

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the **Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee** meeting held at 10.30am on Monday 18th January 2016 at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green

Present: Cllrs Susan Whitehand (Chairman), Rosemary Briggs, Robert Cholmondeley, Charles Hotham Associate member, Diane Carr

In attendance: Helen Doherty, representing Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council Executive Officer, Gill Lungley

16/01	Apologies None.
16/02	Declarations of Interest a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests updated was noted. b) There were no declarations of interest.
16/03	Dispensation requests There were no new dispensation requests. It was reiterated that all members present would have a blanket dispensation as property owner/residents/associates of the parish, without which it would be impossible to complete committee business.
16/04	Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Planning and Environment Committee meeting The minutes of the meeting held 11/11/2015 were approved and signed.
	Public Question Time This was not required. There was comment on the potential for the proposed PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings to deal with concerns about local parking and street lighting.
16/05	Neighbourhood Development Plan Review of current situation Cllr Whitehand drew together the various strands – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic section is to be prepared by SW and DC - An application is to be made to Locality / MyCommunity for a grant (£8k) - Members are to meet with parish stakeholders responsible for major sites, eg Social Club, Cricket Club, Sports Club, Doctors Surgery, First School, Friends Meeting House, St Andrews Church, Baptist Church - Professional advice is to be requested (SW to contact advisor associated with the Much Wenlock NDP who would be invited to address a joint meeting with the Lickey & Blackwell/Cofton Hackett NDP members) - Awaiting confirmation of the state of the District Local Plan (under revision before re-examination in March 2016) - Review of Green Belt to be expected Village retail centre: a) Feedback from BT is that there are no plans to change the current status of their site off Station Approach. Members asked for clarification of this statement in light of the fact that plans had been submitted, and permission granted, about ten years ago to develop the site for residential use. b) Members would like to find out the view of shop-owners/keepers and it was agreed that it would be useful to hold a drop-in event with refreshments.

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	Notifications would be issued via the parish council office. Details to be confirmed following full council agreement to hold the event.
16/06	Planning
a)	No new applications notified since the last parish council meeting. The parish council's planning log is updated as and when notifications are received.
b)	Bromsgrove District Local Plan: Further consultation is taking place on matters relating to the 5-year land supply for both Bromsgrove and Redditch, provision for travellers, Redditch growth areas and statements relating to Heritage assets. Members agreed not to respond at this time.
c)	Consultation on applications for advertisement consent: As the district council ward member Cllr Hotham had raised concerns with the planning authority on their lack of consultation with residents, ward members and parish councils on the matter of applications for advertisement consent. It was agreed that the parish council would write to Bromsgrove DC asking to be notified of such applications and be provided with the opportunity to comment.
16/07	Environment
a)	Replacement bollards, Hewell Road It was agreed to recommend the installation of bollards to replace damaged and missing bollards along Hewell Road; the likely cost of which will be £200 per bollard. The missing bollard on the corner of Hewell Road/Orchard Croft will be replaced by, and at cost to, WCC Highways on the grounds of safety.
b)	Clean for the Queen In recognition of HM Queen Elizabeth II 90 th birthday, 'Clean for the Queen 2016' is a national campaign to tidy up the country. It was suggested the parish council could arrange for litter picking parties during the year, especially in advance of the Open Gardens event on 2 nd and 3 rd July and possibly in conjunction with the Sport Relief Mile on 20 th March. The Duke of Edinburgh volunteers could be asked to help out. To be discussed further.
c)	Hanging Baskets All Hewell Road shopfronts would be offered a hanging basket and would be asked to confirm their requirements in due course.
d)	Flagpole It was agreed to recommend the purchase of a flagpole and flag to be sited on Hewell Road outside Millennium Park between the bus shelter and Christmas tree.
16/08	Councillors' reports and items for future agendas None
16/09	Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting is Monday 15 th February 2016, 10.30am.

The meeting closed at 12:20hrs.

Signed: _____
Susan Whitehand, Chairman

Date: _____