

# Barnt Green Parish Council

**Minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held at 10.30am on Thursday 11 September 2014 in the Parish Council office at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green**

**Present:** Cllrs Robert Cholmondeley, Charles Hotham, John Jagger and Susan Whitehand

**In attendance:** The Executive Officer

<b>11/14</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rosemary Briggs and the reasons for absence accepted.
<b>12/14</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> 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. No dispensations were sought.
<b>13/14</b>	<b>Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Planning and Environment Committee meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting dated 12 June 2014 were approved and signed.
	One member of the public attended the meeting. There were no issues raised. The Chair, with the agreement of the Committee, indicated that they would take comments during the meeting.
<b>14/14</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b> Cllr Whitehand indicated that she would comment as matters arose on the agenda.
<b>15/14</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</b>
<b>15/14a</b>	<b>Bromsgrove District Plan</b> Cllr Whitehand commented on a report given by Mike Dunphy, the District Council's Strategic Planning Officer, to a meeting of Bromsgrove County Association of Local Councils on 10 September advising that the inspector favoured an employment led approach to housing numbers.  Cllr Whitehand also advised that the Birmingham Plan was yet to be approved and that Bromsgrove's help may be sought to accommodate their requirements.
<b>15/14b</b>	<b>NPD working groups</b> (Enclosure A) (i) The reports of the <b>Economic Working Group</b> meetings dated 4 August and 1 September 2014 were noted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that the working group survey the number of available car park spaces on different days and at different times of the day;</li> <li>• The Executive Officer was asked to investigate the nature of any covenants on Millennium Park;</li> <li>• The Executive Officer was asked to investigate, and if possible, make arrangements for traffic wardens to regulate parking on Station Approach.</li> </ul> (ii) The report of the <b>Environment Working Group</b> meeting dated 26 June

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	<p>2014 was noted.</p> <p>(iii) The <b>Health and Wellbeing Working Group</b> is yet to meet.</p> <p>(iv) The report of the <b>Housing Working Group</b> meeting dated 17 July 2014 was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that, while the working group should continue to meet and progress its remit, no further comment or decision on possible sites for development be made until after publication of the Bromsgrove Plan.</li> </ul> <p>(v) The report of the <b>Transport Working Group</b> meeting dated 16 July 2014 was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Rail Regulator asking that, when this area's rail franchise is reviewed and awarded, it be a condition that free parking be provided at Barnt Green Station.</li> </ul>
<b>16/14</b>	<b>Planning</b>
<b>16/14a</b>	<p><b>Planning consultations</b></p> <p>Cllrs considered the report (Enclosure B) on planning applications received and decisions taken by the District Council. The following response was agreed:</p> <p>Application 14/0620:           42 Bittell Road, Barnt Green Permit subject to 45° code.</p>
<b>17/14</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>17/14a</b>	<p><b>Maintaining and improving the local environment</b></p> <p>(a) Cllrs considered the Executive Officer's report (Enclosure C) summarizing actions taken since the last meeting.</p> <p>(b) It was agreed that the Christmas lights be illuminated between Friday 28 November and Tuesday 6 January 2015 and to co-operate with the school PTA as to the time at which the Christmas lights are switched on;</p> <p>(c) Cllrs Jagger and Hotham reported on a meeting dated 9 September with representatives from Bromsgrove District Council to receive information about their <i>Place</i> initiative and to discuss whether the District Council was able to undertake the Parish Council's lengthsman duties.</p> <p><b>It was RECOMMENDED that:</b></p> <p><i>(i) Bromsgrove District Council be appointed as the Parish Council's lengthsman with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014;</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Neil Hosking be considered for any work falling outside of the lengthsman contract.</i></p> <p>(d) It was noted that the woodland within Parker's Piece requires thinning out. The Executive Officer was asked to liaise with Cllr Briggs and to consider seeking the assistance of Wade Muggleton.</p>
<b>18/14</b>	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agendas</b></p> <p>No councillor reports were made.</p> <p>No items of future business were proposed.</p>

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<b>19/14</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> It was proposed by Cllr Whitehand, seconded by Cllr Jagger and agreed by all that the meeting scheduled for Thursday 13 November be cancelled. Thursday 11 December 2014 at 10.30am in the Parish Council office was agreed.
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The meeting closed at 12.23pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Whitehand, Chair

Date: 11 December 2014