



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 25th January 2012, 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** Clerk: Gill Lungley
- 12/01/01 Apologies** None
- 12/01/02 Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 12/01/03 Public Participation / Question Time**
There were no members of the public present.
- 12/01/04 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**
County Councillor Sheila Blagg (SB) had sent apologies for not being able to attend and an update including a useful synopsis on the Localism Bill that was circulated to all members.
- 12/01/05 Police / Police And Community Together reports**
None.
Neighbourhood Watch
Bryan Hewett had provided an update on Neighbourhood Watch coverage, detailing those already participating in the early-warning scheme and seeking coverage for Fairfield Road and Wildmoor; KM will send suggested names to BH.
Next PACT meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st March 2012 at Bournheath Village Hall.
- 12/01/06 Parish Footpath Warden, Warren King**
It was reported that WK had spoken to WCC and was told he, not the parish council, is responsible for footpath maintenance / hedge cutting. Re dog waste campaign it was noted dog waste bags had been tied to the hedging on the playing field; a public awareness notice on the subject of dog fouling had been removed by an unknown.
- 12/01/07 Minutes of previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 30/11/2011 were approved and signed.

12/01/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May

Sewerage problems – overflow of sewerage had occurred in recent months in Dodford Road; Severn Trent had attended to clear away the waste and clean up, followed by CCTV investigation that showed there is a large amount of fat in the drains. Letters are being sent by Severn Trent to nearby residents of Fairfield Road, Dodford Road etc. advising them of the situation, promoting fat traps and asking for residents' help. It was suggested to include this in the next issue of the newsletter. It was reported that the drains are to be deep cleaned in June 2013; this date to be diarised for reference.

Pinches 3 Quarry – this is being used as a depot/base by the contractors working on the M5 central barrier road works.

Motorway works – constant, overnight working whilst the central barrier is being renewed is causing a nuisance to nearby residents. It was believed this work will finish eventually and the problem will disappear.

12/01/09 Progress Reports

- a) Parish welcome pack – this has been started and will be circulated to all members for input.
- b) Wildmoor Notice board - SH reported this is work in progress; the parish council has yet to approve the finished product and ratify cost.
- c) Tuppenny Cake tree stump removal - this was completed in December 2011.
- d) Christmas Tree lights - it was reported that tree lights, which were provided by Bumble Hole Foods, were put onto the tree on Tuppenny Cake during the Christmas period linking in to the existing power supply, which had to be modified to accommodate the new system. Members agreed to start planning for next Christmas earlier in the year. Cllr SH would meet with the clerk to ascertain future requirements.
- e) Emergency Planning – the new EP manager for North Worcestershire had e-mailed all parish councils to find out how their EP's are progressing; it was agreed to base the EP on existing Neighbourhood Watch set-up.
- f) Rocky Lane – it would appear that during the house extensions (loft) opposite Tuppenny Cake traffic island that damage had occurred to the grass verge due to traffic (tractors) driving around a skip and other parked vehicles. Restitution of the grass verge would be requested.
- g) Current aims – to complete the Welcome Pack. Investigate Power of Well Being and establish a Vision for the Parish.

12/01/10 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.

12/01/11 Lengthsman update

The Lengthsman would be asked to attend to the Wildmoor area where an increase in litter had been noted; his comments regarding the need for pipe-jetting is to be forwarded to WCC along with the request for attention to the Give Way sign at the top of Parish Hill.

- 12/01/12 Neighbourhood Watch update** – as above, minute no. 12/01/05
- 12/01/13 Bournheath Village Hall - Cllr KD**
New internal lighting has been installed and the Village Hall Committee is happy to accept the parish council's offer to fund a new, movement activated external light to help with night-time gate closures. (Members agreed costs of up to £200)
The times of the gate's opening and closing are to follow those for Sanders Park and a sign will be required accordingly.
The committee is to monitor the situation regarding cars being parked in the gate way when the gate is locked despite access being required by hall users and will advise whether a sign is needed. The clerk will check on costs of suitable signs if needed.
The car park surface is to be improved and BDC are to be asked about the edging requirements. The next job to be tackled is the roof insulation and the committee is considering the installation of a toilet for disabled visitors.
A Quiz Night is to be held in March.
The committee has been notified the date of the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner is 15/11/2012 when the hall will be used for the poll.
- 12/01/14 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF**
It was reported that there is an increase of litter in Wildmoor Lane (Lengthsman to be notified). Residents are raising concerns over Pinches 3 quarry.
Blue Cross have received permission to build as per their latest planning application but do not yet have the funds to carry out the development.
It was reported that Whitings are to extend.
Residents have provided comment on the proposed new fencing at the corner of Wildmoor Lane / Mill Lane; revised plans show a reduced height but residents would prefer the higher fence to remain to provide screening of the building. Cars are being stored on site and there are fears of oil leaking into the ground and seeping into the water table.
- 12/01/15 Reminder of Training Dates**
Green Belt planning training at BDC, Monday 08/02/2012 – KM, SH and KD to attend
Power of Well Being at Bournheath Village Hall, Wednesday 22/02/2012, 7.30pm – all to attend
- 12/01/16 Sewerage complaint**
Residents have reported their complaints to the Environment Agency and Severn Trent regarding the discharge of sewerage onto the highway and private gardens; it was agreed the parish council would wait for feedback from the County Highways and Woodvale division's councillor.
- 12/01/17 Community Orchard**
Information on this subject had been circulated and was noted.
- 12/01/18 Neighbourhood Planning**
A brief synopsis of the recent training event at BDC was presented regarding the changes to the planning system; the National Planning Policy Framework is to replace all existing planning policy guidance (PPG's) and allows for the establishment of Neighbourhood Plans. In parished areas the parish council will be expected to take the lead role although it will not be mandatory to produce a plan. Members agreed they are in favour of producing a plan and this will be covered in more depth at the next parish council meeting.

Cllr B Lodge left the meeting at this point, due to the late hour and family commitments.

12/01/19 Play equipment on the playing field

It was suggested that perhaps an item of play equipment for use by older residents could be purchased in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The clerk will provide catalogues and price guides for the next meeting.

12/01/20 Commemoration of Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The weekend of 02/06/2012 to 05/06/2012 has been declared holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; suggestions were put forward for a community picnic (part of the national Big Lunch event on 3rd June) and members are to discuss in greater detail at the next meeting.

12/01/21 Correspondence

The clerk read out items of correspondence that had been received.

12/01/22 Finance

- a) The current financial situation was advised as per spread-sheet circulated to members.
- b) It was agreed to share (with Catshill and North Marlbrook PC) the cost of the clerk's attendance at the Society of Local Council Clerks' Practitioners Conference 17th – 18th February, to amount to £75 + travel.
- c) The payments as per schedule were agreed.
- d) The terms for this year's grass cutting as submitted by Mr Rudge were acceptable.
- e) Mr Hewston at Bumble Hole Foods is to be thanked for providing the lights for the tree at Christmas and for his kind offer of troughs for entrances to the village.

12/01/23 Items for next agenda, in addition to matters carried forward from above:-

- To arrange the date of the annual parish meeting
- Plan for this year's newsletter
- Update on the troughs for the village entrances
- Update on drains and disposal of fat into the drainage system
- Purchase of more Christmas tree lights to supplement those gifted to the parish council last year.
- Replacement hawthorn hedging at playing field.

12/01/24 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 29th February 2012, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 11.00pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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