



BOURNHEATH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The minutes of Bournheath Annual Parish Meeting
Held at Bournheath Village Community Centre at 7.00pm on 29th May 2013**

Present: Parish Cllrs: K. May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-Chairman), K Drew, H Feeney, B Lodge, M Millinchip, S Westwood

In attendance: County Councillor Sheila Blagg,
9 Members of the public as per attendance list
Gill Lungley, Clerk to the Council

Apologies: No apologies received.

1. Chairman's Welcome:

The Chairman Cllr K May welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 30/05/2012 were approved and signed.

3. Chairman's Annual Report for the period May 2012 to April 2013

Cllr May presented the Annual Report, attached.

There was discussion on the planning application for an Incinerator Bottom Ash plant at the Veolia landfill site off Sandy Lane, Wildmoor (WCC planning reference 13/000027/CM), and residents would be urged to view and comment on the application.

4. Reports from Woodvale County and District ward representatives

County Representative for the Woodvale Division - Sheila Blagg: Written report attached. Mrs Blagg thanked all for her re-election as Woodvale county division's representative and spoke of the pressures caused by reduced funding and on the search for land for housing.

District Representative for the Woodvale Ward – Brian Lewis: No report received.

5. **Reports from community support workers:** No report received.

6. **Reports from Parish appointments**

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Bournheath: Bryan Hewett. The recent parish newsletter had carried a NW article. Mr Hewett is happy to continue in the role and a member of the public volunteered to act as co-ordinator for the Mount Road area.

Parish Tree Warden : Stuart Hall. Cllr Hall reported on the loss of the cedar tree on Tuppenny Cake where a Norway Spruce has been planted to replace it, and noted a similar cedar tree locally also looks in poor condition.

Parish Footpaths Warden. Warren King had handed over the role and the new footpaths warden was undergoing training.

7. **Reports from parish-based community groups**

Bournheath Village Community Centre: Cllr Keith Drew The recent parish newsletter had contained information about the new management committee and their plans for moving forward; they hope to improve accommodation to offer more flexibility and are looking at more sustainable energy sources. The hall is well used by regular hires and the committee would like to make it more available for community use eg computer lessons, gardening club, first aid and would welcome any other ideas for community use.

A little festival in the park will take place on Sat 22nd June or in the hall if bad weather, starting at 3pm with a few activities for children, a picnic, music and song.

Wildmoor Residents' Association: Cllr Hazel Feeney

Mount Pleasant, Mill Lane which has been an eyesore for many years is now being refurbished, and the changes to the road junction will create a green space at the front.

Pinches Quarry – the mud run-off continues and is not being swept away; this to be reported to Worcs County Council highways.

Responses to the Veolia application should be submitted by 19/06/2013.

Wildmoor Lane access by Blue Cross is hindered by the overgrown hedge, the Lengthsman would be asked to attend to it if it is on the highways.

Junction alterations Mill Lane/Wildmoor Lane – residents would like to have more information about what is happening here; Bromsgrove DC to be asked to provide this.

8. **Open Forum**

- Concerns expressed relating to Bromsgrove DC Leader's comments in March 2013 wishing for the abolition of parish councils.
- Concerns expressed about the Neighbourhood Watch signs on Dordale Road being turned round the wrong way.

The meeting closed at 20:40hrs.

Signed:..... Date:.....
Chairman, Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Karen May, Chairman

I would like to formally welcome you to Bournheath's Annual Parish Meeting.

Monday 13th May 2013 marked the twentieth anniversary of a Parish Council being established for our Parish here in Bournheath. The current council is now beginning the third year of its four year term of office. Over the past twelve months we have been actively working on the following projects:

- 1) The Lengthsman scheme which is funded in the main by our County Council is overseen by the Parish Council.
- 2) We continue to maintain some grass areas and benches in the Parish and with the support of Bumble Hole Foods we have installed and planted up flower boxes at the entrances to the Parish. Thank -you to Bumble Hole foods for their continued support.
- 3) A new noticeboard has been purchased and installed in the Wildmoor part of our Parish hopefully the Parishioners in this area will find this beneficial.
- 4) Speed is an issue that has been raised at every PACT meeting we have held; so your Parish Council has invested in a reconditioned Vehicle Activated Sign which will be moved around the Parish for maximum benefit.
- 5) In April this year, Severn Trent Representatives met with local residents to discuss residents' concerns over our sewerage system and our flooding problems. We need more residents to register on the flood risk register; these residents would then become additional "drivers" who would help to push the upgrade on the sewerage system through. Once the work is carried out, Severn Trent have assured residents that their properties will be removed from the register. Severn Trent are prepared to discuss this on a one to one basis!
- 6) In March the Parish Council staged an open Parish meeting to discuss the Boundary Commission proposal to abolish our Woodvale Ward. Your Parish Council wrote and objected to the proposal. All the submissions can be viewed on the LGBCE website. There were 19 submissions from this Parish, 79 from the Woodvale ward in total.
- 7) A planning application has been submitted to Worcestershire County Council for the processing of Incinerator Bottom Ash at the Veolia landfill site in Fairfield. Severn Trent already allow leachate from this site to discharge into the local sewerage system and although Veolia currently have no plans to increase the discharge into our sewerage system that is not to say that won't in the future. I am very concerned with this proposal. This is a potentially major industrial process in the Green Belt close to the aquifer that provides our drinking water. I urge everyone to look closely at this application.
- 8) We held a Carol Concert on Tuppenny Cake last December. This was very well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attended. This year's event is on 13th December at 7pm and members of Blackwell Concert Band have kindly agreed to supply the music.
- 9) Finally I would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone in our Community that plays an active role, from the village hall committee to the Neighbourhood Watch team, our County, District and Parish Councillors to Nigel who raises the flag on Tuppenny Cake on every appropriate date and to Gill our clerk who does far more than her allocated hours, thank-you for your time and support it is much appreciated.