



Bournheath Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 7.30pm  
Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

**Councillors present** K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, B Lodge, S Westwood

**In attendance** Clerk: Gill Lungley

**The Chairman welcomed all to the different venue.**

12/10/01 **Apologies** Cllrs H Feeney, M Millinchip - accepted

12/10/02 **Declarations of interest**  
Cllr K Drew declared an interest in agenda item 11(a) as neighbour to plan applicant.

12/10/03 **Dispensations**  
None requested.

12/10/04 **Public Participation / Question Time** None

12/10/05 **Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**

**S Blagg, County Councillor** – had provided apologies for non-attendance and a written report which had been circulated to members

**B Lewis, District Councillor** – apologies for non-attendance.

12/10/06 **Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports**

There had been misunderstanding regarding the arrangements for the next PACT meeting; it was agreed to make arrangements to meet in March 2013. A new sergeant has been appointed for Bromsgrove, Sgt Louise Meeson supported by Barney Kelso and 2 CSO's. Theft of telephone cables in Bromsgrove recently had affected parish residents.

12/10/07 **Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King**

WK would be invited to provide a report and attend meetings quarterly.

12/10/08 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26/09/2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26/09/2012 were agreed and signed.

12/10/09 **Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May**

Bournheath Chapel may need substantial funding and support to deal with damp-related problems. KM will forward the weekly Funding Lists from WCC. Members are aware of this building being of particular interest to the community. Severn-Trent were fined £25,000 + costs on 04/10/2012 for the pollution of Elmbridge Brook in February 2011. KM and GL are to meet with R Rogers of Severn Trent on 07/11/2012; would like a guarantee of regular checks. Also to meet with County Councillor and officers regarding the flooding situation and possible solutions.

WCC planning officers would be asked for information regarding the licence at Veolia site and any volume restrictions. Residents would be advised to contact Severn Trent immediately if they smell or suspect sewage is being discharged into the culverts/storm drains.

KM and SH had been called by a resident to view a neighbour's fence that had been painted pink, but as this was a neighbour dispute and was already included on the planning enforcement list, it was not appropriate for the parish council to intervene.

KM had received a 'request for information' from a parishioner which was replied to. GL had received the same request but as it related to information that had been presented to the meeting verbally there was no information to provide.

KM had received requests to meet from a relative of a member of Bournheath Village Hall management committee and had replied asking him to attend the parish council meeting. Members agreed with this course of action in this case and asked the Clerk to respond to the relative outlining all future communication on this specific matter should be via the Clerk.

**12/10/10 Clerk's Progress Reports**

- a) Flower troughs : work is in progress.
- b) Christmas tree lights : to be installed at appropriate time.
- c) Pinches Quarry : the road seems to be clear of mud at the moment.
- d) Catshill Library review : feedback had been positive and the favoured proposal, which is to relocate to Catshill Middle School, will be put to WCC cabinet in due course. It was noted there is also a review of the Bromsgrove library with a view to relocation on Stourbridge Road.
- e) Speed Awareness Signs : WCC's Highways Liaison Officer, Richard Clewer, had confirmed the appropriateness of two sites at (1) Rocky Lane (attached to a street lamp) and (2) Dordale Road, the latter requiring the installation of a new crossroads warning sign and liaison with Belbroughton Parish Council and Woodvale Division member.  
**It was agreed** to purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign from WCC which would be installed by the Lengthsman and moved around between the two sites.
- f) Dog-waste bag dispensers : Bromsgrove DC had agreed to the Parish Council's offer to replace the dispensers that will accommodate the new size bags.
- g) Revision of Standing Orders and h) Bulk oil purchase : items carried forward.
- i) Lengthsman's work schedule : To include attention to hedges Parish Hill, Fairfield Road and drain cover on corner of Yarnold Lane/Doctors Hill
- j) WorcsCALC AGM & Localism Fair : attended by Cllr SH and the Clerk.
- k) Society of Local Council Clerks' Conference : held 12 – 14/10/12 attended by the Clerk.

**12/10/11 Planning**

- a) To review applications received since last meeting:

Having declared an interest Cllr KD left the meeting for this one item and returned thereafter.

Planning ref.	Address	Proposal
12/0826 RULA	65 Fairfield Road B61 9JL	Demolition of existing external wash house and store and construction of a two-storey side extension

PC Comment : No objection

b) The updated planning log was distributed.

**12/10/12 Bournheath Village Hall**

As the Parish Council was not currently represented on the hall's management committee this standing item would be discontinued.

**12/10/13 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF**

No report presented.

**12/10/14 General Power of Competence**

The General Power of Competence, a power of first resort, gives local authorities including eligible local councils, the power to do anything that individuals generally may do as long as no other laws are broken. Members were satisfied that the two elements of the eligibility criteria were met in that a) six of the seven members had been elected at the last election (a minimum of two-thirds is required) and b) the clerk holds the appropriate sector-specific qualification (Cert HE in Local Policy and CiLCA 2012, s7).

**It was agreed** by virtue of the Localism Act 2011 s1(1) to adopt the General Power of Competence.

**12/10/15 Roadside benches**

To be reviewed January 2013.

**12/10/16 Wildmoor addresses**

Residents of Bournheath parish living on Wildmoor Lane are concerned about the confusion regarding their address which is often believed to be Catshill.

**12/10/17 Purchase of spring bulbs**

**It was agreed** to purchase a quantity of yellow daffodil bulbs for planting at Rocky Lane and Claypit Lane to a total cost of £150.

**12/10/18 Council Tax Benefit Changes**

Due to a reduction in the grant allocated by central government to Bromsgrove DC changes are being proposed to the Council Tax Benefit scheme. Members discussed the proposals and the Clerk would respond accordingly.

**12/10/19 Open Forum**

A meeting is to be held on 31/10/2012 at Bournheath Village Hall to discuss flooding issues. Maps will be provided to gauge the extent of the problem, residents will be invited to attend to provide information and to consider progress of a Flood/Emergency Plan.

**12/10/20 Correspondence:** as per schedule provided by the Clerk

**12/10/21 Finance:**

- a) Details of the current financial situation were circulated.
- b) **Members agreed** to seek tenders for the Lengthsman's contract
- c) **Members agreed** to contribute £50 to the Fairfield Friendship Group
- d) **Members agreed** to payments as per schedule.

**12/10/22** **Items for next agenda:** items for consideration at next meeting to include -

Benches – the condition of the benches needs to be checked (January’s agenda)  
Collective billing for domestic fuel/power supplies  
Bulk oil purchase – to carry forward

**12/10/23** **Date and time of next meeting**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 7.30pm at Fairfield Village Hall, Barton Room

This meeting ended at 10.50pm.

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**Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council**

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**Date**

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