



## Bournheath Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 7.30pm

Barton Room, Fairfield Village Hall  
Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

**Present** Councillors Karen May (Chairman), Stuart Hall (Vice-chairman), Keith Drew  
Hazel Feeny, Carolyn Marshall, Steve Westwood

**In attendance** Clerk: Gill Lungley

**14/01/01 Apologies** Cllr Brian Lodge submitted apologies for absence.

**14/01/02 Declarations of interest**

Following guidance from the District Monitoring Officer it was suggested that all members, irrespective of place of residence, would be required to declare an interest when discussing the precept and budget. All members present therefore declared an interest

**14/01/03 Dispensations**

The dispensations granted in November 2012 to all members covers all members when discussing the subject of the budget and precept allowing them to remain in the meeting, speak and vote.

**14/01/04 Public Participation / Question Time**

Not required.

**14/01/05 County Councillor and District Councillor Report**

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

**14/01/06 Other Reports**

**1) Parish Path Warden (PPW)**

The posts have been delivered; members will help install when required.

**2) Neighbourhood Watch (NW)**

Early warnings are circulated via e-mail; a recent warning related to the theft of tools from a vehicle after the back had been drilled out of the vehicle overnight.

**14/01/07 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held 27/11/2013 were approved and signed.

**14/01/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr K May**

- Attendance with Cllr K Drew at WorcsCALC Bromsgrove Area committee meeting which included a presentation on HealthWatch (critical friend of the Health Service).
- The VAS is to be moved as its current site is not effective enough; it will be re-sited to Tuppenny Cake.
- The blocked drain outside 30 Fairfield Road should have been cleaned.
- The Parish Council is to submit a written request to WCC to use a mechanical digger to clear the

ash from the culvert opposite Nailers Arms in Doctors Hill. No decision has yet been made about the grips.

- The unauthorised gate across the culvert at the bottom of Doctor's Hill, has been removed.
- NWWM Fiona MacIntosh's report is expected with regard to flooding and water management.
- Cllr May had attended the WCC Budget Consultation on 22/1/14 where attention had been given to WCC's need to find savings; it had been a 'one-way presentation' and WCC seem to be working as a commissioning body. There are concerns about lack of service especially for the elderly who are less computer-literate and concerns about safeguarding. It is possible that WCC will be engaging more with parish councils to help them with service delivery.
- The planning application for Ling Hall, Rugby landfill site has been passed; the application for waste incinerator at Hartlebury has been passed.
- A Mirror to assist drivers in Wildmoor Lane will be installed ('private' installation).
- A new gas main is to be laid along Claypit Lane which will necessitate a road closure but there has been some confusion about the actual closure date.

#### **14/01/09 Progress reports from the Clerk:**

- Lengthsman update and Vehicle Activated Sign performance; - AF's report – no hits and report to WCC hub – alert RC to blocked drains in S'bridge Road after gas laying works. Also Claypit Lane, Fairfield road to be swept following hedge cutting. Hedges need cutting back – AF to drop in a note to householders.
- Liaison group with Highways Agency/Amey regarding improvements to M5 Junction 4 traffic island improvements is likely to meet in April Members advised they would like to have a schedule of works. KM, SH, HF to attend.
- Noticeboard at Bournheath village community centre – has been delivered and will be installed in due course
- Community Asset list – the Clerk expects to seek information from BDC solicitor.
- Operating hours at Bumble Hole Foods and at Wildmoor Farm – District Councillor B Lewis advised that operating hours are within acceptable limits.

#### **Correspondence received, as attached.**

#### **14/01/10 Wildmoor Report – report from Cllr H Feeney**

- The mirror is to be replaced in the resident's private hedge opposite Mill Lane in Wildmoor Lane.
- The hedge is to be put back in Mill Lane following Mill Farm highways works.
- Mount Pleasant – clearance and renovation continues.
- Mill Lane seems to be working well regarding use by lorries and recently installed passing places.
- Road at Pinches Farm continues to cause concern due to mud on road and fly-tipping.
- The exit from Blue Cross is hazardous due to a hedge that blocks traffic views.
- Veolia landfill site at Sandy Lane is cause for concern relating to smell (possibly due to the wire coating on the pylons) and residents' fear that the landfill site has been over-tipped.
- Motorway continues to be noisy.

#### **14/01/11 Bournheath Village Community Centre – report from Cllr K Drew**

- Cllr S Hall was thanked for providing the Christmas tree.
- The children's group BigKidz would be vacating from February.
- The Management Committee are to meet 10/2/14 and may consider availability of hall for village activities.
- It was noted there is to be a talk on the history of Bournheath on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March by a parish resident.
- General maintenance is to be undertaken at appropriate weekends by volunteers.

- The Prize Draw is fully subscribed.
- The situation regarding the lease is regularly reviewed.
- Funding help and advice is available via Peter Mackenzie Shaw.
- Ben Mawby of the Hereford and Worcester Fire Service can provide sandbags which the village hall will store; pallets for the storage are required.

**14/01/12 Planning**

- 1. There were no planning authority notifications to report.**
- 2. One decision re planning appeal had been notified:**

<b>Site Address:</b>	Badgers Mount, Mount Road, Fairfield, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 9LN
<b>Description of development:</b>	Two-storey side extension and removal of conservatory.
<b>Application reference:</b>	13/0722
<b>Inspector's decision</b>	Appeal dismissed

Members asked about enforcement issues within the parish and for an update to planning application ref. 13/0169 Casa Onofrio, Wildmoor Lane.

**14/01/13 To confirm points raised at Strategy Meeting held 16/01/2014**

It was agreed that the notes were a fair representation of the discussion.

It was agreed to change the Parish Council's day of meeting from a Tuesday to a Wednesday and to make use of the side-room at Bournheath Village Community Centre.

**14/01/14 To agree the budget for 2014/15 and decide the Precept for 2014/15**

Members noted receipt of 2013/14 Council Tax Support Grant from DCLG via BDC of £490 and that the council tax base had been reduced to 208.97 Band D equivalent.

Various budget proposals were put forward and members agreed to request the same amount of Precept as last year of £10,689 to contribute to an expected total income of £13,404. This would mean a levy of £51.15 per Band D council tax payer (and pro rata to all other bands).

**14/01/15 To consider response to WCC Minerals Local Plan**

It was agreed to support the comments submitted by Wildmoor Residents Association.

**14/01/16 Environmental concerns**

Members asked for a paper copy of a map of the parish.

A tree at the entrance to Bumble Hole Foods died last year and needs to be pulled out.

The work programme for the grass cutter is to be assessed for the year.

**14/01/17 Support for Community History Talk**

Members agreed to cover the cost of the hire of Bournheath Village Community Centre for this event being staged by a local resident on the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**14/01/18 Worcestershire Regulatory Services, Licensing Consultation**

The Bromsgrove District Council's consultation on licensing policy was noted.

**14/01/19 Finance:**

- a) Members were advised of the current financial situation and received data to compare actual expenditure with that budgeted.
- b) Members agreed payments as per schedule

It was noted that the cost of hiring the side-room/committee room at Bournheath Village Community Centre would be £8.00 when sharing the facilities with users of the large hall.

**14/01/20 Items for next agenda:** to include –

- Award of Lengthsman contract for 2014
- Review of Financial Regulations
- Annual Risk Assessment
- Purchase of outdoor fitness equipment
- Grass Cutting, Flower Boxes
- Bench replacements
- CAB request for grant
- Unity Trust update

**14/01/21 Date, time and venue of next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm; at the Committee Room, Bournheath Village Community Centre

**This meeting ended at 21:28hrs**

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