



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 31st July 2013, 7.30pm
Barton Room, Fairfield Village Hall
Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

Present Councillors Karen May (Chairman), Stuart Hall (Vice-chairman), Keith Drew, Brian Lodge, Stephen Westwood

In attendance Clerk: Gill Lungley

13/07/01 Apologies

Apologies for absence from Cllrs Hazel Feeney were accepted.

13/07/02 Public Participation / Question Time

None

13/07/03 County Councillor and District Councillor Report

County Councillor Sheila Blagg had provided a report that had been circulated to all prior to the meeting.

13/07/04 Other Reports

Parish Path Warden Report – members discussed the likely equipment required and the Clerk was instructed to find out from the PFW if tools are needed and to purchase within the budget.

Neighbourhood Watch – members would be invited to attend a meeting arranged by Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council with the Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector Sharron Cannings on 23/09/2013 at 7pm at Catshill Village Hall.

13/07/05 Declarations of interest

None for this meeting

13/07/06 Dispensations

Cllr K Drew had submitted a request for a dispensation when discussing the listing of buildings of community value due to his membership of CAMRA and the possibility that public houses may be added to the list.

It was agreed to allow Cllr K Drew to remain in the meetings during discussion of the listing of buildings of community value, to contribute to the discussion and vote, for the period to May 2015.

13/07/07 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the parish council meeting held 26/06/2013 were approved and signed.

13/07/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr K May

New Bench : has been delivered and is currently being stored at the Chairman's home. The existing bench is concreted in and needs special attention to remove; the Clerk will action this.

Vehicle Activated Sign : the Lengthsman has installed this in Rocky Lane but there is doubt whether it is working accurately. Members agreed to leave it in situ for another month.

Local public houses : concern had been voiced about the noise being made by customers leaving the local pubs at night. It was agreed to speak to the landlords.

FP 509 – slabbing has been put at 90° to the public right of way; this would be referred to the Parish Paths Warden.

Old School House, Claypit Lane – members were concerned that the retaining wall has broken resulting in stones, pebbles and rubble being washed out of the site into the Claypit Lane /Dodford Road junction and blocking the drains. Planning Enforcement would be made aware.

Contact with Environment Agency – The Chairman is to retain contact having been in touch during recent rainfall.

Ditch opposite Nailers Arms – concerns were expressed that rainwater is not draining away, the drains are full and that the ditch needs to be dug out. The Lengthsman would be asked to attend.

Hedge cutting – it was suggested that WCC could provide a schedule of works regarding the cutting of hedges and grass verges in the parish which ideally requires a flail mower. The clerk is to pursue this item.

Damage to fence, Dodford Road – it had been noted that construction traffic to Bumble Hole Foods has not been using the correct route and damage had been caused on the way.

Veolia application for IBA plant, Sandy Lane (Belbroughton parish) – this application is due to be considered on 24th September at WCC; it has been agreed that the parish council will be allotted time to speak at the meeting and Allison Blakeway of Evolution-pdr.com (planning development regeneration) has agreed to speak on behalf of the parish council.

Standards Committee training – as deputy parish council representative, the Chairman has attended training for this role.

Sajid Javid, MP – the Chairman had met the MP with other members of the Wildmoor Residents Association concerned about the Veolia application. She had also raised issues regarding the M5 bridges in the parish and the vibration / central barrier resonance. It was agreed the clerk would confirm this in writing reiterating the requirements for fencing on the Wildmoor side of the motorway, better sound-proofing and quieter re-surfacing.

Co-option – A local resident has shown an interest in being co-opted to fill the vacancy; the Clerk will forward an application form and invitation to the next parish council meeting.

13/07/09 Progress reports from the Clerk:

New bench – bench has been delivered, yet to be installed (as above)

VAS, Rocky Lane – has now been installed (as above)

Parish Council Vacancy – forms are to be sent to interested resident.

Village Hall noticeboard – no progress.

Meeting with Sharron Cannings, Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector will take place on Monday 23rd September, 7pm at Catshill Village Hall.

B-Fest – it was suggested that the Parish Council pays the £60+ hire charge for the playing field imposed by BDC on the village hall committee for the recent village picnic and music festival. There was concern that if BDC are going to charge for the hire of the field then it should be properly maintained and drained with the grass cut right up to the boundary (if left long then it is feared that dogs are encouraged to foul in that area).

13/07/10 Wildmoor Report - As per report from Cllr H Feeney, *in her absence*.

Speeding traffic on Wildmoor Lane continues to cause concern; the Clerk will contact WCC.

The changes to the road layout at the junction of Mill Lane with Wildmoor Lane are proceeding; this is in relation to planning permission granted for change of use of piggery units at Wildmoor Mill Farm – a condition of the planning permission (planning ref: 09/0985) was that the junction had to be improved along with a new access to Mill Farm and a vehicle passing point in Mill Lane.

BDC's planning enforcement officer had contacted the Clerk in relation to the clearance of land at Mount Pleasant; it was believed some progress was being made.

13/07/11 Bournheath Village Community Centre – Report from Cllr K Drew

The committee is seeking quotes for the installation of toilets for the disabled and to improve the usefulness of the small room, and insulation. (It was pointed out that Newquest Media Group is supporting 'good causes' via the Bromsgrove Advertiser).

Ownership of the building and land is to be clarified.

'Bright Minds' nursery has now left and their sessions have been taken over by another group taking on the same times and possibly Thursdays.

Diary dates:

- Produce and business event on Monday 26th August 10am-1pm and also 12th October – to encourage business people from the village to show what they do. It was suggested that the Parish Council could have a stall to gauge interest.
- Quiz night Friday 4th October.

Website – it had been suggested that the Hall and Parish Council might consider having a combined website to raise village matters and share the costs.

A neighbour to the village hall site has raised concerns about the closure of the car park gate at odd times and the use of the hall for band practice on Sunday afternoons between March – October.

13/07/12 Planning

a) Road junction changes at Wildmoor Lane / Mill Lane.

The Clerk had written to the Highways Authority to raise awareness of the likely impact of the increase in traffic on these local roads.

b) Veolia proposed use of quarry/landfill site off Sandy Lane for IBA recycling facility

(WCC ref 13/000027/CM). This application is to be considered by the County Council on 24/09/2013. The planning consultant had recommended to the Parish Council to also report concerns about the application to the National Planning Casework Unit which had responded accordingly. BDC planning committee are to discuss it on 5/8/13.

c) Details of planning authority decisions are as per list from Public Access website.

13/07/13 Planning for the Future

Following the recent Local Government Boundary Commission for England review of the District Council's ward boundaries, it is likely that there will be a governance review conducted by Bromsgrove DC.

13/07/14 Correspondence

Unity Trust newsletter

Meeting with Highways Agency on 26/09/13 at Catshill Village Hall at 7pm regarding work to junction 4, M5 that are due to start in 2014.

13/07/15 Finance:

a) Members were advised of the council’s current financial status.

b) Members agreed to the payments as per schedule circulated.

13/07/16 Confidential item

The meeting was closed to the public to allow for confidential discussion during which **It was agreed** to implement the nationally agreed salary increase for the Local Council sector.

13/07/17 Items for next agenda and for general consideration

Community asset listing

Bulbs – sites suggested are near Rocky Lane M5 bridge, Claypit Lane, Wildmoor Lane – costs to be c.£225 for ordinary daffodil bulbs

Ditches and verges

When refilling the grit bins, need to remove the grit that falls on to the road

Ensure the grit bins are ready for bad weather

Article from The Telegraph regarding waste disposal sites in Green Belt.

13/07/18 Date and time of next meeting

Parish Council meeting 18/09/2013; 7.30pm venue to be decided.

This meeting ended at 23:00hrs.

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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