

# Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015

At 7.30 pm in Beoley Village Hall

## **Attendees:**

Cllr Bland (Chairman)  
Cllr Barry  
Cllr Merrell  
Cllr Morgan  
Cllr Hall  
Cllr Luck  
Cllr Joynes  
Cllr Brown  
Kelly Dawe (Parish Clerk)  
Two members of the public

Garden competition prizes were awarded. Thanks were given to Cllr Hall for organising the garden competition and organising the prizes.

Before the start of the meeting, Cllr Brown presented the council with a new gavel. The Chairman asked that appreciation of the generous gift be recorded in the minutes.

## **1. Apologies**

Cllr Barry gave apologies for being slightly delayed (arrived 7.55pm)

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

None given.

## **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The following corrections were noted:

- amendment of action credited to Cllr Barry under matters arising
- misspelling of footpath stiles

## **4. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Luck; all being in favour the Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

## **5. Matters Arising**

**Oakfield:** the Chairman and Cllr Brown had attended the planning meeting at Bromsgrove District Council on Monday 2nd November, with the outcome that planning for Oakfield was refused. The Chairman noted the meeting was attended by a disproportionate number of apparent employees of Oakfield, which gave an intimidating atmosphere to proceedings. The Chairman felt the members gave the application full and fair discussion, with the application voted down 6 to 3 (one late attendee not allowed to vote). The applicants responded extremely aggressively which no doubt did not help their cause. The Chairman stated there will no doubt be an appeal in the future. The Chairman thanked Cllr Joynes for his efforts in his response on behalf of the parish council.

### **Hillside**

The Chairman noted for the record that since the public meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015, Mr Fuell had requested a separate meeting with the parish council, which was attended by Cllr Joynes and the Chairman. It was noted that Cllrs. Luck and Hall had raised concerns over this separate meeting but the Chair felt the council's viewpoint should be put across and attempts to build bridges made. Former District Council leader Mr Hollingsworth attended with Mr Fuell. The Chair noted that the meeting was fairly constructive, in stating that the parish council are not against development but that detail is what has been missing. The Chair presented a sample plan and map to Mr Fuell to demonstrate what would have been expected and would have helped his cause no end. The meeting concluded with the intention that Mr Fuell should come back to the community with some plans and detail. The Chairman had also had a long discussion today with the district planning officer who also would like to see more details of proposed development. A plan had been emailed by Mr Fuell to the Chairman this afternoon, which although showing lots of planting, still did not have enough detail. Cllr Barry asked about phase 2 development – the Chairman replied that Mr Fuell had stated his intention to sell of the back portion of land to the highest bidder. The Chairman then invited Cllr Joynes to give his view: his view being that he has not accepted that any development is inevitable and his recollection from the village meeting was that there had been no demonstration of support from the council or the community for any sort of development on the site, although Fuell had intimated that the council would be prepared to support up to 12 houses and as his plan shows 9 the council would automatically support.

Cllr Joynes concluded that what has been presented for today's meeting is inadequate.

It was then agreed by all councillors that a quorum of Cllrs Joynes, Luck, Brown and Barry should be formed to deal with Hillside and unless further significant developments in the planning matter occur, that all discussion should be parked. Proposed by Cllr Luck and seconded by Cllr Barry - All in favour.

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

The Chairman confirmed he had recently had a meeting with the District Councillor June Griffiths, and had written to thank her for attending the public meeting regarding the planning application for development at Hillside – letter passed to Clerk for filing. Cllr Griffiths has asked if she could speak at a future parish council meeting regarding fostering. All in agreement that should Cllr Griffiths wish to attend a meeting it should be encouraged. Cllr Luck suggested she attend at the next AGM when members of the public may attend. **Action:** Chairman to contact Cllr Griffiths and give options to speak at the next meeting in January or the AGM in May.

## **7. Path Warden's report**

Noted that no report expected at this time of year.

## **8. Chairman's report on ongoing matters**

**Hillcrest bollard:** the Chairman confirmed the light has been repaired and new bollards installed in the carriageway in front of it. The Chairman stated he had been liaising with the Parish Support Team regarding localised highways repairs (limited to tarmac, potholes etc.)

**Brass plaque from village hall bench:** noted that Cllr Merrell currently has this for cleaning.

**Footpaths:** the condition of the footpaths from the church to Icknield Street were noted for poor state of repair. The Chairman confirmed that he had been advised that the work would be carried out in this Financial Year and it was suggested he seek confirmation in writing. **Action:** Chairman to contact Cllr Griffiths

**Flytipping at Village Inn:** no progress to report, issue carried forward.

**Newspapers:** Cllr Luck reported no information forthcoming however, referred to the opening message from Bromsgrove

District Council Leader Margaret Sherrey in the latest edition of 'Together Bromsgrove' regarding a potential merger of local authorities. Cllr Luck raised concerns that parishes such as Beoley would not be consulted and confirmed she is keeping in touch with other parish councils who may be similarly affected.

**Grit:** the Lengthsman confirmed this is due for delivery on Thursday 12th November. Cllr Luck asked for it to be noted that dealing with S. E. Davis has been a pleasure. Members approval was sought and given to issue the Lengthsman with a blank cheque for the grit upon presentation of their bill, thought to be £324.

(Noted that in future the Lengthsmans report needs to appear as an agenda item).

**Bench:** Cllr Barry confirmed that Jim's bench has now been sited.  
**Action:** Chair to collect plaque for fixing to the bench.

**Previous planning applications: Otters Holt** – planning approved, auction on 24th November. **Number 7 Moss Lane** – no further progress to note.

## **9. Correspondence and consultations**

The weekly CALC Update was presented; all requested that these updates be forwarded on by email by the Parish Clerk in future.

It was noted that the CALC AGM is due to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015, if anyone would like to attend they should let the clerk know.

## **10. New Matters**

Cllr Joynes noted that parking is an issue on Church Hill (opposite Church) when events are on, forcing pedestrians to walk in the road at the brow of the hill. Options such as double yellow lines or temporary bollards were discussed. The issue of dangerous parking in the village outside of "Mariners" was raised, in particular one parking offender. Cllr Joynes stated his intention to approach the owners to discuss, before any further action taken, such as approaching Highways/Community Police.

## **11. Finance**

Noted that the Chairman and Clerk will prepare budget for discussion at the January meeting.

The following cheques were actioned at the meeting:-

£475.00	payable to P Rudge (Mowing October 2015)
£201.58	payable to A Brown (Lengthsman Oct 2015)
£212.97	payable to K Dawe (Parish Clerk duties Oct 2015)
£324 TBC	payable to S E Davis
£2738.6	payable to Andrea Hall for garden competition prizes
£180.00	payable to Grant Thornton (Audit) since noted this invoice was paid last month
£50.00	payable to The British Legion (Poppy Wreath)

## 12. Planning

**Beoley Manor:** no further update regarding the proposed new gates

**Brook Farm:** a new application has been submitted following last year's one. Cllr Brown stated that he could see no reason for the parish council to alter its original position.

**Primrose Cottage, Icknield Street:** application has been submitted for a rear extension. Discussion took place regarding whether or not this property fell into Beoley Parish. **Action:** Cllr Brown and Luck to visit site to investigate

**Beoley Primary School:** plans submitted to extend play area and make modifications to parking. No comments or objections from members.

The Chairman noted that new bollards had been fitted at the village hall, the following day school mini bus reversed into one. No apology received as yet.

## 13. Items of Parochial Interest

The Chairman noted that the previous film night was a success and would highly recommend. The Imitation Game is the next film to be shown, scheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November of the film club to discuss future films. Cllr Barry suggested that less recent films might be better.

24<sup>th</sup> November the Social Club has a quiz night.

**Action:** Chair to write letter to John Gunn letter of thanks for housing road grit for the winter months; Forth House, Wapping Lane

Cllr Luck asked if there are any recommendations of a printer who can combine and enlarge a parish map and a democracy map showing boundaries within Bromsgrove. All agreed the parish council would pay the bill.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2015

Signed:

Date: