



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 7 January 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Rachel Banner, Alun Davies, Edwin Gumbley, Doreen Hawkey, Charles Hotham, John Jagger (Chair) and Susan Whitehand.

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer), District Councillor Stuart Dudley.

Appendices: The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda;
- the following enclosures:
 - A. Draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee dated 3 December 2012;
 - B. Planning applications and decisions between 22 November 2012 and 4 January 2013;
 - C. Notes of the Planning Group meeting dated 11 December 2012;
 - D. RFO report for December 2012;
 - E. 2013/14 Budget
 - F. 2013/14 Precept Form
 - G. Schedule of meeting dates for the period January 2013 to March 2014.

99/12 Apologies

The apologies of County Councillor Peter McDonalad and District Councillor Richard Deeming were received and accepted.

100/12 Declarations of Interest

The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted. Cllr Charles Hotham declared an interest in agenda items 105/12(a)(iv) and 105/12(b)(i). No other interests were declared by Parish Council Members.

101/12 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 26 November 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting



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102/12 Chairman's Report

The Chair commented on recent seasonal events in the village highlighting the village lights and the work of local traders in offering a series of late night openings in December.

Councillors thanked the Chair for the volunteer Christmas lunch.

103/12 District Councillors' and County Councillor's question and answer session

District Cllr Stuart Dudley reported on:

(i) the residential development of Fiery Hill Road commenting that:

- a greater proportion of affordable housing will be shared ownership;
- Banner Homes had encountered some land ownership issues with Network Rail;
- The maintenance of the proposed car park will probably be linked to the residential development.

(ii) the implications of the 'duty to co-operate' with neighbouring authorities on likely housing numbers within the Bromsgrove District;

Cllr Dudley was asked to check whether the time given to Banner Homes to resolve reserved matters had expired.

Cllr Dudley was asked to confirm that the drainage infrastructure proposed for the residential development of Fiery Hill Road was adequately specified.

104/12 Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting dated 3 December 2012 (Enclosure A) were received.

105/12 Infrastructure

(a) Planning and Conservation

(i) The report on planning applications and decisions made by the District Council's Planning Committee (Enclosure B) were received.

Councillors recommended refusal of application 12/0971, Loretto, Aqueduct Lane and expressed concern about the expansion of the day nursery numbers.

(ii) The notes of the Planning Group meeting dated 11 December 2012 (Enclosure C) were received.



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It was agreed that the Council's application for section 106 monies should seek to deliver an expansion of the play equipment in Millennium Park and that enquiries be made regarding the cost of improving the quality of street light provision in the village.

It was further agreed that:

- the County Council be asked to convert the proposed pedestrian crossing on Bittell Road into a pelican crossing;
- Cllrs John Jagger and Rachel Banner contact the Barnt Green Quakers about facilities at the Friends Meeting House;
- A view be taken about the purchase of benches for Parker's Piece later in the 2013/14 financial year.

(iii) It was agreed that Edwin Gumbley's request to withdraw from the Planning Group on the grounds of his unavailability during the day be accepted.

Cllr Charles Hotham withdrew from the meeting.

(iv) It was agreed that the Parish Council will not offer to manage the proposed car park on Fiery Hill Road.

(b) Environment

(i) It was agreed that where councillors had concerns about advertising within the parish that the matter be referred to the Planning Enforcement Officer. The Executive Officer was asked to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer about advertising outside St Andrew's School and the Sandhills Nursery.

Cllr Charles Hotham returned to join the meeting.

(ii) It was agreed that the Environment Group arrange for appropriate plaques to be fixed to the oaks planed in Parker's Piece.

(iii) Cllrs Hotham and Hawkley reported on their attendance at a public meeting to consider the Redditch branch line enhancement project.

As the Executive Officer is on leave in the period leading up to the consultation deadline in early February, councillors agreed to draft the Council's representation highlighting a concern about:

- the rail squeal noise nuisance;
- the car parking required to accommodate the increased number of trains.



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It was further agreed that councillors should contact residents to canvass their views about the enhanced service.

106/12 Community

It was agreed that the local community policeman be invited to speak at the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting.

107/12 Governance

(a) Finance

It was agreed that:

- (i) the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for December 2012 (Enclosure D) be approved;
- (ii) the 2013/14 budget (Enclosure E) be approved;
- (iii) the 2013/14 Precept for Barnt Green Parish remain at £56,000 and that the Chair and Executive Officer be authorised to complete and submit the Parish Precept Form (Enclosure F) confirming this;
- (iv) a GBC Highspeed H318 A3 laminator be purchased at a cost of £149.90 (excl VAT) and that the purchase of a scanner be considered at a future meeting;
- (v) the Responsible Finance Officer, together with Cllrs Jagger, Davies and Hotham be authorised to invest, as appropriate, the money market deposit maturing in February 2013.

(b) Administration

- (i) The schedule of Parish Council meeting dates proposed in Enclosure G were agreed.
- (ii) It was agreed that the Finance Group should meet to consider the Council's standing orders and policy documents.
- (iii) It was agreed that no further action be taken regarding the adoption of parish council email addresses for councillors.

(c) Reports of meetings

Reports were received on the following meetings attended by councillors:

- (i) St Andrews School Governors:
Nothing to report;
- (ii) Worcestershire Association of Local Councils:
Nothing to report;
- (iii) Council for the Protection of Rural England:
Nothing to report.



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108/12 Correspondence received

Cllrs noted the following correspondence:

- 1301/01: Worcestershire County Council enclosing a copy of the draft order creating a disabled persons parking place on Hewell Road;
- 1301/02: Worcestershire County Council enclosing a copy of an Order, the effect of which is to reduce the speed limit along parts of the B4120;
- 1301/03: Worcestershire County Council advising their intention to close part of Sandhills Green for 54 days from 11 February to facilitate essential Severn Trent water works;
- 1304/04: Worcestershire County Council seeking to work with the Parish Council in order request that Railtrack install dropped kerbs across the entrance to the BT exchange at the top of Station Approach;
- 1301/05: Department for Transport enclosing notice of the proposal to make an Order authorising the stopping up of a length of Fiery Hill Road;
- 1301/06 a resident of Barnt Green congratulating the Council on the festive decorations in the village;
- 1301/07: Alvechurch Parish Council advising that they propose to respond to the Boundary Commission proposals suggesting an Alvechurch North and Alvechurch South Ward and that Barnt Green be included within the proposed Cofton Hackett Ward.

109/12 Urgent Decisions taken since the last meeting

None taken.

110/12 Future Agenda Items

Purchase of a scanner.

111/12 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7.00pm on Monday 25 February 2013 at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

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Chairman 25 February 2013