

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in the Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 .**

**Present:** Cllrs K Green (Chair), J Bradley, I Dalziel, C Hine, A Hood, A Ince, J Kitson, A Mabbett, P Margetts, S MacDonald, C Scurrrell and P Shotton.

In attendance: John Farrell Clerk; County Councillor Rachel Jenkins; District Councillor Janice Boswell. Four members of the public also attended.

### **281/13 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Jones, and Roberts. Apologies had also been received from County Councillor Jenkins although she subsequently joined the meeting at 7.40 pm.

### **282/13 Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**283/13** A member of the public wished to comment on agenda item 5 'Bell Heath Speeding', the Chairman advised she would ask him for his comment when that item was discussed,

### **284/13 Minutes of previous meeting**

Minute 262/13 Grit bins: Council agreed that this minute should have also recorded that the clerk would investigate and report on the operational requirements and costs of refilling the grit bins.

Minute 260/13 Bell Heath: Council agreed that the request to approach the Police to request that the road is considered for periodic mobile speed camera operation was a request for Parish roads as a whole.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 were then approved. The minute book was signed by the Chairman.

### **285/13 Reports**

*Chairman's report* : Cllr Green wished to record congratulations to the Belbroughton Scarecrow Committee on an excellent Scarecrow Festival Weekend.

She and the clerk were investigating with Calc the availability of training sessions for councillors and would have more information and dates available for the November Council meeting.

*Planning Committee:* The Council noted the Minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Cllr Ince confirmed that the District Council had refused a change of access to a dwelling from Forge Lane to Nash Lane although comment was made that the owner may have begun works notwithstanding.

*Finance Committee:* The Council noted the minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

#### *Clerks Report:*

1. A resident has complained at the state of the footways at The Glebe Belbroughton, this has been referred to the Worcestershire Hub and their response is awaited.
2. Another resident has complained at the state of Belbroughton Village following the Scarecrow Festival weekend, this has been referred to the chairman of the Scarecrow Committee for a response. The resident has been advised that the Parish Council does not run the event.

3. Reminder that the Calc local area AGM is being held 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013, no Councillor is able to attend and thus the clerk will give the Council's apologies for not sending a representative this year.
4. An Autumn Parish Council Newsletter is normally produced – clerk is requesting from Councillors suggested items for inclusion, which he will collate and bring back to November Council.

### **286/13 Bell Heath Speeding**

Cllr Hood advised that a meeting had been held with himself County Councillor Rachel Jenkins and Richard Clewer Worcs. C.C. Highways and a strategy document is being drawn up. The Chairman invited the member of the public to comment and he offered assistance with information he had to further develop the case for introduction of speed reducing measures. The Chairman thanked him for this input and Councillor Hood would be happy to assess this information.

### **287/13 Queens Road Wall**

A letter informing of the imminent repair work was approved with minor amendments. Cllrs Bradley and MacDonald agreed to arrange its display in public places and distribution to residents and businesses in close proximity.

### **288/13 Bell Heath Place Name Signs**

Councillor Hood advised that he felt 4 place name signs would be appropriate, however only 2 locations were clearly identified at this stage. Council agreed to defer consideration until all four sites were identified.

### **289/13 Parish Projects**

The Chairman suggested that Council consider Projects as requiring funding over the next two years.

Council noted the following status of Projects, referring to the schedule circulated prior to the meeting:

#### **1.Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.**

Not ready to action since Council has not scoped out the resources required and, the timescale and costs involved in producing a plan nor considered the advantages of having one. It will remain a Project with it to be discussed further at November Council.

#### **2.Improvements to Belbroughton Village Green**

Not ready to action as Council awaits further discussions with the developer whose land abuts the Green. The Parish Council outline proposals on design remain with the developer. This will remain a Project with Council to proactively press the developer's advisers to discuss the situation.

#### **3.Best Kept Village Competition**

No longer relevant and so to be removed as a Project.

#### **4.Little Bell Hall Pool**

Management works here felt to be periodic maintenance rather than a Project and as such is referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

#### **5.New Footpath Hackmans's Gate Lane, Belbroughton**

Not ready to action, further discussions with landowner and County Council required, but to remain a Project.

#### **6.New area of footway near cricket ground.**

Ready to action with recent quotations for this work now received.

#### **7.Bell Heath name Signs**

Ready to action, subject to precise locations for the signs and final costing.

### **8. Raised footway Belbroughton High Street**

Not ready to action, full appraisal required, to remain a Project.

### **9. Parish Resources**

Potential purchase of a marquee. Not ready to action, to remain a Project.

**291/13** Council Approved the following as new Projects:

1. Metal barrier improvement at end of the footpath onto Hartle Lane Belbroughton to prevent children and others 'falling' into the road. This item was previously a Project and is reinstated as such.
2. Footpath work adjacent to Breech House Belbroughton as identified by the footpath wardens.
3. Improvements to the kitchens at Fairfield Village Hall.
4. To assess whether to purchase an area of land approximately 5 acres at Middle Lane Belbroughton. The land is currently tenanted but the tenancy is understood to expire in approximately 12 months.

A further requested Project was outlined by Cllr Macdonald relating to speed restrictions on the road into Belbroughton approaching the school. This issue to be brought back to November Council for consideration.

Council did not approve which Projects to prioritise for funding and deferred any decision until November Council. However initially 3 Projects were agreed to be considered at that future meeting:

1. New area of footway near Belbroughton cricket ground
2. Bell Heath name Signs
3. Improvements to kitchens at Fairfield Village Hall.

### **291/13 Grit Bins**

Council approved the task of re-filing of the existing grit bins this autumn by Mr Ed Mol. Subsequent topping up of the bins to be carried out by Mr James Callaghan who has agreed to be 'on call' under advice from the clerk. Councillors are to advise the clerk should refills be required.

Council approved the installation of 6 new grit bins, proposed by Cllrs Mabbett (1) Hood (1) MacDonald(4) Locations:

1. Fairfield Recreation Ground / School – near to entrance gate to Recreation Ground.
2. Chapel Lane, Bell Heath.
3. Yew Tree Avenue Belbroughton - at the junction where this street joins Holy Cross Lane.
4. Nash Lane / Forge Lane Belbroughton - on the grass area and backing onto the brick wall that is around the car parking area on Nash Lane where it intersects the pedestrian section of Forge Lane.
5. Galtons Lane Belbroughton - The road between Hartle Lane and Dark Lane. 2 bins : one at top and one at bottom of the hill.

Council agreed that any further requests for new grit bins should be considered by the Finance Committee at its October meeting.

**292/13 Yew Tree Lane Bench**

Due to time constraints this agenda item was deferred until the November Council.

**293/13 Dog Fouling at Fairfield Recreation Ground**

Due to time constraints this agenda item was deferred until the November Council.

**294/13 Memory Flower Display**

Due to time constraints this agenda item was deferred until the November Council.

**295/13 Meetings in 2014**

Due to time constraints this agenda item was deferred until the November Council.

**296/13 Councillor Items**

County Councillor Rachel Jenkins advised that grit bins orders should be sent in promptly.

She advised that she would not be supporting the Hartlebury incinerator application when this reaches the County Finance Committee.

District Councillor Janice Boswell advised that she felt the provision of grit bins in the parish should be a priority.

Councillor Scurrall advised that the footpath finger post situated off Bournheath Rd adjacent to Laburnham Cottage, a few yards from junction with Parish Hill and Fairfield Road is broken with the post leaning against the hedge.

Councilor Dalziel advised that the quality of patching on roads was of poor quality and would provide a list to County Councillor Jenkins.

Councillor Dalziel advised that the exit from Waystone Lane onto Bradford Lane was dangerous again referred to County Cllr Jenkins.

Councillor Shotton requested repairs to a bench at Woodgate Way Belbroughton is placed on the agenda for next Council

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed.....Chairman