



**Bournheath Parish Council**  
Parish Council Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 7.30pm  
Bournheath Village Community Centre

- Councillors present** K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, H Feeney, M Millinchip, S Westwood
- In attendance** District Councillor, Woodvale Ward, Brian Lewis  
Cllr Alwyn Rea, Chairman to Dodford with Grafton Parish Council  
John Cross, vice-chairman Bournheath Village Community Centre  
Clerk: Gill Lungley
- 13/02/01 Apologies** Cllr B Lodge
- 13/02/02 Declarations of interest**  
None
- 13/02/03 Dispensations** None
- 13/02/04 Public Participation / Question Time**  
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) with regard to the review of Bromsgrove district council wards were consulting on their limited revised proposals. Part of the proposal sees the abolition of the Woodvale ward with all its parts being absorbed into newly constituted surrounding wards of Belbroughton & Clent, Romsley, Perryfields, Catshill North and Catshill South with Bournheath being split into 2 parish wards with Wildmoor becoming part of Catshill North and Bournheath village being part of Catshill South. An informal meeting was arranged for all affected parish councils to discuss an alternative proposal.
- Bournheath Village Community Centre's vice-chairman John Cross thanked the Parish Council for organising the carols at Christmas and declared the committee's wish for the village to make as much use of the hall as possible. The members were asked if there were any plans for more social activities in the parish such as a summer barbecue. It was suggested the next newsletter could be used to advertise activities at the hall.
- 13/02/05 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**
- S Blagg, County Councillor** – had sent apologies for absence and had provided a written report that was circulated to members.
- B Lewis, District Councillor** – with ward residents had visited the Ballast Phoenix 'Incinerator Bottom Ash' treatment plant at Castle Bromwich similar to that proposed for the Veolia landfill site off Sandy Lane. It is believed vehicles to the Sandy Lane site will travel from Hartlebury via Hagley and also to the site from M5 junction 4 with a maximum of 70 vehicle movements per day. With regard to any problem with the sewers and drains BL suggested the parish council should write to Belbroughton PC to advise immediate contact with the Environment Agency. BDC is to spend £3m moving the district council offices into the old Parkside school alongside the County Council services.
- With regard to planning proposals at Hagley, the district councillor involved in putting forward the community's views had been dismissed from the BDC's overview and scrutiny committee.

**13/02/06 Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports**

Neighbourhood Watch update from parish co-ordinator Bryan Hewett is to be circulated to all residents in the next parish council newsletter.

An invitation to visit West Mercia Police Command, Control and Communication Centre HQ, Hindlip Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm was circulated to all members.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking views on innovative local policing plans, the deadline for comments is 31/03/2013.

**13/02/07 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW)**

Warren King had advised he could not continue in the role and members were to consider a replacement who had shown interest. The Clerk would seek the return of equipment

**13/02/08 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 09/01/2013**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 09/01/2013 were agreed and signed.

**13/02/09 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May (KM)**

Veolia visit – KM had attended the same visit as Coun. B Lewis (as reported above).

Grit bins – no's 298 and 299, have not yet been refilled; the Clerk is to follow up.

Severn Trent – KM had met with Bournheath Parish Council's chairman to discuss the proposed application at Veolia's Sandy Lane land fill site and had attended Wildmoor Residents' meeting where suggestions for progress regarding concerns with Severn Trent were made.

Vehicle Activated Sign – KM had met with the Lengthsman to discuss requirements for the VAS in Rocky Lane.

Playing Field – KM has told residents next to the playing field, concerned about possible access to their livestock via the playing field gate/gap access, to contact BDC parks and recreation officer.

[Members asked for both pedestrian gates to have self-closers.]

Flooding issues KM is to meet with Richard Clewer (WCC Highways) to look at the situation and is liaising with Ian Harrison of Severn Trent to meet with residents affected by flooding/sewerage breaches.

**13/02/10 Clerk's Progress Reports**

- a) Tuppenny Cake - new tree, progress held up by inclement weather; members favoured the purchase of a Serbian spruce.
- b) Future meetings venue – The next meeting of the parish council would be at Fairfield Village Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March; see also Bournheath village community centre representative's report at minute no. 13/02/13 below.
- c) Replacement benches – **it was agreed** to replace all the highways benches on a rolling programme starting with the one at the 5-ways junction of Doctors Hill/Parish Hill at a cost of £209 + fittings from Earth Anchors. The Lengthsman would be asked to install (extra to Lengthsman duties).
- d) Christmas Carols (Friday 13/12/13) – Blackwell Concert Band had expressed support for this event by providing a few players to support the singing. Members were happy to accept this offer.
- e) Annual Parish Meeting – **it was agreed** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at Bournheath village community centre.
- f) Catshill Library changes – the library is moving from premises in Barley Mow Lane to the Catshill Middle School site to re-open on 16/04/13 as a community library. Residents and users are invited to volunteer to help with staffing and support etc.
- g) Items carried forward: Revision of Standing Orders, bulk oil purchase

**13/02/11 Planning**

a) To review applications received since last meeting:

<b>Plan ref.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
13/0130 STCA	92 Rocky Lane, Bournheath B61 9HX	Demolition of garage and erection of annexe accommodation
<b>PC comment:</b> The Parish Council objects to this application as it represents inappropriate development on this Green Belt site at the entrance to the village; from the plans it would appear to be a separate dwelling. The additional cars using the site would be hazardous to other road users.		

b) The list of decisions was reviewed.

c) A guide to the planning process for parish councils would be circulated to all members; this had been written for Wyre Forest parish councils in 2007 but parts of it are still relevant to all districts. BDC would be asked if they could produce something similar for this district.

**13/02/12 Wildmoor report – Cllr H Feeney**

Road works at Top Road and Wildmoor Lane has covered the roads in grit and is creating a skid hazard; GI to ask for road sweeper.

To write to highways to get hedge cut at end of Wildmoor Lane – opposite the quarry entrance. There had been a fire at the quarry recently.

**13/02/13 Bournheath Village Community Centre – Cllr K Drew**

Only a limited amount of paperwork had been received from the previous management committee along with a copy of the occupational licenses provided to each hirer. The committee will be taking advice on the unfair contracts put in place before November 2012.

The committee is also looking at whether there is space for a separate useable room to allow for multi-use. The small room is available on Tuesday nights.

The Quiz night planned for 1<sup>st</sup> March is well subscribed and there is to be an Easter Egg hunt on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

KD will provide an article for the newsletter. Pricing charges have been put onto the BVCC noticeboard.

**It was agreed** the Parish Council will meet (Fairfield) Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March and will aim to meet at Bournheath on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the small room; the change of day due to hall availability.

**13/02/14 Budget for 2013/14**

The precept decision passed at the parish council meeting held 09/01/2013, minute no. 13/01/14, was clarified due to advice since received from Bromsgrove DC that a grant of £490 has been allocated to offset changes to the council tax benefit system.

**Members confirmed** their decision that council tax payers' contributions to the precept are to be maintained at the same level as last year ie £48.65 per band D, other bands pro rata; total precept demand £10,689 which when the grant is included will be £10,199 to be collected from the council tax paying residents of the parish.

**13/02/15 Review of Lengthsman contract**

**It was agreed** to continue the contract as now with Allen Farnsworth for Lengthsman services.

**13/02/16 Funding for flood protection**

Members were not in favour of providing individuals with funding from the parish council for flood protection on their own property. Severn Trent will be asked to contribute to the costs of a wall in Dodford Road but the long-term solution is an upgrade to the sewer.

**13/02/17 Notice boards**

The current noticeboard at the village hall is letting in water and showing signs of deterioration; it was proposed to install a larger noticeboard in its place to incorporate village hall notices as well, the hall's notice board being small and cramped. Despite the notice board at the Fairfield Road /Dodford Road cross roads also showing signs of wear it was agreed to retain as is for now. Catalogues would be available to view at the next meeting for ideas; it was suggested using the same style as that at Wildmoor or similar to the one at Fairfield PO.

**13/02/18 Assistance during snow and ice**

The winter weather had been particularly hazardous with ice at the cross roads of Fairfield Road and Claypit Lane causing concern. The WCC grit bins need to be re-stocked.  
**It was agreed** to request a second WCC grit bin at that site because it would appear the single bin has insufficient capacity.

**13/02/19 Correspondence**

- Worcs CALC weekly updates
- Invitation to the Joint Parish Councils meeting on Monday 09/04/2013 at the Lickey Trinity Centre at 7.30pm.
- Overview and Scrutiny Board at BDC looking into youth provision in the district.

**13/02/20 Finance:**

- a) Members were advised of the current financial situation.
- b) **It was agreed** to provide a grant of £75 to Bromsgrove & District Citizens Advice Bureau.
- c) Members were advised that the independent internal audit will take place 15/04/2013 and parish council members are to review preparation for internal audit on 13/03/2013.
- d) **It was agreed** to the payments as per schedule presented to members.

**13/02/21 Items for next agenda:** items for consideration at next meeting to include –

- a) Newsletter

**13/02/22 Date and time of next meeting**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7.30pm at Fairfield Village Hall, Barton Room.

This meeting ended at 10.55pm.

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**Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council**

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**Date**