next year's precept (October)
Newsletter, printing and delivery
Provision of dog-waste bags
New Footpath Warden
Broadband provision in the parish
Welcome Pack
Community Emergency Plan
Christmas Tree Lights

11/07/24

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 31st August 2011, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 10.40pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

Date