

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs R Cholmondeley (vice-Chairman), E Gumbley, C Hotham, S Whitehand

In attendance: Gill Lungley (Executive Officer)

66 Apologies

The apologies of Cllrs R Banner and J Jellie were received and accepted.

67 Appointment of Chairman

As required by the parish council's Standing Order 15 (b) (iii) this meeting had been called in response to the creation of the casual vacancy in the office of Chairman.

It was agreed to appoint Cllr R Cholmondeley to the chair for the remainder of the civic year.

Cllr Cholmondeley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman.

68 Appointment of vice-Chairman

The appointment of Cllr Cholmondeley to Chairman had created a vacancy in the office of vice-Chairman.

It was agreed to appoint Cllr C Hotham to the office of vice-chairman for the remainder of the civic year.

69 Declarations of Interest

a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests updated was noted.

b) and c) The need to declare Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Disclosable Interests was noted.

d) No requests for a dispensation had been submitted.

70 Minutes of the last meeting

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 02/09/2015 were amended at minute no. 57 to add "within the next twelve months" at the end of the sentence "There are plans to install lifts at the station with the new footbridge...". Following the amendment the minutes were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

71 Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS)

Barnt Green Parish Council has been a 'Quality Council' since 2004 and for this reason was given a free year as a Foundation Council for the first year of the Quality Council replacement scheme, the LCAS. Members considered whether to now seek re-accreditation as a Foundation Council at a cost of £50 for registration and the list of requirements was checked.

It was agreed to seek accreditation to the LCAS, Foundation Level.

As much of the evidence needed to reach the relevant status must be available via the parish council's website, members undertook to critically review BGPC and other council websites and discuss website options at the next meeting.

72 Millennium Park

A motion was tabled at the last meeting to lock Millennium Park daily between 8pm – 8am for a trial period following reports of anti-social behaviour during the evenings.

It was agreed to defer taking this course of action during the autumn/winter months, gather evidence of any anti-social behaviour incidents in the meantime and review this decision in March/April 2016.

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73 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th October 2015, 7pm at the Parish Council Office.

Invited speakers will be from Network Rail to talk about the closure of the pedestrian crossing at footpath no. 500 (Barnt Green – Cofton public right of way).

The meeting ended at 8.13pm.

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Chairman

7th October 2015

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