



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 27th November 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, Carolyn Marshall, Steve Westwood

In attendance Coun Brian Lewis, District Council 's Woodvale Ward
Bryan Hewett, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator
Clerk: Gill Lungley

13/11/01 **Apologies** None due

13/11/02 **Declarations of interest**
None

13/11/03 **Dispensations**
None put forward.

13/11/04 **Public Participation / Question Time**
Arrangements for the carol singing event at Tuppenny Cake on 13/12/13 were discussed.

13/11/05 **County Councillor and District Councillor Report**

County Councillor Sheila Blagg had sent apologies for being unable to attend this meeting; her written report had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. Current consultations include those for the subsidised bus services review and the County Minerals Local Plan.

District Councillor Brian Lewis:

- a) News from the District Council (BDC).
- b) Had made enquiries regarding the Bournheath village community centre purchase of the freehold.
- c) Had discussed enforcement activity in the Woodvale ward with BDC planning department.
- d) Would make enquiries relating to operating hours at Bumble Hole Foods and at Wildmoor Mill Farm development.
- e) Had attended a meeting of Hagley Parish Council.
- f) Would make enquiries regarding the setting up of a liaison group with the Highways Agency and Amey in relation to the motorway junction improvements at J4, M5.

13/11/06 **Other Reports**

1) Parish Path Warden (PPW) – June Maw.

June Maw, Parish Footpaths Warden was unable to attend but had sent a report stating the posts have been delivered for installation in Fairfield Road and Badgers Brook Farm; members present would contact JM to offer assistance with the installations.

2) Neighbourhood Watch (NW) – Bryan Hewett.

BH reported that there was currently little to report from the locality.

13/11/07 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the parish council meeting held 30/10/2013 were approved and signed.

13/11/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr K May

1. Members of the parish council had attended Catshill's Remembrance Sunday on 10/11/13.
2. A tree had fallen in Rocky Lane on 09/11/13 and was attended to by The Tree Doctor, employed by WCC to make such situations safe.
3. Bumble Hole Food lorries to and from the site should not use Claypit Lane and should only use the specified route even though that is not ideal; this would be taken up with BHF.
4. A new gas pipeline is being installed to BHF which may cause some travel disruption; County Highways would be contacted to provide information on the route.
5. Severn Trent have written to residents stating there will be no pay-out following the flooding on 28/06/2012, deemed beyond their control. More people need to come forward as 'drivers' to be added to the list of residences that have experienced flooding.

13/11/09 Progress reports from the Clerk:

In response to a councillor's question regarding the culvert at the bottom of Doctor's Hill, the Clerk is to contact WCC Highways to assess the suitability of the grid put in place to prevent sheep from wandering out of the field but could be causing build-up of debris.

Lengthsman update – Not yet had the Lengthsman's report for November. With reference to the VAS (Vehicle Activated sign) it would appear that one of the two batteries, which is swapped every two weeks, is less efficient.

The tender document for the 2014/15 contract will be issued to applicants, until 31/01/2014.

It was agreed to support the Lengthsman to attend update training on new safety guidance for those working on the roads.

WCC Admin had provided new guidance relating to the submission of monthly invoices.

New bench at Doctors Hill – has now been installed and Cllrs S Hall and S Westwood were thanked for their efforts; a number of compliments had been received.

Flooding update – the report from Fiona Macintosh at NWWM is expected; she has also been dealing with Severn Trent Water regarding Veolia's Sandy Lane Waste site's relationship with the sewer system and the requirement on local people affected by flooding to report the problem to STW.

M5 bridge over Wildmoor Lane - the fence installation works have now been completed.

Bournheath carols - as above

Motorway Improvements Liaison Group – awaiting Highways Agency and Amey (no progress yet).

Notice board for Village Hall – delivery of this is expected in the first week of December.

Community Asset list – more information is expected on this from BDC via the Monitoring Officer's liaison meetings with Clerks.

Worcestershire Voices – this event on 27/11/13 for all third-sector organisations in the county looked at the future for the voluntary and community groups; more information is available via their website:- www.worcestershirevoices.org.uk

Correspondence received included:

- Safer Neighbourhoods team newsletter, November
- Worcestershire County Councils Minerals Local Plan, second stage consultation
- Notification of school governor vacancy at each of Catshill First School and Nursery, Fairfield First School, Dodford First School, Chads Grove Specialist College (via County Cllr s Blagg)
- Environment Agency – campaign to check on heating oil tank security
- Parish online (mapping tool) newsletter
- Free Stop Smoking services and NHS Health Checks via ICE Creates

- Community First, community building health check
- The Eve appeal – campaign to raise awareness of ovarian cancer
- Worcestershire CALC updates for November

13/11/10 Wildmoor Report – report from Cllr H Feeney

- Mount Pleasant site is being cleared; residents are keen to see the newly created space on the corner of Wildmoor Lane/Mill Lane improved with grass and bulb planting and would like this to be considered for next year.
- The new passing point in Mill Lane appears to be effective.
- There seems to be more overnight traffic on the local roads and there is concern that it may be large vehicles attempting to access the Mill Farm site.
- There is mud on the road outside Pinches 3 (Cllr K May will contact WCC enforcement officer to check wheel washer is being used when vehicles leave the site).
- Residents of Wildmoor Lane would like a replacement mirror which they find useful when accessing the road from their drives, but WCC will not fund replacements.
- Details of the M5 junction 4 improvements are required for wider knowledge; it was suggested to also include the Chairman at Hagley Parish Council.
- The Veolia waste site is currently producing an unpleasant smell.

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

- The management committee’s AGM will be held on Friday 29th November at 7.30pm and seven of the nine members are standing for re-election. After a difficult start the committee have established a good relationship with some of the hall users and achieved some of the aims set at the start of the year.
- The committee is sorting out the leasehold arrangements.
- A new baby-changing unit is needed and the County Councillor will be approached for funding assistance.
- The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 7th Dec, 10:30 – 14:30hrs.
- Christmas decorations are to go up on Sunday 1st December in the evening and it was agreed that Cllr S Hall would purchase and install a tree up to £50 to be paid for by the parish council.

13/11/12 Planning

1. **There were no planning authority notifications or decisions to report.**
2. **One planning appeal had been notified:**

Site Address:	Badgers Mount, Mount Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 9LN
Description of development:	Two-storey side extension and removal of conservatory.
Application reference:	13/0722
Appellant’s name:	Mr David Jones
Appeal reference:	APP/P1805/D/13/2208706
Appeal start date:	20 November 2013

It was agreed to add no further comment to that already provided.

13/11/13 To arrange strategy meetings for future of the parish council/Neighbourhood Planning

It was agreed to meet on 15/01/2014 at 7.30pm to discuss future strategy.

13/11/14 To consider adoption of updated Standing Orders.

The updated Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted.

13/11/15 Environmental concerns

It was agreed to thank Bumble Hole Foods for maintaining the flower boxes.

It was agreed to thank, via funding from the Chairman's allowance:-

- Mr Nigel Lewis for his attention to flying the flag on Tuppenny Cake on the appropriate dates;
- Mr Robert Rutter for his care keeping the village tidy and assisting the Parish Footpath Warden;
- Mrs June Maw for taking on the PFW role;
- Mr Bryan Hewett for his continued dedication as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

It was agreed members would assess the condition of the grass verges as it was suggested that WCC are cutting back and doing less.

A map of the parish is to be provided to Cllrs S Hall and C Marshall.

13/11/16 Bus Services

Worcestershire County Council is consulting on proposed changes to the subsidised bus services. Members would respond individually.

13/11/17 Financial Budget 2014/15

Due to possible changes regarding DCLG grant for parish councils paid via District Council **it was agreed** to delay this decision until after the Bromsgrove Area WorcsCALC meeting on 4/12/13 which is to be addressed by Jayne Pickering, BDC's Finance Director.

13/11/18 Finance

- a) Members were advised of the current financial situation via information circulated with the agenda.
- b) Payments as per schedule were agreed and cheques signed.

13/11/19 Items for next agenda:

Not considered.

13/11/20 Date, time and venue of next Parish Council meeting:

Wednesday 29th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Barton Room, Fairfield Village Hall

This meeting ended at 22:50hrs

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council