



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 30th November 2011, 7.30pm
Bournheath Village Hall, Claypit Lane, Bournheath

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

In attendance Bryan Hewett, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Warren King, Parish Footpath Warden
Clerk: Gill Lungley

11/11/01 **Apologies** None

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public present.

11/11/04 **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.

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

None.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Bryan Hewett.

It was suggested an improved system of early warnings could be put in place via telephone / e-mail cascade / round-robin system. Information is sometimes out of date and the parish council would like to see more immediate notification. SW suggests the parish council website could have a dedicated page. SW and BH to look into what could be done. HF and BH will look at a system for Wildmoor.

Next PACT meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st March 2012 at Bournheath Village Hall.

11/11/06 **Parish Footpath Warden, Warren King**

WK had recently attended training. Regarding obstruction of footpath PRoW 510 and reluctance of residents to clear it, paths are prioritised a,b,c,d and as this particular path is not 'a' it would therefore be a while before WCC attended to clear it. WK is prepared to clear it but it may be too big a job. It was recommended that members contact WCC via the new website who may then arrange for a working party to attend.

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside click on Public Rights of Way / interactive map

11/11/07 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 26/10/2011 were approved and signed.

11/11/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May

- a) Bromsgrove Standards Committee Letter from Standards Committee Chairman regarding the importance of councillors attending training on the Code of Conduct.
- b) BDC Training on the Highways contribution to the planning system KM had attended this event for councillors on 17/11/2011.
- c) Flooding incident, Dodford Road Possible contamination of the watercourse on 03/11/11, believed to be sewerage; Environment Agency, Severn Trent and WCC Highways were notified. KM has been following this up and will collate all incidents to present to WCC Highways and possibly Sajid Javid, MP.
It was agreed KM would pursue this matter via WCC Highways.
- d) Village Hall car park gate Following a request to the Parish Council for information it was stated that the consultation regarding the times for locking the gate had been held during the summer via Bromsgrove DC. Members were in favour of these times and had confidence in the Chairman for supporting the current gate operation scheme; local residents were in favour of the gate being locked in the evening and supported the Parish Council's actions.
It was agreed to follow the same hours of gate-opening as at BDC's Sanders Park.

11/11/09 Progress Reports

- a) Parish Grit Bins The suggested site in Dodford Road was unsuitable; members considered the three existing WCC bins should be adequate.
It was agreed not to take up WCC's offer to purchase a salt/grit bin.
- b) Parish Footpaths – update letter received from WCC regarding prioritisation of work and new website, as mentioned above 11/11/06.
- c) Parish Welcome Pack No progress to report.
- d) Spring bulbs These have been delivered and planted in the parish with a few retained for planting around the new notice board.
- e) Dog-waste bags These have been purchased (10,000 bags for £98) costs and bags to be shared 50:50 with Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council. WK offered to put up information notices regarding dog mess and to spray any dog waste that has not been picked up (cost of spray can of paint to be paid for by Parish Council).
- f) Wildmoor Notice board SH is pursuing this.
- g) Tuppenny Cake tree stump removal Awaiting WCC approval of contractor's method statement (risk assessment has been accepted); work to proceed on approval.
- h) Christmas Tree lights Members would prefer white lights, joined together in 10' lengths. SH to pass the details on to Mr Hewston at Bumble Hole Foods. GL to arrange for a safety check of the transformer.

11/11/10 Planning

- a) No new planning applications have been notified for the parish

- b) Members were updated on the latest decisions made by BDC, as per planning log.
- c) There is a consultation on the Neighbourhood Planning draft legislation; members may consider responding either individually or collectively via the clerk.

11/11/11 Lengthsman update

The Lengthsman had planted the spring bulbs and cleaned the drains. He has been asked to attend to the overgrowth by the lamp posts in Doctors Hill and speed signs.

11/11/12 Bournheath Village Hall - Cllr KD

Recent Village Hall AGM had been poorly attended, previous committee was re-appointed. Recent Quiz Night had gone well.

Fees for hiring the hall were frozen for all regular users, but increased for ad hoc users.

Noted improvement in electricity consumption since new heating has been installed.

Christmas decorations to be installed early December.

Plans are being pursued to insulate the roof.

No progress regarding improvements to the car park.

Installation of car park light

One of the gate operatives had asked for a light to assist when closing the gate in the dark. It was suggested that it could be installed on the front/side corner of the Village Hall.

It was agreed to purchase the light as a gift to the Village Hall committee and the responsibility for maintaining it will fall to the Village Hall committee.

11/11/13 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF

Fence at Mill Lane – planning permission has been refused.

Wildmoor Lane has been patched and there has since been a leak that requires attention.

Blue Cross has received planning permission for their new building and alterations.

On Wildmoor Lane near to Sandy Lane junction there are barriers and barricades piled up near to the entrance of the Quarry – the site is being used for offices related to the current road works on the M5. Concerns that the site is to be used for motor cycle scrambling have been refuted by on-site workers despite neighbouring residents' concerns.

Residents are suffering from excessive noise and vibration during the day and night which is due to road works on the motorway (M5) (central barrier improvements).

11/11/14 Power of Well Being

It was agreed to meet for training on the Power of Well Being on 22nd February 2012; training to be provided by Richard Levett, Worcestershire CALC.

11/11/15 Budget for 2012 / 13 and agreement of precept

It was agreed to accept the budget as attached and to set the same precept as for last year ie £10,500; this will raise a contribution of £48.47 from each council tax band D property.

Members noted that BDC collected just under 10% more than was requested via the precept (ie £11,444 was collected by BDC of which £10,500 had been requested by the parish council) and were keen to find out why. The question is to be put to the next meeting of the Bromsgrove Area committee of WorcsCALC on 7th December 2011.

11/11/16

Correspondence

e-mails as circulated to members including Comic Relief notification of next year's event to include fun runs (25/03/2012).

BDC offer of a copy of the electoral roll to members upon receipt of signed acceptance slips.

11/11/17

Finance

- a) The current financial situation was advised as per spreadsheet circulated to members.
- b) The payments as per schedule were agreed.

11/11/18

Items for next agenda

- Community orchard
- Parish Plan / Village Design Statement
- Children's play equipment
- Review of effectiveness of WK's campaign on dog mess

11/11/19

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 25th January 2012, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 10.00pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

Date