



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 18th September 2013, 7.30pm
Barton Room, Fairfield Village Hall
Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

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

In attendance Bryan Hewett – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
Carolyn Marshall – co-optee
Clerk: Gill Lungley

13/09/01 **Apologies** Apologies were received from Cllr S Westwood

13/09/02 **Co-option**

Members agreed to co-opt Carolyn Marshall to fill the casual vacancy; Cllr Marshall was welcomed to the table and signed the Acceptance of Office.

13/09/03 **Public Participation / Question Time**

None

13/09/04 **County Councillor and District Councillor Report**

County Councillor Sheila Blagg's written report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting.

13/09/05 **Other Reports**

- 1) **Parish Path Warden Report** – June Maw was unable to attend this meeting but had provided a report that related to: -
3 new signage posts have been ordered for Badgers Bank (JM would like installation assistance)
Village resident Mr Robert Rutter has been providing practical help;
Wildmoor paths are to be cleared;
Footpath no. 509 between Doctors Hill and Dodford Road has been checked.
Members agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Rutter and believed a token of appreciation would be in order at the appropriate time.
- 2) **Neighbourhood Watch** – Bryan Hewett.
NW matters locally appear to be quiet. Cllr Drew reported an attempted break-in in Fairfield Road.

13/09/06 **Declarations of interest**

There were none for this meeting.

13/09/07 **Dispensations**

There were none for this meeting.

13/09/08 **Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held 31/07/2013 were approved and signed.

13/09/09 **Chairman's Report – Cllr K May**

Cllr May had attended District Standards Board meeting recently at which it was stated that everyone involved in setting the precept must make a Declaration of Interest when considering it, whether a parish resident or not.

Veolia application for IBA plant, Sandy Lane (Belbroughton parish) Cllr May had attended the BDC Planning Committee meeting which discussed this application and recommended refusal. Alison Blakeway of Evolution has since advised that the Environment Agency have asked for 6 months' data on air quality which will delay the application being considered by the WCC planning committee.

Village Hall event – Trade Your Own 26/08/2013. Cllr May had attended this local event on behalf of the Parish Council. Various questions had been asked relating to planning applications, footpaths and speeding in the village.

An active speed sign that is powered by a car battery has been provided by WCC and is currently stored with Cllr May. Cllrs Hall and Drew would visit to assess its potential.

Parish Footpaths, Badgers Bank – Cllr May had visited to effect improvements via footpath warden.

Road markings at junction of Doctors Hill with Fairfield Road had not been put back the same way as before the recent re-surfacing. Residents have written to WCC and hope to see improvements.

M5 motorway vibration effects in Wildmoor Lane; residents have written to Sajid Javid MP who replied with Highways Agency comments, but the data they have provided is not comparable like-for-like. **It was agreed** to write to the MP to explain the situation more clearly.

Sheep have been straying onto Doctor's Hill near the culvert due to inefficient fencing/hedging. The clerk was asked to write to the sheep owner.

Cutting of grass verge in Doctor's Hill has been carried out by local farmer and **it was agreed** to send to him a letter of thanks.

Cutting of grass verge in Rocky Lane by the Probation Service had been curtailed by local resident who asked for the ants' nest to be left undisturbed and for cutting to take place instead in May 2014. **It was agreed** to make a note in next year's diary.

13/09/10 **Progress reports from the Clerk:**

Lengthsman update – concerns were discussed relating to drainage at the 5-ways junction (Yarnold Lane, Dordale Road, Parish Hill, Dodford Road, Doctors Hill) which would be drawn to County Highways' attention.

New bench – this is yet to be installed.

Village Community Centre notice board – no progress.

Bumble Hole Foods construction traffic – County Highways have advised that they cannot force traffic to use a specific route even though local roads may be unsuitable for the size of vehicle. BHF are aware of large traffic en route to their site via local roads and have put up signs to mitigate the problem and will speak to the hauliers concerned.

Purchase of bulbs; 4 x 25kg sacks of daffodil bulbs have been purchased to be planted in the parish via the Lengthsman and Cllr S Hall.

Meeting with the Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector, Sharron Cannings – on Monday 23rd September at Catshill Village Hall, via Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council.

Meeting with Highways Agency - on Thursday 26th September at Catshill Village Hall, to hear about the M5 junction 4 improvements.

Loss of retaining wall, Claypit Lane junction with Fairfield Road – the crossroads was cleared of mud by HPU and the (Old School House) wall has been rebuilt.

Flood alleviation – North Worcestershire Water Management (NWWM) Multi-Agency Flood Plan is expected and will include contact details for the Lengthsman. Concerns were raised at the meeting that the Valley Road culvert pipe diameter is not large enough to cope with flood water in Valley Road. The clerk will ask for an update.

NWWM – an anonymous letter had been received by NWWM manager who, unable to respond to the sender sent a response instead to the parish council where it is available

Bromsgrove Area committee meeting of WorcsCALC held 4/9/13 was circulated.

Billing Authority precept support – A response had been received from Eric Pickles office, DCLG reiterating the district council, as the billing authority, should have ‘worked with parish councils in deciding the level of the grant to pass down’. The letter recommends asking ‘the local MP to contact Bromsgrove and ask them to reconsider their decision to ensure the impact of the support schemes is shared across all precepting bodies.’

13/09/11 Wildmoor Report - Cllr H Feeney reported:-

Mill Lane – the newly widened junction with Wildmoor Lane does not appear to have improved road safety; WCC Highways to be informed.

Pinches Quarry – sand and mud covers the road which covers over the potholes and there appears to be no wheel washing. WCC Highways / Planning (Quarries) to be informed.

13/09/12 Bournheath Village Community Centre – Report from Cllr K Drew

The new committee continues to establish a better understanding of requirements.

Coming events include a Quiz on 4th October; possibly a Christmas Fayre / craft fayre on 7th December; AGM Friday 29th November at 7.30pm.

The website for information is www.hallshire.com (Bournheath). Bright Minds nursery has changed management. Gate duties (morning opening and evening closure) are being well managed.

13/09/13 Planning

Members commented as follows:

Application no.	Address	Proposal
13/0681	29 Fairfield Road, Bournheath B61 9JW	Two-storey rear extension
PC comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application		
13/0722	Badgers Mount, Mount Road Fairfield	Two storey side extension and removal of conservatory
PC comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application		
13/0596	Crosswinds, 23A Parish Hill Bournheath	Proposed rear extension
PC comment: The Parish Council has no objection to this application		

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

13/09/14 Planning for the Future

The clerk would provide information relating to planning for the parish councils’ future.

13/09/15 West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

It was agreed this council’s response to the annual consultation with parish councils would be delegated to Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Bryan Hewett who would complete it following the meeting with Bromsgrove’s Safer Neighbourhood’s Inspector.

13/09/16 Parish Lengthsman contract 2014 - 2017

It was agreed to seek tenders.

13/09/17 Correspondence

- Opportunity for Community Groups to help local households have warmer homes and lower energy bills via BDC Climate Change Intern
- High 5 event at Sanders Park 22/09/2013
- Bournheath Culvert Investigations (NWWM comment / response to letter)
- Local Councils EXPLAINED, opportunity to purchase at £49.99
- Shindig - Invitation to a Performance on 06/10/13 at Wythall
- Redditch Magistrates' Court Open Day 05/10/13
- DCLG notes on Neighbourhood Planning, issue 6
- Bromsgrove Partnership - Annual Report 2012-13
- Red tape cut to create new parish councils – Localgov.co.uk
- Winter Reminder, WCC Highways Winter Service newsletter Sept 2013
- WorcsCALC AGM 10/10/2013 (Cllrs K May and S Hall will attend)

13/09/18 Finance:

- a) **It was agreed** to return the Annual Return to external auditor Grant Thornton for correction of their misleading statement regarding the parish council's reserves.
- b) WorcsCALC Executive Officer's guidance note on budgeting for 2014/15 was circulated.
- c) The current financial statement showing payments and budget update was circulated.
- d) Members agreed to the payments as per schedule circulated and agreed to pay, as grant, BDC's charge for the hire of the playing field by Bournheath village community centre's B-Fest event.

13/09/19 Items for next agenda and for general consideration

Community asset listing
Ensure the grit bins are ready for bad weather
Thank you event eg for footpath volunteers
Strategy meetings for parish councils future and Neighbourhood Planning
2014/15 Budget preparation
VAS removal / change of site

13/09/20 Date and time of next meeting

Parish Council meeting 30/10/2013; 7.30pm Fairfield Village Hall, Barton Room.

This meeting ended at 22:45hrs.

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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