

Minutes of Meeting of Beoley Parish Council
held on Tuesday 12th April 2016

At 7.30 pm in Beoley Village Hall

Attendees:

Clr Bland (Chairman)
Clr Luck (Vice-Chair)
Clr Brown
Clr Hall
Clr Joynes
Clr Merrell
Clr Morgan
Kelly Dawe (Parish Clerk)
Four members of the public

1. Apologies

Received from Clr Barry.

2. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interests

None given.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The Chairman declared an interest in point 12 regarding planning – Land to rear of 7 Moss Lane; and requested the line "...noted that there were several errors in the application" be struck from the minutes. The Chairman then left the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest due to his professional involvement in the application, with the Vice Chair taking over the meeting.

Clr Joynes addressed the points in the letter the Parish Council had received from T C Bland Associates regarding the planning application of 7 Moss Lane and referring to this line in the minutes. Clr Joynes noted that from his recollection there were three perceived errors identified in the application as shown on the Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) website and whilst, subsequently, some of these perceived errors were clarified, at the time of the meeting and for the purpose of the discussion at the time, the Parish Council had agreed that these were errors. Following debate, the Vice Chair asked each councillor whether they felt the line should be removed. A vote was taken (with the exception of Clr Hall who was not present for the last meeting). The Parish Council were in unanimous agreement that as this was an accurate description of the meeting at the time, the minutes should stand.

It was also noted that draft minutes should not be open to challenge by anyone outside of member the Parish Council as they are not publicly available at this point. For the purpose of this issue, Trevor C. Bland Associates are not a member of the Parish Council, and no further challenge to the minutes should be made.

ACTION: Cllr Joynes to draft a response for the Vice Chair, from the Parish Council, to the letter received by Trevor C. Bland Associates.

The Chairman rejoined the meeting; the Vice Chair informed the Chairman that the Parish Council had voted to keep the queried line in the minutes and will respond to the letter from Trevor C. Bland Associates in due course.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Brown.

5. **County Councillor Report/District Councillor Report**

None given.

6. **Path Warden's report**

Local resident Dave Pearson had prepared a pathway report for the wardens mapping the status of the public footpaths.

Discussion followed regarding what is understood to be an ancient Green Lane running parallel to the Church Hill footpath – noted that this is currently inaccessible, and possibly absorbed into neighbouring agricultural land.

The Path Wardens had investigated the muddy path next to the old Post Office and proposed raising the level of the path with chippings and have contacted BDC regarding this.

The footbridge on the footpath to Church Hill that had been raised as needing additional rails in the previous meeting, was in fact the first bridge and not the second – it was agreed that no action was needed.

The Path Wardens confirmed that there is no Bridlepath on, or part of, the Church Hill footpath.

Details were handed out regarding the village walk on 7th May.

7. **Lengthsman's report**

Following a concern raised by a parishioner, the Lengthsman had started clearing the footpath near the A435 footpath approaching Hancocks Garage.

8. **Matters Arising**

Parking: Davies – Cllr Joynes reported that the parking issue had almost ceased and therefore has felt unable to address with the neighbour as the offending car hasn't been there. **ACTION: Cllr Joynes, carried forward.**

Beoley Manor: The Chairman still has not received a response from BDC.

Roundabout: completion of works is in hand.

Speed Limit: As the Chairman is still waiting for a response from the County Engineer the Vice Chair suggested a letter also be sent to Kevin Dicks, leader of BDC.

Grass Triangle, Bleachfield Lane: noted that Severn Trent have not made good the turf following drainage works. **ACTION: Chairman to write to Severn Trent to repair**

Oaklands: The Chairman reported receipt of another letter since the last Parish Council meeting, which reiterated Mr Attwell's previous points. The Chairman and Cllr Joynes agreed there would be no value in responding yet again and reiterating points already made. The Chairman noted that there had been no representation in support of the application and that it was still not appropriate to undertake a site visit. All agreed that they could not recall attending a site visit on any other planning matters and that this was not within the Parish Council's remit.

Cllr Joynes asked about the plan for the appeal. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council had already raised their issues and if choosing to speak at the appeal, the speaker would be cross examined. The Vice Chair reported she would be happy, depending on health, to represent the Parish Council. The Chairman suggested the council draw up a statement to represent their points in time for the appeal in July.

Cllr Joynes noted that Mr Attwell often confronts the Chairman in the pub and recommended that the Chairman does not engage.

Church Footpaths: the work has been ordered and the verges had been thrashed down, although likely the brambles will

reoccur. Cllr Brown suggested bi-annual hiring of a brush cutter could be arranged to keep the verges clear. **ACTION: Cllr Brown to investigate.**

Road surface by Beoley First School: The Chairman has written to all concerned, still waiting for response. Also noted a crossing light is out of order. **ACTION: Cllr Brown to contact the highways department regarding the pedestrian crossing light.**

Cllr Brown suggested we also contact highways regarding the broken speed indicator and possibly fund its repair. **ACTION: Chairman to write and copy to Kevin Dicks at BDC and MP Sajid Javid**

Church Hill Footpath: still waiting for a response.

Ravensbank: The Clerk reported that no action taken as the noise has ceased. However, the Parish Council noted that light pollution is still an issue, coming from iForce. Chairman has previously written and not received a response. Cllr Hall noted she had written some years ago regarding the same matter and not received a response. The Chair proposed the lights could be cowled. **ACTION: Chairman to now write to John Lewis who use iForce.**

9. **Correspondence and consultations**

The Chairman reported that he had again be contacted regarding a grant scheme funded by Tesco's from proceeds raised from the 5p plastic bag charge, for use on community park projects. Some debate ensued regarding the possibility of planting an orchard. It was agreed that this matter be held over pending further discussion.

Moss Lane Close parking: An email had been received by Parish Council regarding parking at Moss Lane Close. Following discussion, it was agreed there is not much the Parish Council can do, with the exception of a white van that is regularly parked on a corner and therefore illegally parked. A possible solution could be to arrange for the painting of yellow lines, which is outside of the Parish Council's remit. **ACTION: The Parish Clerk will draft a response to the resident.**

A435 Signage: Awareness has been raised by a neighbouring clerk of intended signage outside Fishing World – noted planning permission will be required.

Jim Yuells bench: brass plaque needs to be installed. **Action: Chairman to obtain and fix.**

Church Hill tree felling: Cllr Barry had asked if the question could be raised in his absence regarding a felled oak tree on Church Hill. All agreed the tree wasn't an oak, possibly an ash tree and was on private land.

10. **New Matters**

Beoley Village Football Club: Request received from Beoley Village Football Club for funding to cover their affiliation fee and insurance, around £200. Cllr Merrell asked if we could find out if any parishioners were part of the club. All councillors except for Cllr Merrell were in favour of funding the club - proposed by Cllr Luck and seconded by Cllr Morgan. **ACTION: Chairman to find out if any parishioners in the football club.**

The Chairman suggested that as the Parish Clerk had passed probation, the salary should now match that of the previous Parish Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Brown Seconded Cllr Morgan all in favour.

11. **Finance**

Current bank balance: £16,954.12

This includes: £5,183.17 of un-cleared cheques from the previous financial year and includes the precept for the 2016/17 financial year of £5,792.00.

2016/17 actual funds: £11,830.99

Cheques:

£233.24	Alan Brown	Lengthsman duties
£242.48	Kelly Dawe	Parish Clerk duties
£90.00	Beoley Village Hall	Rent for Feb/Mar/Apr
£485.00	Rudge Landscapes	March grass cutting fees

12. **Planning**

Oaklands: Appeal, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

PV panel installation now approved – it was agreed that the planning statement for the July appeal should note that there was no objection from the Parish Council in respect of the PV panels, contrary to Mr Atwell's allegations.

Beoley Manor gates: decision pending.

3 Oaks: further to the presentation to the council from the home owner, Cllr Brown reported the application had been returned as the fee had not been paid.

White Pits Lane: approved.

Rose Cottage Farm: change of use of chicken sheds to agricultural use B8. The council agreed that in principle, no objection to the re-use of an established building could be made, but perhaps it should be suggested that some conditions were applied, such as limit on the size of vehicle entering the site and no deliveries to be made from 6pm to 8am.

13. **Items of Parochial Interest**

Beoley Hearts – defibrillator fundraiser in on Friday 15th April
Film Club – next showing of The Martian, on Tuesday 19th April
Jazz night – 27th April
Parish walk – 7th May
Black Country Night – 7th May

14. **Date of next meeting - AGM 10th May 2016**


Signed _____ **(Chairman)**

10/5/2016
Dated:.....