



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 28th March 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 Two members of the public, Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Pritchard
Clerk: Gill Lungley

12/03/01 **Apologies** None

12/03/02 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

12/03/03 **Public Participation / Question Time**

Prior to the meeting Mrs Donnelly had discussed with the Clerk the style of dog-waste bags required to fit the dispensers that are sited at the playing field. The Chairman thanked Mrs Donnelly for her help with the dog-waste bags and the car park gate opening and closing.

Mrs Pritchard was present to offer support to Cllr K Drew as a fellow member of the Village Hall management committee but was not present to represent the committee. In response to Mrs Pritchard's wish to complain about the Clerk the Chairman advised that any complaint should be put in writing to the Council. Members agreed to bring forward agenda item 12 for discussion at this point, so that Mrs Pritchard may take part.

KD provided an update on the Village Hall with regard to wall insulation and difficulties with roof insulation because of access. The Quiz Night has been cancelled.

KD reported on the Village Hall Management Committee meeting of 21/03/2012 when it had been agreed to let the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening in favour of a weekly hire.

News of this, despite being reported verbally via KD and not in writing, puts the Parish Council in the position of having to seek an alternative meeting venue forthwith. Parish Council members were concerned about the lack of consideration for the Parish Council's past support, the lack of consultation or negotiation, and the lack of a viable alternative venue. There was open discussion with Mrs Pritchard.

Mrs Donnelly and Mrs Pritchard left the meeting.

Following further discussion **it was agreed** the Parish Council would seek agreement with the Village Hall Management Committee to block-book Bournheath Village Hall for the year on a weekly basis on Wednesday evenings at the current evening rate, but not so as to prevent hire of it on the evenings when the Parish Council does not make use of it; any such hires, if for community benefit, to be let at reduced cost.

12/03/04 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports

County Councillor Sheila Blagg (SB) was not able to be present but had provided a monthly report that was circulated to all members.

12/03/05 Police / Police And Community Together reports

A PACT meeting had been held at Bournheath Village Hall on the 21st March when the board consisted of PC Barney Kelso, CSO Stacey Hegenbarth, District Councillor Brian Lewis, Parish Council chairman and vice-chairman Karen May and Stuart Hall and 12 members of the public. The Parish Council had provided refreshments and thanks were given to Mrs Batchelor for this.

It was reported that changes to personnel would see cover for the Woodvale Division by one community officer and two community support officers with future policing being reactive rather than proactive. The Chairman noted that all parish councillors are invited to attend the next Bromsgrove Area CALC meeting on 6th June when D.I. Shaw will be present.

12/03/06 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King

Re PRow 507 – The Clerk had provided the residents at 30 Fairfield Road with contact details for BDC and WCC (Environment Services) regarding their plans to install a gate between their land and the recreation ground. The PFW had also spoken to the residents.

12/03/07 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 29/02/2012 were approved and signed.

12/03/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May

Bumble Hole Foods were keen to proceed with sponsorship of the village entrance flower troughs.

PACT meeting Neighbourhood Watch signs are now in place.

Dog waste bags The new bags do not fit the dispensers in the play area and they are instead being handed out to villagers as required by Mrs Donnelly and dog-walkers.

Pinches Quarry The Clerk was asked to contact WCC to find out what is happening at this site.

Dodford Road (storm) drains The Lengthsman would be asked to keep the drains clear near to the cross roads with Claypit Lane/Fairfield Road on a regular basis. The Chairman is to also seek support from the new Dodford Road residents to help with drain clearance.

Dodford Road (sewerage) drain WCC Highways officer was to provide information relating to domestic insurance cover to residents who had been affected by flooding; he is also to arrange for the correction of a wrongly-connected Dodford Road gully.

Fairfield Road, temporary closure Notices state Fairfield Road is to be closed for two days to allow work by Severn Trent, but no reason for the work has been given.

Winter gritting The Clerk has yet to find out if the gritting lorry will cover half of Dodford Road.

12/03/09 Progress Reports

- a) Village entrance flower troughs – the s115 licence had been granted and the clerk is to pursue purchase of the troughs. The clerk had spoken to D Hewston of Bumble Hole Foods regarding the gift. Members agreed to small sponsorship signs being attached if BHF require them.
- b) Christmas Tree lighting arrangements – the Clerk had arranged for the Lengthsman to re-lay the cable but when he started work the loose cable, although fixed at one end, was found to be redundant cable and was therefore put back at very little depth from the surface.

- c) Wildmoor Notice board - no progress to report.
- d) Exercise / play equipment – to be considered at the next meeting.
- e) Give-Way sign at 5-Ways, Parish Hill – the white triangle with red edging now has a sign underneath it stating ‘20m ahead’ attached at an angle to the main sign so as not to impede passing traffic.
- f) Power of Well Being / General Power of Competence The GPoC replaces the PoWB, the criteria for which is that two thirds of the parish council must be elected and the Clerk must be qualified. The Localism Bill has brought in changes to members’ standards and Code of Conduct, training for which will be arranged by the District Council.

12/03/10 Planning

- a) 12/0088 – Conversion of an existing single storey building into a private dwelling house including extensions and refurbishment at Old School House, Claypit Lane, Bournheath B61 9LA. Members commented as follows: No objection
- b) 12/0225 – Conversion of first floor store into living accommodation at Valley House, Valley Road, Worms Ash B61 9HY. Members commented as follows: No objection
- c) Update on relevant plans and planning matters, as circulated.
- d) Enforcement matters – BDC’s weekly planning list relating to enforcement matters has included the log cabin erected at 82 Fairfield Road; additionally it was mentioned that it would appear that a new access manhole has been installed with unprotected electric cable and hose.

12/03/11 Lengthsman update

It was agreed to continue with the annual Lengthsman contract as per WCC notification that the amount they will reimburse for 2012/13 will be £1894.73.

This month the Lengthsman had attended to the re-cabling requirements and concreting in the power stanchion to make it more secure at Tuppenny Cake (at Parish Council expense) as well as cleaning road signs and checking the drains in Fairfield Road, Mount Road and Stourbridge Road.

12/03/12 Bournheath Village Hall - Cllr KD This item was dealt with at the start of the meeting.

12/03/13 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF

There had been an incident in which a car driver had been held up but details were sketchy. The fencing around Mount Pleasant, Mill Lane had been lowered in line with the planning consent but this had revealed the house which was considered to be in a dilapidated state. Both planning enforcement and environmental health had been asked to investigate due to the number of old vehicles at the site and the state of the building.

12/03/14 Future Dates

- County/Parish Conference 25/04/2012, at County Hall
- To consider training on the General Power of Competence – not now required
- Annual Parish Meeting 30/05/2012, venue to be arranged
- Training on the new Standards Regime at Bromsgrove, choice of dates viz. 13/06/2012, 18/06/2012, 20/06/2012 – members to let the Clerk know their preferred choice.

12/03/15 Domestic Heating Oil – bulk-purchase co-operative

This is to be considered if the General Power of Competence is adopted.

12/03/16 Correspondence

- Invite to BDC’s civic dinner dance 27/04/12
- WCC road closure notice, Fairfield Road
- Worcs CALC update issue no.’s 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- Worcs CALC area committee agenda and associated papers for 07/03/2012
- BDC weekly planning consultation lists
- BDC agenda for Standards Committee
- BDC minutes for Planning Committee
- Sajid Javid's Schools Debating Competition
- What can the Localism Act do for us?: A practical guide for parish and town councils

12/03/17 Finance

- a) The finance statement to date was agreed.
- b) The cheque payments were agreed.
- c) It was noted that the external audit had been called for 18/06/2012, appropriate notices would be issued in due course.

12/02/18 Items for next agenda, in addition to matters carried forward from above:-

Election of Chairman and vice-chairman, annual procedures etc.
Progress relating to the Parish Council’s future hire of Bournheath Village Hall

12/02/19 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 2nd May 2012, 7.30pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting) at Bournheath Chapel. This meeting date has been moved from the last Wednesday of the month in order to accommodate attendance at the Parish Conference on 25/04/2012.

This meeting ended at 10.00pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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Date