



**Bournheath Parish Council**  
Parish Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 7.30pm  
Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

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

**In attendance** County Councillor for Woodvale Division, Sheila Blagg  
15 members of the public  
Clerk: Gill Lungley

**12/11/01 Apologies** Cllr M Millinchip - accepted

**12/11/02 Declarations of interest**

Five declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest were made relating to agenda item 14, Budget for 2013/14, as follows:

Cllr K Drew – DPI as resident in the parish  
Cllr H Feeney - DPI as resident in the parish  
Cllr B Lodge - DPI as resident in the parish  
Cllr K May - DPI as resident in the parish  
Cllr S Westwood - DPI as resident in the parish

**12/11/03 Dispensations**

**It was agreed** to allow the dispensation requests received from all members mentioned in minute no. 12/11/02 having DPI in agenda item 14, on the grounds that without the dispensation the number of members unable to participate in the transaction of business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business. The dispensations would be valid to May 2015.

**12/11/04 Public Participation / Question Time**

The members of the public were present to register their concern about the changes to the parish council's use of Bournheath Village Hall. Residents were concerned that by not meeting in the parish the parish council would lose impetus and any strength needed to counter threats against the parish. The AGM of the charity responsible for the Hall was to be held on 30/11/12 at which the management committee/charity trustees would be elected. Discussion included as follows: the charity should be responsive to the community for which it exists, alternative premises could possibly be built for community meetings, 18 nominations have been submitted for election at the AGM, query regarding eligibility to vote at the AGM, possible vote of no confidence in current management committee which had acted against the advice of Community First's Village Hall's advisor, the hall is well used but mainly by people who live outside the area of benefit; all volunteers who put in time and effort on behalf of the community should be working together.

**12/11/05 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**

**S Blagg, County Councillor** – had provided a written report which had been circulated to members and commented as follows:

The District Council's District Plan is likely to be required to find space for 7,000 new homes. Of that number 4,000 have been allocated without any Green Belt incursion and the (Localism Act's) Duty to Co-operate may see BDC taking 3,000 homes on behalf of Redditch Borough Council, in the vicinity of Beoley and Bordesley. Additionally Birmingham City Council (BCC) needs to find space for 80,000 new homes. It is known that BDC have recently joined Birmingham and Solihull in a Local Enterprise Partnership and are sharing business rates with BCC rather than with WCC. BDC are expected to consult on their 10-year Local Plan in February 2013 with a view to adoption by September 2014.

Veolia landfill site, Sandy Lane It is likely that an application is to be submitted to allow this site to take on a new contract to deal with waste.

Chadwich Quarry This site is to be reviewed due to concerns of over-tipping.

Wildmoor Quarry It is being suggested that this site will be restored for use as a golf course.

Bromsgrove's town development plans and re-development of the High Street look promising; it is hoped that the site of the old Parkside School on the corner of Stourbridge Road / Market St will house all council services, including the town library. The new combined police and fire station off School Drive is expected to be completed in 2014.

Questions were put to Sheila Blagg relating to proposed development in Woodvale in relation to the Local Government Commission Boundary review; occasional smell of sewage and the extent of Severn Trent's responsibilities; alternatives to removal of leachate Veolia or Severn Trent responsible?

**12/11/06 Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports**

Item deferred.

**12/11/07 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King**

Item deferred.

**12/11/08 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 24/10/2012**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 24/10/2012 were agreed and signed.

**12/11/09 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May**

Flooding issues Incident maps had been completed at the recent meeting for residents affected by flooding. KM had visited the farmer of the field that borders Rocky Lane to the south and Fairfield Road to the west to see if ploughing in a different direction and ditch clearance would reduce flooding on to Fairfield Road; so far there has been no adverse effect.

KM and a few residents had met with Severn Trent representatives to look at the situation at the Dodford Road/Fairfield Road crossroads. It is hoped to arrange to meet again to progress plans for improving the situation.

KM had attended the WorcsCALC Bromsgrove Area Committee meeting on 07/11/2012 at which the Local Government Boundary Commission provided information on the proposals for Bromsgrove district (discussed at agenda item 13)

KM with KD had attended a consultation event on the County Council's minerals plan on 21/11/12 and will respond in due course. Wildmoor Residents' Association is to be encouraged to continue.

KM with KD had attended training on Neighbourhood Planning on 27/11/2012.

KM had attended the District Standards Board committee meeting on 28/11/12.

The Parish Council is to host carols at Tuppenny Cake on 07/12/12 at 7pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Quotations have been obtained for building a wall/flood barrier outside 3 – 9 Dodford Road.

The District ward representative has been asked to mediate between neighbours regarding a brightly-painted dividing fence.

D Hewston has offered the use of premises at Bumble Hole Farm to hold parish council meetings.

**12/11/10 Clerk's Progress Reports**

- a) Flower troughs : Cllr S Hall was thanked for his work installing the troughs and a letter of thanks is to be sent to D Hewston for planting them out.
- b) Christmas tree lights : to be installed 01/12/12.
- c) Catshill Library review : the library is to relocate to Catshill Middle School, April 2013.
- d) Speed Awareness Signs : the sign for Rocky Lane has been agreed and ordered, costing £1,000. This will be installed and monitored by the Lengthsman who will also change the battery. The other site (Dordale Road) will require the installation of a pole (the request for a basic crossroads sign at that location had been turned down on the grounds that the actual junction was five-ways and as such required a more detailed sign).
- e) Dog-waste bag dispensers : these had been ordered and delivered.
- f) Lengthsman's work schedule : To include attention to the ditch opposite the Nailers Arms and a large tree in Mill Lane.
- g) Spring bulbs: it was agreed to forgo purchase of bulbs for this season and instead remove the dead tree on Tuppenny Cake and grind the stump.
- h) Items carried forward: Pinches Quarry, Revision of Standing Orders; bulk oil purchase; roadside benches, Lengthsman's contract

**12/11/11 Planning**

- a) To review applications received since last meeting:

Plan ref.	Address	Proposal
12/0692 STCA	Badgers Bank Farm, New Rd B61 9LP	Removal of condition 3 (Agricultural Occupancy) as per planning approval B13140 (erection of one bungalow)
<b>PC comment:</b> No objection		
12/0884 RULA	The New Inn Doctors Hill B61 9JE	New signage
<b>PC comment:</b> Although retrospective, no objection		
12/0967 RULA	21 Mount Road Fairfield B61 9LN	Proposed New Pitched Roof and Rear Extension
<b>PC comment:</b> No objection		

- b) BDC planning ref 12/0502 - Valley Farm, B61 9HY Conversion of barns to one dwelling with integral garage – the applicant is appealing against BDC's refusal of planning permission. The appeal reference is APP/P1805/A/12/2184515/NWF. Members had no objection to the proposals.
- c) The updated planning log was to be circulated.

**12/11/12 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF**

Due to recent holiday there was not much to report except for re-location of neighbours and that Mount Pleasant continues to cause concern due to its neglected appearance.

**12/11/13 Local Government Boundary Commission for England**

Members considered the consultation on the review of Bromsgrove District ward boundaries and representations. It is being proposed to reduce the number of district councillors from 39 to 32 and increase the number of wards to allow for 32 one-member wards in an attempt to provide more equal representation. No change is being proposed for the Woodvale ward, which will remain the same size as now with one ward representative. The LGBCE's projected figures for the ward in 2018 however were at odds with BDC's implication of no growth/building development in the ward and would be questioned in this council's response.

**12/11/14 Budget for 2013/14**

Members had submitted and subsequently agreed to dispensation requests to consider this item. BDC would require the precept demand by the end of January 2013 however changes to the way council tax benefits are to be paid will have an effect on the council tax base figures which are used to calculate an individual household's contribution to the parish precept. Whilst BDC will give to the parish council the exact amount requested, the actual amount to be collected from each household is likely to be markedly different than before. BDC have been asked to provide information on the tax base figures but this is unlikely to be known until mid-December. It was agreed to consider this item again at the next meeting.

**12/11/15 Bournheath Village Hall AGM**

As heard during Open Forum, eighteen residents had put themselves forward for election at the AGM to be held on 30/11/2012.

**12/11/16 Correspondence**

List to be circulated.

**12/11/17 Finance:**

- a) Details of the current financial situation were circulated.
- b) **Members agreed** to payments as per schedule.

**12/11/18 Items for next agenda:** items for consideration at next meeting to include –

- a) New tree for Tuppenny Cake
- b) Planning application for Veolia, Sandy Lane Fairfield
- c) Future meetings venue

**12/11/19 Date and time of next meeting**

**It was agreed** to meet early in January to consider the budget for 2013/14; the date of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 was proposed. The clerk would find out if either Bournheath Village Hall or Fairfield Village Hall was available; meeting to start at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 10.50pm.

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**Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council**

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**Date**