

# Minutes of Meeting of Beoley Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

At 7.30 pm in Beoley Village Hall

## **Attendees:**

Cllr Bland (Chairman)  
Cllr Luck (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Brown  
Cllr Barry  
Cllr Hall  
Cllr Joynes  
Cllr Merrell  
Cllr Morgan  
Kelly Dawe (Parish Clerk)

### **1. Apologies**

None given

### **2. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Merrell proposed Cllr Bland to be re-elected as Chairman. Cllr Brown seconded – all in agreement. Cllr Luck thanked the Chairman for his continued efforts.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Vice Chair. The Chairman proposed Cllr Luck and Cllr Barry proposed Cllr Joynes. Both nominees agreed they would like to stand. Following a tied vote, the Chairman to place a casting vote which was in favour of Cllr Luck.

### **3. Declaration of Personal/Prejudicial Interests**

None given.

### **4. Minutes of previous meeting**

Re: item 3 – The Chairman did not wish to comment further on the matter but stated that it had been referred to CALC and the legal dept of Bromsgrove DC.

Following procedure, The Chairman then twice read out the following statement: Does any member of this Parish Council have any knowledge regarding the source of the recent anonymous letter circulated regarding Planning Application 15/1038 in Moss Lane Close, Beoley. No comment was made and the meeting proceeded.

**Parking (1):** Cllr Joynes reported a new car has taken to parking in the layby on Beoley Lane – it was reported that the landowner Mrs Davies intended to purchase and install some planters. The Chairman urged caution against taking this action and recommended seeking further advice, and asked if the occupants were aware it was private land – Cllr Joynes confirmed that they had been informed. Cllr Luck asked if this could be raised as a matter of urgency as Mrs Davies is intending to take action this week. Cllr Joynes noted that perhaps Richard Clewers earlier suggestion of paving/widening the footpath and erecting posts with reflectors should be explored.

**ACTION:** Chairman to call/ write to Richard Clewer Highways to discuss options as per previous conversations such as installing kerbing closer to road, fill in the gap, insert metal poles with reflectors to prevent any parking. Previous conversations have indicated that whilst the County Council wouldn't be willing to pay for the changes, they may do the work and at later date, adopt it. Cllr Griffiths has allegedly given approval in principle and the cost had been estimated to be in the region of £1,500 to do.

**Parking (2):** Further correspondence received from a resident on Moss Lane Close – all conferred there is little the Parish Council can do. Agreed it is unlikely the County Council would be willing to put in yellow lines due to cost. The possibility was raised of taking away part of the green area at the top of Moss Lane Close to create parking bays.

**ACTION:** Chairman to broach with Richard Clewer in Highways for any possible solutions.

**Speeding:** The Chairman noted that there had still been no response from Council Leader Kevin Dicks re: speeding in the village.

**Grass Triangle at Bleachfield:** The Chairman has written to Severn Trent requesting re-inspection and re-instatement

**Football Team:** The Chairman has established that there are no residents of Beoley currently in the football team.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded Brown – accepted.

6. **County Councillor Report/District Councillor Report**

None given

7. **Path Warden's report**

Cllr Merrell asked whether the report written by Dave Pearson and given to the Footpath Warden at the last meeting, reported on the actual condition of the footpaths. The Footpath Warden Steve Miller confirmed he had received photographs with details from Dave Pearson, which had been very useful and helpful in assessing the state of the footpaths. The Footpath Warden went on to present photographs of the work carried out to the path by the old Post Office that had needed repair. There followed discussion regarding the damage and removal of part of a fenced area next to a specifically installed metal pedestrian gate along the path, which enabled walkers to bypass the gate and create a new pathway alongside.

**ACTION:** Parish Clerk to write a thank you note to Dave Pearson on behalf of the Parish Council and provide contact details for Footpath Wardens Pam and Steve Miller for future contact.

**ACTION:** Lengthsman to investigate damage to fence alongside metal walkers gate, and consider options to rectify.

**ACTION:** Promote/publicise with rambling groups – Chairman to write to Redditch Rambling Group.

**ACTION:** Parish Clerk to promote the old Jim Yuells walks.

8. **Lengthsman's report**

Church Hill brambles: options are to buy a brush cutter (£169), hire one (£40 weekly hire), apply weed killer, or hire Gardiner Landscapes to deal with the brambles annually.

Work clearing the siding on the A435 is continuing – to date, four bin bags have been filled with litter before work on the undergrowth proceeds.

The bus shelter has been repaired and repainted.

The Chapel Lane sign has been cleaned.

Drains towards Church Hill – the Lengthsman is still waiting for action, incident number has been given.

Also noted a significant amount of flytipping has been reported in Seafeld Lane.

Cllr Merrell reported periodic localised flooding on Carpenters Hill opposite Primrose Cottage, possibly due to blocked drainage – perhaps this could be investigated.

**ACTION:** Chairman to ask Richard Clewer about the possible impact of weedkiller on the Church Hill Brambles.

**ACTION:** Lengthsman to investigate the road flooding at Carpenters Hill.

9. **Matters Arising**

None reported.

10. **Correspondence and consultations**

Funding has been opened and applications have been invited for a tree planting scheme. After discussion, it was suggested that some trees could be planted on the roundabout at the top of Beoley.

**ACTION:** Parish Clerk to submit an application.

Planning meeting with Dale Birch – agreed that Cllrs Brown, Luck and Joynes should attend if possible, with the Parish Clerk.

**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk to contact Dale Birch to arrange meeting.

11. **New Matters**

Cllr Luck asked if Parish Councillor information could be circulated in the Church newsletter.

**ACTION:** Parish Clerk to liaise with Rev Irving.

12. **Finance**

Cheques:

£492.52	CALC	Annual Subscription
£23.52	Pam Miller	Expenses
£485.00	Rudge	Grass cutting April 2016
£200.00	Redditch & S Warks Comb League	Re-issued subs cheque
£306	K Dawe	Parish Clerk duties
£286.14	A Brown	Lengthsman duties

The draft Annual Return was discussed, with Cllr Morgan suggesting some amendments. All agreed in principle on the submission.

**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk and Cllr Morgan to get together to check accounts before submitting draft for internal auditing. Cllr

Hall to pass on details of an alternative internal auditor as Roger Cashmore has moved away.

**13. Planning**

Cllr Brown reported no further progress on three outstanding items: Beoley Manor, Moss Lane Close, Rose Cottage Farm – Cllr Bland added that several strongly worded objections had been posted for the latter.

Cllr Brown noted an application for Perryfields Road, Bromsgrove, which may be worth considering for impact on Beoley – an application for 1000+ houses.

**14. Items of Parochial Interest**

Open Mic Night Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**15. Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Signed\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)**

**Dated:.....**