



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 26th September 2012, 7.30pm
Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

Councillors present K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, H Feeney, B Lodge, M Millinchip

In attendance Clerk: Gill Lungley

The Chairman welcomed all to the different venue.

12/09/01 **Apologies** S Westwood

12/09/02 **Declarations of interest** None

12/09/03 **Public Participation / Question Time** None

12/09/04 **Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**

The clerk apologised for lateness in sending out the agenda to the ward representatives.

S Blagg, County Councillor – a written report had been provided and circulated to members. Members spoke of their concerns about the recent road resurfacing throughout the parish.

B Lewis, District Councillor – no communication received.

12/09/05 **Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports**

Stacey Hegenbarth CSO – unable to attend this meeting but hopes to be present at the next meeting; had asked the Clerk about the date of the next PACT meeting.

12/09/06 **Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King**

WK was not present. Footpath concerns reported include:

Fp's 504, 505 and 507 (from Claypit Lane, south-east of village hall to M5 footbridge / and Rec).
Fp 529 between Wildmoor Lane - Mill Lane and fp 526 Stourbridge Road to Wildmoor Lane.

Members were recommended to report footpath problems to WCC via the hub or online-reporting as the more reports received then the more likely they will be addressed.

12/09/07 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25/07/2012 and the notes of the Open Forum meeting held 29/08/2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 17/06/2012 were agreed and signed.

The notes of the Open Forum meeting held 29/08/2012 were agreed as an accurate record; this meeting had been attended by a locum clerk as the usual clerk had been on annual leave.

12/09/08 **Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May**

Open Forum meeting 29/08/12 Members were pleased with the good turnout; discussion topics varied and it was agreed to meet again in this format to encourage interest in local issues. A flyer would be distributed throughout the parish in due course giving the date of the next meeting to which Sheila Blagg and Richard Clewer would be invited to talk about the flooding problems.

Members agreed to bring the date of their next parish council meeting forward to 24/10/12 (to be held at Fairfield Village Hall if available) and for the Open Forum to be held on 31/10/2012 at Bournheath Village Hall (which is available).

Severn Trent / Environment Agency Severn Trent is being taken to court for pollution offences affecting the Bournheath water course; the case was due to be heard on 04/10/12.

Flooding meeting – the Parish Council had arranged to meet with residents affected by flooding on 21/9/12 at Bournheath Village Hall (hall provided free of charge). About 16 members of the public were present and several people had not been able to attend. Flooding experiences are to be sent to Sheila Blagg who is collating information on a wider scale to push for improvements.

Worcs County Association of Local Councils Bromsgrove Area Committee Meeting held 05/09/12 All advice services for the elderly are no longer available from the Hub and must now be accessed online. KM had pointed out this will place an extra burden on CAB and Age Concern as many elderly are not computer users and also the internet connection/broadband is poor..

Fairfield Friendship Group KM would like to support this group which benefits Bournheath residents and suggested a grant of £50.

M5 noise and access concerns KM, HF and Wildmoor residents had met with Highways Agency officers at the M5 bridge that crosses Wildmoor Lane where the difference in noise either side of the bridge, ie between Wildmoor and Catshill was obvious. Unauthorised pedestrian access was to be prevented.

12/09/09 **Clerk's Progress Reports**

- a) Flower troughs : SH is in the process of installing the new troughs. The purchase of fixing bolts and tubing was agreed. When installed they will be filled with soil and pansies for the winter.
- b) Christmas tree lights : these had been ordered and delivered to SH (collection costs to be reimbursed to SH).
- c) Wildmoor notice board : the new board had been built and installed by SH. Now working well and cover has been added to the insurance schedule.
- d) Pinches Quarry – an update on the state of the quarry is required and the Clerk was asked to contact WCC enforcement officer with specific concerns about the permanent crushing facility and the amount of sand on the road.
- e) Newsletter – the annual newsletter had been distributed and well received. Members are to consider whether to increase the frequency and possibly support advertising.
- f) Catshill Library review – feedback on the consultation is to take place on 03/10/12, 7 – 8pm.
- g) Speed Awareness Signs Sites suggested for installation of vehicle activated speed signs include Doctor's Hill; WCC to be advised.

12/09/10 **To consider purchase of new dog-waste bag dispenser/s and appropriate bags**

It was agreed to buy 2 new dog waste bag dispensers and 2 x 800 bags @ £158 + £52
Members discussed the possibility of purchase and installation of dog-waste bins but they were not popular installations near to residences.

12/09/11 **To consider purchase of wheelie bin stickers urging speed awareness/speed reduction**

Members liked the idea but such stickers would only be effective once every fortnight.

12/9/12 To respond to North Worcestershire Water Management request for information on flooding

Members discussed:

- the culvert in Valley Road has now been piped; it is currently untested but members are concerned that it may be insufficient to cope with the amount of water that collects in that area. If it cannot cope then it will exacerbate problems higher up the watercourse.
- the BDC/WCC suggestion to let the grass grow on the western side of the recreation ground at the rear of houses along Fairfield Road which had been flooded in June by water from the recreation ground. Members are concerned the long grass will be used by dogs to foul in and will encourage littering with cans etc.
- The difference in height for residents to south east of Fairfield Road where the gardens are higher than road level; the Chapel had also been flooded.
- The flooding in Wildmoor was mostly in Belbroughton parish, although floodwater had damaged the surface of Wildmoor Lane under the M5 bridge.
- Sandbags are needed but they can only be used once because they get contaminated.
- At the bottom of Dodford Road residents could build a wall and install flood barriers but this may move the problem higher up in which case they will need to be prepared with sandbags. Other solutions were debated.

The synopsis of the open meeting held 21/9/2012 was agreed.

12/09/13 Planning

a) To review applications received since last meeting and responded to via delegated actions

Planning ref.	Address	Proposal
12/0620 RULA	82 Fairfield Road B61 9JJ	Formation of habitable rooms in roofspace with rear dormer and pitched roof over existing rear flat roof extension (resubmission of 12/0376)
PC response: No further comments to add to those made to consultation reference 12/0376.		
12/0666 STGR	Housmans, Valley Road B61 9HY	Extension and conversion of outbuilding to create home office and utility
12/0671 STGR	Housmans, Valley Road B61 9HY	As above – Application for Listed Building Consent
PC response: No adverse comments.		
12/0751 RULA	Hilcot, Wildmoor Lane B61	Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed use or development. New roof to existing building and extension
[Parish Council not consulted on this type of application, included here for information only]		

b) The updated planning log was distributed. The condition of Mount Pleasant (house and gardens) in Wildmoor continues to cause concern and BDC planning officers had been alerted to the unauthorised building work at Moors Farm.

12/09/14 Bournheath Village Hall and future meetings venue

CLlr KD has resigned from the village hall management committee (VHMC). Following their September committee meeting the VHMC had sent a letter to the parish council with a copy of an extract from their minutes; it was agreed to respond with specific concerns.

VHMC had advised the Bournheath Village Hall would be available to hire on 31/10/2012 only. It was therefore agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be on 24/10/12 at Fairfield village hall if available and an Open Forum at Bournheath village hall on 31/10/12. The November Parish Council meeting would take place at Fairfield village hall on 28/11/2012.

12/09/15 To consider matters arising from the Parish Forum held on 29/08/2012 - including holding a parish open day, participatory budgeting, parish planning. Item not pursued at this time.

12/09/16 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF

Moors Farm concerns, as reported above 12/09/13b.

There has been an increase in traffic including big lorries using the narrow lanes to access the MOT centre at Wildmoor Farm, despite a sign saying the roads are unsuitable for large lorries.

With regard to the Smartwater signs there is a difficulty with fixings.

12/09/17 Standing Orders: To be aware of the requirement to alter the Council's Standing Orders to conform to the new Code of Conduct

It was agreed to amend s7.

12/09/18 Correspondence: as per schedule provided by the clerk plus news on BDC's Black History month; the Day of Kindness (this year to be on 18/10/12); Community First newsline; WorcsCALC AGM on 10/10/12 with a Localism Fair starting at 5pm at County Hall.

In response to a resident's written complaint (forwarded to BDC) about the severe closing mechanism at the recreation ground gate, KD noted that BDC have fitted a replacement latch. A Bournheath resident has written to complain about dogs on the recreation ground; this has been forwarded to BDC.

12/09/19 Finance:

a) Details of the current financial situation were circulated.

b) **Members agreed** to payment of £35 as per requirements of the Information Commission

c) **Members agreed** to payments as per schedule.

Members discussed the possibility of financial support for a flood alleviation scheme in Bournheath and agreed to wait for a definite plan to emerge.

12/09/20 Items for next agenda: members to mention items for consideration at next meeting

Benches – the condition of the benches needs to be checked.

Post code problems for residents at Wildmoor

Lengthsman attention to drains

Condition of bulbs and hedges (SH to collate information)

Bulk oil purchase – to carry forward

12/07/21 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 24th October 2012, 7.30pm at Fairfield Village Hall

This meeting ended at 10.45pm.

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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Date