



Bournheath Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011, 7.30pm  
Bournheath Village Hall, Claypit Lane, Bournheath

**Present** Cllrs K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, M Millinchip

**In attendance** Clerk: Gill Lungley

**11/09/01 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Lodge and Cllr S Westwood

**11/09/02 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**11/09/03 Public Participation / Question Time**

One member of the public was present and raised concerns as follows:  
Dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul the playing field and are not picking up afterwards;  
There is a large pothole in the village hall car park;  
The park benches need to be re-painted;  
The playing field gate onto Claypit Lane does not close properly;  
The location of any parish council grit bin.  
The issues were discussed in general and were dealt with in the body of the meeting.

**11/09/04 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.

District Councillor Brian Lewis (BL) had sent apologies for not being able to attend.

**11/09/05 Police / PACT reports**

The next PACT meeting has been arranged for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm at Fairfield Village Hall. Members were concerned with the reduction in policing provision and the reluctance of residents to contact the local Neighbourhood Watch; it was suggested that a cascade system for early warnings could be introduced. Also members were aware of highways ironworks being stolen and sold as scrap metal and asked for all to be alert to this practice.

**11/09/06 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 31/08/2011 were approved and signed.

11/09/07

**Chairman's Report**

- a) Worcs CALC KM had attended the most recent meeting and raised the possibility of inviting the new Chief Inspector to speak to the next meeting.
- b) Lay-by off Stourbridge Road KM asked for the request for raising the canopy to be followed up.
- c) Local drains Local resident / contractor will fill sacks with leaves from roadside drains.
- d) Parish Newsletter KM and neighbour Sarah Beard delivered the newsletter in the Bournheath part of the parish (Cllr H Feeney delivered in the Wildmoor section); delivery took about 5 hours. Letter of thanks are to be sent to Sarah Beard.
- e) Rocky Lane grass verge KM and SH had visited landowner to agree to regular, twice yearly cut of grass by probation service. Next cut to take place 16/10/2011.
- f) Christmas lights - no progress on this at the moment.
- g) Public Right of Way no. 510 – there was disagreement about the cutting back of hedging along this footpath; Warren King, the parish footpath warden (PFW), would be advised. It was reported that the footpath equipment (clippers and scythe-type cutter) had been passed on from the previous PFW.

11/09/08

**Progress Report**

- a) M5 queries The Highways Agency had responded to the queries regarding:
  - i) overnight lighting – due to M5/M42 junction the lighting on the M5 where it passes over Wildmoor Lane will remain on during the night;
  - ii) barrier – height cannot be increased due to prevailing wind;
  - iii) gates on to M5 from Wildmoor Lane – these have been checked and secured.
- b) Wildmoor notice board Members agreed to purchase 2 new notice boards; one to be installed in Wildmoor near to Whitings; the other at the top of Doctors Hill/Parish Hill SH to report back to the next meeting with quotation details.
- c) Parish Footpath Warden KM to contact Warren for an update.
- d) Annual Newsletter This had been delivered; feedback suggested it could have been bigger and could have included adverts for local businesses. It was noted that 4 newsletters pa were required to achieve Quality Parish status. The Clerk was thanked for her work producing the newsletter.
- e) Newsletter – next issue It was suggested that a record should be kept of items for inclusion in the next newsletter; members wished to publicly record thanks to Mr Peter Raybould for cutting the grass verges in Doctors Hill at no cost to the parish council. Also, to include the reminder to parishioners who may want to express concerns about any matter to attend their regular parish council meetings.

11/09/09

**Planning**

- a) BDC Planning reference 11/0760; proposed Formation of habitable room in roofspace with front dormer extension at 96 Rocky Lane, Bournheath. Members comment: No comment.
- b) BDC Planning reference 11/0794; removal of garage and erection of two - storey side extension at 47 Dodford Road. Members comment: No objection
- c) Members were updated on the latest decisions made by BDC (the Planning Authority), as per planning log.

11/09/10

**Lengthsman update**

To attend to Doctors Hill grass verge and cut back round lamp-posts and road signs.

- 11/09/11 Bournheath Village Hall - Cllr KD**  
The signs for the gate closure times have been altered and will be changed again when BST ends. The signs have generally been successful. The internal lighting is being sorted out. A Quiz Night is to take place on 25/11/2011 and the hall's AGM is scheduled for 23/11/2011.
- 11/09/12 Wildmoor report**  
Cllr HF not present.
- 11/09/13 Worcestershire Agreement, updated**  
Hazel Robinson, the lead officer working on the terms of reference for county council and parish council working arrangements had provided individual responses to this parish council's consultation comments. The final document will be presented to the Parish Conference due to be held on 18/10/2011 at County Hall.
- 11/09/14 Parish Council grit bins**  
Members agreed to accept WCC's offer of one grit/salt bin and to site it adjacent to the existing bin at the Dodford Road/Claypit Lane crossroads or on the opposite side of the road on private land. MM and SH would contact the home owner and provide the Clerk with a photograph. WCC would continue to make use of their bins and maintain their responsibility for the highway.
- 11/09/15 Environmental Improvements**
- a) **Tuppenny Cake island** – SH had obtained a quote for the removal of the tree stumps from this island; GL to seek another quote and liaise with WCC Highways department.
  - b) **Bulbs** – it was suggested bulbs could be planted in Rocky Lane bank, at Tuppenny Cake, Parish Hill traffic island and around entrance to Whiting Landscapes; Lengthsman to be asked to do the work in addition / instead of routine Lengthsman work. Members agreed to the purchase of daffodil and crocus bulbs up to £150 total cost.
  - c) **Grass Cutting** – the current grass cutting contractor for the parish will be asked to submit a quote for next year to aid budgeting purposes.
- 11/09/16 Power of Well Being (PoWB)**  
Members are to consider a statement of intent, a requirement of the PoWB. The Clerk is to request WorcsCALC to provide training on the PoWB.
- 11/09/17 Local Broadband**  
Members are keen to increase the broadband speeds in the parish and are responding to a WCC supported initiative.
- 11/09/18 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review**  
It was agreed that this council would not respond to the Review which proposes reducing the number of MP's at Westminster, including the loss of 5 members from the West Midlands area. Bromsgrove District would be covered by 2 MP's if plans to move Alvechurch & Wythall into Redditch constituency and to incorporate Droitwich into Bromsgrove constituency are approved.
- 11/09/19 Correspondence**  
The schedule of correspondence was provided for members to view.
- 11/09/20 Finance**
- a) Members were updated on the current financial situation.

b) Payments were agreed as per schedule.

**11/09/21 Items for next agenda**

- Troughs at village entrances
- 2012/13 Budget
- Christmas tree lights

It was reported that some anti-social use of power tools was annoying some residents at all times of day/night on Dodford Road.

**11/09/22 Date and time of next meeting**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 11.00pm

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**Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council**

**Date**