



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 27th March 2013, 7.30pm
Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield B61 9LZ

- Councillors present** K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), B Lodge, S Westwood
- In attendance** Parish Councillors Belbroughton & Fairfield Carol Hines, Chris Scurrall
Bournheath Residents June Maw, Brian Griffiths
Clerk: Gill Lungley
- 13/03/01 Apologies** Cllr K Drew, H Feeney, M Millinchip
- 13/03/02 Declarations of interest**
Cllr K May declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 18.1 as neighbour to area of land under discussion.
- 13/03/03 Dispensations** None requested
- 13/03/04 Public Participation / Question Time**
The members of the public in attendance were invited to assist during the meeting.
- 13/03/05 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**
County Councillor, Woodvale Division, S Blagg – not present, WCC members currently in ‘purdah’ due to county council elections to be held on 02/05/2013
District Councillor, Woodvale Ward, Coun B Lewis – not present.
- 13/03/06 Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports**
None provided at this time. The report provided by Neighbourhood Watch in February will be circulated via the newsletter in April 2013.
- 13/03/07 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW)**
It is believed that Warren King is to relinquish his role as footpath warden; Mrs June Maw has volunteered to take over the role. The Clerk would liaise for the hand-over of tools and with WCC to ensure training is provided along with a copy of the Definitive Map. It is believed Belbroughton Parish Council’s footpath wardens may provide information and assistance to start.
- 13/03/08 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27/02/2013**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27/02/2013 were agreed and signed.
- 13/03/09 Chairman’s Report – Cllr Karen May**
Severn Trent concerns : It has been suggested that the parish council should write to the Consumer Council for Water to raise the issue of flooding and Severn-Trent contamination for which they were fined. Cllr May also noted the comment in the Inspector’s report to the Cleanaway Appeal at the Sandy Lane landfill site that leachate flow from the site would last for many decades, despite a cap being put in place.

A meeting with Severn Trent's Ian Harrison is expected on Wednesday 17th April. As a member of the Wildmoor Residents' Association Cllr May had attended the Belbroughton Parish Council meeting to hear about the expected Veolia landfill site application; WRA have been looking at the situation in relation to the county council's Waste Core Strategy so they are prepared to comment when the Ballast Phoenix application for the treatment of Incinerator Bottom Ash is officially notified. Clarification on various matters will be needed including the expected tonnage and number of vehicle movements.

Funding Cllr May had attended the Bromsgrove Area County Association of Local Councils (CALC) meeting on 06/03/2013 where the district council's treatment of the central government grant to parishes had been discussed. In the wake of the District Council's mishandling of the grant Cllr May had written to Sajid Javid MP who replied confirming his support for parish councils.

Meeting Members had held a public open meeting on 19/03/13 to discuss the various issues as above as well as the district ward boundaries review with the community.

Bournheath Village Community Centre Cllr May had attended the recent successful quiz evening.

13/03/10 Clerk's Progress Reports

- a) Tuppenny Cake – a new tree has been purchased but not yet planted due to adverse weather.
- b) Catshill library changes – move to Catshill Middle School is scheduled for 16/04/13
- c) West Mercia Police Command, Control and Communication Centre HQ, Hindlip Hall visit on Wednesday 24th April at 6.30pm – Cllrs K May and S Hall to attend. The Clerk will re-send the information from the Police and Crime Commissioner Bill Longmore "Seeking views on innovative local policing" for members to respond.
- d) WCC are to continue Lengthsman scheme for 2013/14 and will contribute £1894.73 for the year.
- e) Review of Parish notice boards; catalogues not yet available.
- f) Bulk oil review – the Community First information will be circulated to members.
- g) Reminder of Joint Parishes meeting at Trinity Hall, Lickey 09/04/2013 at 7.30pm.
- h) Items carried forward: Standing Orders review

13/03/11 Planning

- a) To review applications received since last meeting:

13/0130	92 Rocky Lane B61 9HX	Demolition of garage and erection of annexe accommodation
Above included for information only; Parish Council commented 28/02/2013		
13/0147	The Old School House, Claypit Lane B61 9LA	Conversion of an existing single storey building into a private dwelling house including extensions and refurbishment.
Comment – there are concerns relating to the finish on the driveway; the council would like to see the driveway gravelled so as not to exacerbate flooding in the area.		
13/0169	Casa Onofrio Luangelisa Wildmoor Lane B61 0RJ	Change of use from existing detached garage building to residential bungalow.
Comment – no objection to the proposal but would ask that any permission should apply a condition that the proposed dwelling is ancillary to the main residence, so that they are treated as one property, and permitted development rights are withdrawn.		

- b) The list of decisions was reviewed.
- c) Members agreed to meet BDC planning enforcement officers to discuss enforcement issues.

13/03/12 Wildmoor report

Cllr May spoke of her recent attendance at the Wildmoor Residents Association meeting and concerns about the proximity of the landfill site to residents' health.

Cllr May spoke of concerns for residents in Wildmoor Lane near to M5 bridge due to traffic noise and vibration.

13/03/13 Bournheath Village Community Centre

Cllr May read the report provided by Cllr K Drew, which included updates on the successful Quiz Night and the postponed Egg Hunt.
The management committee communicate with the public via Facebook and Twitter and amongst themselves via Dropbox account; they hope to also have a mobile phone and a website.
Management issues relate to ongoing issues with hirers' agreements and the loss of the Fairfield Toddlers group. The management committee continue to seek a way forward to allow for dual use in the future and are looking at the various building options available. They also aim to book Friday evenings and weekends for community use.
Community First have been helpful in providing support and planning to ensure the correct running of the Centre; the next committee meeting is on 09/04/2013 at 19:30hrs.

13/03/14 Budget for 2013/14

Bromsgrove DC have apologised for their error that means the band D council tax payer's contribution to the precept is £50.99 instead of £48.65 (other bands pro rata). The £490 DCLG grant given to the District Council for the benefit of the parish council has yet to be received.
It was agreed to request payment of the £490 grant which will be ring-fenced for use to offset next year's precept.

13/03/15 District Ward Boundary review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out 'Further Limited Consultation' until 08/04/2013 on revised proposals that would see the abolition of the district council's Woodvale ward, with all the communities currently part of 'Woodvale' being absorbed into surrounding district wards. The proposal for Bournheath Parish is for the Wildmoor area to be part of the Catshill North ward and for Bournheath village to be part of the Catshill South ward. It is believed that this proposal does not recognise the M5 as a natural boundary or the importance of existing communities; a recent public meeting held 19/03/13 saw no support for the proposals. It is difficult to put forward an alternative suggestion as the electorate numbers within each community are not easily available.
It was agreed to respond opposing the new proposals which ignore the identity and interests of the local community, breaking ties within Woodvale and splitting this parish.

13/03/16 Community Asset List

The Localism Act 2011 entitles community groups to nominate buildings or land in their area for inclusion on a Community Asset List so that should the asset be put up for sale there is a moratorium period of 6 months to allow community groups to collate a bid with a view to purchasing it; there is no obligation to bid when the asset is put up for sale and no obligation on the seller to sell to the community.
It was agreed to nominate Bournheath Village Community Centre (village hall), Bournheath Chapel and Bournheath playing field for inclusion on the community asset list and review 12 months.

13/03/17 Parish Newsletter

The Clerk would forward a draft copy to members for comment by early April.

13/03/18 Environment 1 – Grass Cutting Schedule

It was agreed to continue to appoint Swift Gardening Services to cut the grass twelve times in this year at the traffic islands at Tuppenny Cake and Penny Pot ie at junction of Doctor's Hill with Valley Road and Fairfield Road, and Hanks Corner ie junction of Parish Hill with Mount Road; around the Bournheath Village sign in Rocky Lane and around the bench opposite the Nailers Arms and other areas as necessary.

Other grass verge:

Cllr K May declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the room.

Cllr S Hall chaired the meeting.

It was agreed to 1) write to Worcs County Council to seek a solution to the problem of the field gateway in Doctor's Hill which has been churned up and 2) include an article in the newsletter on care of grass verges.

With regard to the flower troughs at the village entrances it was reported that Bumble Hole Foods will plant out in June under Cllr S Hall's direction.

13/03/19 Environment 2 - Air Quality

BDC Overview and Scrutiny Board are considering the Air Quality in the district and seek the view of Parish Councils. Members comments would be forwarded to BDC.

13/03/20 Environment 3 – Health Issues generally

By way of General Power of Competence, to consider investigation of health issues in the area in the light of the impending planning application at the landfill site in Sandy Lane to operate a treatment plant for Incinerator Bottom Ash.

It was agreed to seek a legal opinion up to a total cost of £1500 and to seek support on this issue from Belbroughton Parish Council.

13/03/21 Correspondence

- Worcs CALC weekly updates
- Western Power Distribution Stakeholders meeting, at Botanical Gardens Birmingham on 18/04/2013 to hear about plans for this area

13/03/22 Finance

- a) Members were advised of the current financial situation which is almost to year-end.
- b) **It was agreed** parish council members would meet 03/04/2013 to prepare for independent internal audit.
- c) **It was agreed** to payments as per schedule provided by the Clerk

13/03/23 Items for next agenda and for general consideration

- a) Newsletter to include update on annual accounts
- b) Conman is operating in the area possibly trying to gain access to homes by posing as an agent of the water company testing drinking water.

13/03/24 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 30th April 2013, 7.30pm at Bournheath Village Community Centre, Claypit Lane.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29th May (not 8th May as previously published) the same evening as the Annual Parish Council meeting.

This meeting ended at 10.15pm.

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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Date