

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held at 10.30am on Monday 3 February 2014 in the Parish Council office at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green

- Present:** Cllrs Charles Hotham, John Jagger (Chair) and Susan Whitehand
- In attendance:** The Executive Officer
Mary Green, Andy Humphries and Adrian Smith (Alvechurch Parish Council)
Nick Forknell and Janet King (Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council)
- Apologies:** Cllr Alun Davies

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| 23/13 | Apologies Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted. |
| 24/13 | Declaration of Interest The Parish Council dispensation dated Monday 26 November 2012 applies. There were no other declarations of interest. |
| 25/13 | Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Planning and Environment Committee meeting The minutes of the meeting dated 9 December 2013 were approved and signed. |
| 26/13 | Neighbourhood Plan |
| 26/13a | <p>Consultation with neighbouring parish councils The Chair welcomed representatives from Alvechurch and Lickey and Blackwell Parish Councils and expressed the hope that discussions would be of mutual benefit.</p> <p>Representatives from Alvechurch Parish Council outlined the processes they had followed to date commenting that further progress would be hampered by the late adoption of the Bromsgrove Plan now thought to be due in December 2014.</p> <p>Representatives from Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council indicated that their plans were still embryonic but that preliminary discussions had been held with Cofton Hackett Parish Council and residents in Burcot. The Parish Council had received conflicting advice regarding whether the inclusion of Burcot within any Neighbourhood Plan area would mean that, because it is <i>unparished</i>, that the Development Plan is driven by a Neighbourhood Forum rather than be Parish Council led.</p> <p>A discussion about the housing needs in <i>greater Barnt Green</i> generated a discussion as to whether it would be better to bring together the existing Barnt Green Neighbourhood Development Plan with that proposed by Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council. It was agreed that this would require further thought and consideration by all parties concerned.</p> <p>It was felt that education, transport, medical and care facilities and housing were all areas of common interest.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this item representatives from Alvechurch and Lickey and Blackwell left the meeting.</p> |

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| | No Parishioners attended the meeting |
| 27/13 | Planning |
| 27/13a | <p>Planning There were no new planning applications requiring the Council's attention.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehand commented on damage to the verges in Hewell Lane arising from the construction of Station House and reported on her communications with a local resident and County Councillor, Peter McDonald.</p> <p>The Executive Officer was asked to write to Worcestershire County Council asking that they routinely add a condition that verges, where damaged during development works, be repaired.</p> <p>Cllr Hotham commented on the further problems faced by residents in Hewell Lane while the bridge repairs are undertaken.</p> <p>The Executive Officer was asked to contact David Balme at Worcestershire County Council for an update on the installation of lifts at Barnt Green station and for the schedule of works underpinning the repair to the 3 bridges in Barnt Green.</p> |
| 28/13 | Environment |
| 28/13a | <p>Parker's Piece Councillors commented on the poor drainage and asked the Executive Officer to explore what grants might be available to remedy the problem.</p> |
| 29/13 | <p>Future agenda items It was agreed that the following items should be discussed as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update the core documentation and meet with Michael Dunphy at Bromsgrove District Council to finalise it and thus ensure a satisfactory foundation for future work; • maintaining health and wellbeing among the over 64s; • strategic planning advice from Locality or other appropriate professional body; • appointment of appropriate working groups. |
| 30/13 | <p>Date of next meeting Monday 10 March 2014 at 10.30am in the Parish Council office was agreed.</p> |

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Signed: _____
John Jagger, Chair

Date: 10 March 2014