

# Barnt Green Parish Council

**Minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held at 10.30am on Thursday 12 March 2015 in the Parish Council office at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green**

**Present:** Cllrs Rosemary Briggs, Charles Hotham, and Susan Whitehand (Chair).

**In attendance:** The Executive Officer, Parish Lengthsman (part)

<b>28/14</b>	<p><b>Lengthsman's report</b> Prior to the meeting, Lengthsman, Leon Hill, and Executive Officer had accompanied Cllrs Briggs and Hotham noting issues for action in Hewell Road, Sandhills Road, Sandhills Lane, Orchard Croft and Poplar Drive.</p> <p>Councillors noted the work undertaken by the Lengthsman since October 2014 and asked Leon to convey their thanks to the rest of his team.</p> <p><b>It was RESOLVED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>the Lengthsman contact the County Council to request the clearing of parish drains;</i></li> <li>• <i>the Lengthsman address the environmental issues identified during the walkabout prior to the end of April;</i></li> <li>• <i>the Executive Officer contact the Land Registry to identify the registered owner of a parcel of overgrown land in Hewell Road;</i></li> <li>• <i>a similar walk be undertaken prior to the next Committee meeting focussing on a different part of the parish.</i></li> </ul>
<b>29/14</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cholmondeley and Jagger and the reasons for absence accepted..</p>
<b>30/14</b>	<p><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.</p>
<b>31/14</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Planning and Environment Committee meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting dated 11 December 2014 were approved and signed.</p>
	<p>No members of the public attended the meeting.</p>
<b>32/14</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</b></p>
<b>32/14a</b>	<p><b>NPD working groups</b></p> <p>(i) <b>Economic Working Group</b> No report.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Environment Working Group</b> Cllr Briggs identified the drainage of Parker's Piece as a priority. The Lengthsman recommended that the Parish Council investigate whether the Probationary Service is willing to engage some of the youngsters in their</p>

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	<p>charge to work on improving the drainage. The Lengthsman offered to supply the appropriate contact details.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Health and Wellbeing Working Group</b>            Cllr Hotham reported that the following issues were among those identified as significant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) identifying the isolated elderly – connecting the elderly to their community by improving their access to the village, its facilities and its activities;</li> <li>(b) building for life – availability of multi-generational homes;</li> <li>(c) encouraging a more active lifestyle – maintenance and development of footpaths and cycling facilities;</li> <li>(d) ensuring that, geographically, the doctor’s surgery remains at the heart of the community.</li> </ul> <p>Lengthsman, Leon Hill, left the meeting.</p> <p>(iv) <b>Housing Working Group</b>            Cllr Whitehand advised that the Working Group were continuing to evaluate the designated sites within the parish and to consider what, if any development, might be appropriate.</p> <p>(v) <b>Transport Working Group</b>            No report.</p>
<b>32/14b</b>	<p><b>NDP community questionnaire</b>            Cllrs resolved that the Chairs of the 5 Working Groups meet to identify the questions to be put to the community. Cllr Whitehand offered to co-ordinate the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that when the questionnaire had been finalised a meeting with the Planning Authority be arranged to ensure that the questionnaire was appropriate.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehand offered to investigate the availability of grant assistance.</p>
<b>33/14</b>	<b>Planning</b>
<b>33/14a</b>	<p><b>Planning consultations</b>            Cllrs considered the report (Enclosure A) on planning applications received and decisions taken by the District Council. The following responses were agreed:</p> <p>15/0027: 42 Orchard Croft, Barnt Green - Permit            15/0149: 11 Hewell Road, Barnt Green - Permit</p>
<b>34/14</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>34/14a</b>	<p><b>Maintaining and improving the local environment</b>            Cllr Briggs reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the coppicing work in Parker’s Piece had been completed satisfactorily;</li> <li>• that some of the bulbs planted last year were in bloom and that more would be planted later in the year.</li> </ul> <p>Cllrs agreed that, if possible, 3 of the existing planters be retained and located in Millennium Park (2) and near the bus shelter.</p>
<b>35/14</b>	<p><b>Councillors’ reports and items for future agendas</b>            No councillor reports were made and no items of future business were proposed.</p>

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<b>36/14</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> The date of the next meeting will be determined by the new Council..
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The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

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

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