

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green on Monday 29 July 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Rachel Banner, Alun Davies, Edwin Gumbley, Doreen Hawkley, Charles Hotham and John Jagger (Chair)

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer), District Cllr Richard Deeming, County Cllr Peter McDonald.

Appendices: The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda;
- the following enclosures:
 - A: Report of meeting with Nick Churchill, Team Leader, Traffic Management, Worcestershire County Council;
 - B: Draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee dated 2 May 2013;
 - C: Draft minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee dated 18 July 2013;
 - D: Report of planning applications received and decisions taken under delegated powers;
 - E: Report of the Responsible Finance Officer.

51/13 Apologies

The apologies of Cllr Susan Whitehand were received and accepted. Apologies were also received from District Councillor Stuart Dudley.

52/13 Declarations of Interest

The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted. Parish Council dispensations dated 26 November 2012 apply. No other interests were declared by Parish Council Members.

53/13 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 24 June 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair:

No Parishioners attended the meeting

54/13 Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked councillors for work undertaken recently in connection with the application for the residential development of Fiery Hill Road and for progress made with the planned, signed walks around the village and for the distribution of business questionnaires associated with the Neighbourhood Plan.

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55/13 District Councillors' and County Councillor's question and answer session
The Chair advised Cllr Deeming that he was arranging a meeting with Banner Homes to discuss applications 13/0343 and 13/0522.

Cllr Deeming acknowledged that it was not usual to have two concurrent applications but that there was a potential financial benefit for Banner Homes to secure approval under application 13/0522.

Cllr Deeming was asked to advise the Parish Council which application would be considered first by the District Council and at which meeting. Cllr Deeming asked the Parish Council to email him a list of questions to enable him to investigate and reply to the Executive Officer.

County Cllr Peter McDonald arrived at 7.35pm.

The Parish Council provided Cllr McDonald with a copy of their response to application 13/343 and requested his assistance with issues relating to applications 13/0343 and 13/0522 falling under the auspices of the County Council.

Cllr McDonald commented on County Council budget cutbacks amounting to £27m highlighting the impact upon the provision of care facilities for needy children which, in turn, enabled parents to take advantage of periodic, necessary breaks from their day-to-day care responsibilities.

Cllr McDonald commented on the County Council's Community Infrastructure Levy policy which applies the same charge to dwellings irrespective of size.

56/13 Parking options within Barnt Green

(i) The Chair's report (Enclosure A) of the meeting dated 18 July 2013 with Nick Churchill, Team Leader, Traffic Management, Worcestershire County Council was received.

(ii) Cllrs considered how to combat anti-social parking in the village.

It was RESOLVED that:

(a) an application be made to extend the time applicable to the single yellow line in front of 'Peter's Pan' to 8.00pm;

(b) the issue of time limited parking for Orchard Croft, Poplar Drive, Sandhills Road and Sandhills Lane be considered later in the year when the impact of the traffic enforcement officers can be fully assessed.

57/13 Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee

(i) The Chair explained that the minutes of the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee needed to be adopted by the full council following the creation of the new Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee.

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee dated 2 May 2013 (Enclosure B) were approved and signed by the Chair.

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- (ii) The draft minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee dated 18 July 2013 (Enclosure C) were received.

58/13 Planning

Referred to the planning report (Enclosure D), Cllrs noted that the District Council had agreed an extension of time for the Parish Council's response to application 13/0522 (Land off Fiery Hill Road).

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) *the Chair should continue to seek a meeting with Banner Homes;***
- (b) *the Parish Council respond to application 13/0522 prior to the District Council Planning Committee meeting on 9 September 2013;***
- (c) *the Parish Council's attitude to application 13/0561 be determined at the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee meeting dated 12 August 2013.***

59/13 Community

- (i) Cllrs considered the proposed Walk Worcestershire paths in and around Barnt Green.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) *the 3 paths proposed by Worcestershire County Council be agreed;***
 - (b) *names and logos to be associated with the paths be proposed by Cllr Hotham, Simon Richards and the Executive Officer and circularised to cllrs for comment prior to notification to Worcestershire County Council.***
- (ii) Cllrs agreed that on 28 September 2013, the 4 walks proposed should be organised around the new paths proposed by Worcestershire County Council and that the event should be followed by a pig roast and licenced bar.

60/13 Finance

It was agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for July 2013 (Enclosure E) be received and that payments be made.

61/13 Urgent Decisions taken since the last meeting

The Executive Officer reported the decision to close the basketball court in Parker's Piece on safety grounds.

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The Chair advised the decision of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee to increase the budget available to purchase metal benches for Parker's Piece.

Cllrs agreed that in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair during August urgent decisions can, if necessary, be made by the Executive Officer following consultation with two councillors.

62/13 Future Agenda Items

CCTV coverage within the village.

Preservation of the 3 railway bridges between Barnt Green and Bromsgrove.

63/13 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7.00pm on Monday 9 September 2013 at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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Chairman 9 September 2013