



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 26th October 2011, 7.30pm
Bournheath Village Hall, Claypit Lane, Bournheath

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

In attendance Clerk: Gill Lungley

11/10/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M Millinchip and S Westwood

11/10/02 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/10/03 Public Participation / Question Time

One member of the public was present and it was agreed to bring agenda item 16 forward for discussion relating to anti-social issues; the particular problem appears to be in abeyance.

11/10/04 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports

County Councillor Sheila Blagg (SB) had sent apologies for not being able to attend and an update that was circulated to all members and displayed on-screen. Members commented on the damage being caused to the newly re-constructed footpath in Doctor's Hill alongside the Nailers Arms due to delivery of beer barrels being dropped onto the footpath.

11/10/05 Police / Police And Community Together reports

Members KM, SH and MM attended the recent PACT meeting at Fairfield where no problems were reported relating to lorries in the parish (drivers' route directions and the new access at Bumble Hole Foods were therefore seen to be effective). The main issue was the parking in Fairfield now that the Village Hall has closed its car park at school drop-off and collection times; this is being followed up.

The next PACT meeting is to be hosted by Bournheath Parish Council and members agreed on the date of Thursday 22nd March 2011.

Members had noted that a lorry (7.5tonne) was being parked at the weekend in Rocky Lane.

11/10/06 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 21/09/2011 were approved and signed.

11/10/07 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May

- a) Broadband Survey (WCC) Members were reminded to complete this survey to help WCC in its bid to secure an efficient broadband coverage of the county.
- b) Standards Committee KM had attended the recent meeting as the parish council's representative and shared with members the importance of declaring interests and attending standards training.
- c) Advertising at traffic islands BDC had again submitted plans to allow advertising on the traffic island at Stoneybridge; despite objections from D.Cllr B Lewis this had been allowed.

- d) Christmas Lights KM and SH had visited Mr Hewston at Bumble Hole Foods who agreed to provide funding for the Christmas tree lights at Tuppeny Cake.
- e) Flower troughs at village entrances Bumble Hole Foods will fund the provision of these which should be fixed in place early 2012; they will have a built-in water retainer so will only need to be topped up about once per week.
- f) Spring bulbs These have been ordered and the clerk will arrange for planting upon receipt.
- g) Neighbourhood Watch KM had been asked to look into providing a cascade system of early warnings for parish residents, it was believed this would encourage vigilance. **It was agreed** GL would invite Bryan Hewitt the NW co-ordinator to attend the next parish council meeting and Cllr BL volunteered to act as liaison with NW on behalf of the parish council.
- h) Parish Footpath Warden WCC had not yet contacted Warren King regarding his role as PFW; GL would contact WCC.

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Progress Reports

- a) Parish Grit Bins It would appear that WCC would prefer not to have parish council grit bin alongside its own bin, therefore members decided to site the new bin in Dodford Road adjacent to the telephone box if feasible. If this site is not suitable then to site the bin at the Village Hall.
- b) Stourbridge lay-by WCC had attended to this; the canopy had been lifted and undergrowth cleared.
- c) Rocky Lane grass verge This had been cut back by the Probation Service team.
- d) Parish Welcome Pack No progress to report.
- e) Bench maintenance The five benches sited at Tuppeny Cake (2), playing field (2), Doctor's Hill had been re-coated with varnish (work done by R Davies).
- f) Playing field BDC had responded to the concerns raised regarding weed spraying alongside new hawthorn hedging, repairs to the lower-end gate (now repaired) and source of dog-waste bags...
- g) Dog-waste bags **It was agreed** to purchase 5,000 plastic dog-waste bags at a cost of £64; these would be dispensed via the lockable dispensers on the playing field; storage of stock to be agreed via KM.
- h) Items of correspondence received:
 - Relate update – Healthy Relationships campaign
 - Boughton Butler LLP re changes in the planning landscape seminar
 - Williamson & Soden Solicitors – invite to debate on the Localism Bill
 - Worcs CALC updates for October (34 to 37), including WCC Highways pothole investigatory and intervention levels
 - Came and Co. (insurance brokers) 'Parish Matters' newsletter
 - BDC celebrates Black History Month
 - WCC Public Notice – temporary closure of Mill Lane to allow for carriageway repairs starting 01/11/2011 and expected to last for 2 days.
 - BDC – follow-up to District Forum meeting including an advice note on 'Getting Started with Neighbourhood Planning'.
 - BDC – information and posters for the Christmas recycling campaign; also leaflets for 2012 recycling with an Olympic theme which will be distributed with the winter edition of Together Bromsgrove. No calendar for bin collections will be distributed this year, copies can be downloaded from www.letswasteless.com or collected from BDC's Customer Services.

- 11/10/09 Planning**
- a) BDC Planning reference 11/0852; proposed Conversion of barns to two dwellings with garages at Valley Farm, Valley Road, Worms Ash B61 9HY. Members comment: No objection.
 - b) Members were updated on the latest decisions made by BDC (the Planning Authority), as per planning log.
 - c) BDC are consulting on their Proposed Planning Application Validation Criteria – comments are invited.
- 11/10/10 Lengthsman update**
- To attend to Doctors Hill grass verge and cut back round lamp-posts and road signs.
- 11/10/11 Bournheath Village Hall - Cllr KD**
- Various improvements are being considered including roof insulation. The rota for operating the gate has been changed and the timings are to change along with end of BST. The Village Hall committee is concerned about vehicles being parked in front of the gate when the gate is closed, thereby preventing access to the car park by bona-fide village hall users; also there are occasions when hirers arrive in their cars before the key holder, and then cause obstruction to through traffic in Claypit Lane whilst they wait for the gate to be opened. **It was agreed** to provide a sign to be fixed to the gate requesting no parking in the gateway.
- 11/10/12 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF**
- There has been an increase in the amount of traffic along Wildmoor Lane to the Mill Lane units. The retrospective application for the new fencing on the corner of Mill Lane with Wildmoor Lane was refused and this may be causing problems for the applicant. Blue Cross animal sanctuary are to host a Halloween Event.
- 11/10/13 New notice board, Wildmoor**
- It was agreed** to purchase and install a new notice board for £450.
- 11/10/14 Future of the Parish Forum**
- BDC were seeking to make savings where possible and had asked the parish councils, via Bromsgrove Area CALC, whether the District/Parish Forum should continue. **It was agreed** to recommend retention of the current situation ie 4 forum meetings pa.
- 11/10/15 Power of Well Being**
- Members agreed** to ask Richard Levett of WorcsCALC to provide training at some point early in the new year.
- 11/10/16 Anti-social issues**
- This item was considered at the start of the meeting.
- 11/10/17 Flower troughs at Village entrance**
- This item was considered above, minute no. 11/10/07e
- 11/10/18 Budget 2012/13**
- Members noted the financial review and information circulated by the Clerk. A ‘Band D’ council tax property currently incurs a total council tax bill of £1532.74, from which £48.47 is collected on behalf of the parish council. The budget will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

11/10/19 Purchases

It was agreed to purchase the following:

- a) Parish Online mapping services @ £10 pa + set-up fee.
- b) Dog-waste bags for the playing field dispensers @ £49 + £15 delivery.

11/10/20 Correspondence

Correspondence in - as minute no. 11/10/08 above.

Correspondence out – letter to be sent to Mr P Raybould thanking him for grass cutting work.

11/10/21 Finance

- a) The current financial situation was advised as per spreadsheet circulated to members.
- b) The payments as per schedule were agreed, including £70 to BDC being the sum requested by BDC for the costs incurred for the May 2011 elections.

11/10/22 Items for next agenda

- Neighbourhood Watch liaison
- 2012/13 budget and 2012/13 precept
- Christmas tree lights and organisation for installation etc.
- Salt/grit bins

11/10/23 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 30th November 2011, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 10.00pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

Date