

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in The Barton Room Fairfield Village Hall Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs. D Roberts (Chair), K Green (Vice-Chair), J Bradley, A Hood, A Ince, T Jones, P Margetts, R Morgan, S Pawley and C Scurrall.

In attendance: John Farrell Clerk, 2 members of the public also attended.  
District Councillor J Boswell

### **305/14 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Dalziel, Mabbett and Shotton who were on holiday.

### **306/14 Members Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Margetts declared an 'Other Discloseable Interest' relating to agenda item 16.

### **307/14 Dispensations**

The clerk had received a dispensation request from Cllr Margetts to remain in the meeting during agenda item 16 and to speak and vote. Council approved the dispensation request.

[The Meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak on any matter of concern relating to the agenda or for future discussion.](#)

### **308/14 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were approved. The minute book was signed by the Chairman.

### **309/14 Reports**

*Chairman's Report:* Cllr. Roberts informed Council that Cllr. Conrad Palmer had resigned, and wished to record the Council's thanks for his contributions over a very short period. (The clerk advised that Bromsgrove District Council had been informed and that notices were being posted to advise of the casual vacancy. Should Co-option be necessary Council would aim to hear presentations from applicants at Council 3<sup>rd</sup> November).

*Planning Committee:* Cllr. Ince advised that a later agenda item would deal with an enforcement issue. Council noted the minutes of the meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

*Finance Committee:* Cllr. Bradley advised that the Committee had expressed concern that Worcestershire County Council had felt unable to repair the radar activated speed warning sign in Bell Heath which had been damaged by person unknown. The clerk had written to Richard Clewer copying in W.C.C. Cllr. Rachel Jenkins requesting that the sign was repaired and re-installed. Council noted the minutes of the meetings on 21<sup>st</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

#### *Clerks Report:*

1. A leak of contaminants had occurred on 28/29<sup>th</sup> August from the Veolia Sandy Lane site due to a faulty pump resulting in pollution to local vegetation. The County Council via Cllr. Sheila Blagg had informed the clerk that a footpath may need to be closed temporarily. The Environment Agency and the County Council were investigating the causes and liability with the quarry owners and Severn Trent. The E.A. incident number 1272308.

2. Investments – The Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 day notice a/c £25,000 at 1.80% and Julian Hodge Bank 1 year fixed deposit a/c £20,000 at 1.65% accounts were now open.

3. Streetlights – Following the agreement to adopt a light at Belbroughton Recreation ground carpark - including any pre adoption costs. The County Council will now adopt this onto the Parish Council schedule after replacing the bulb cost circa £400. The adoption is for future maintenance.
4. The 13 new Farm Business Tenancy details are with Parish Council's solicitors for the drawing up and printing of the documents.
5. The Working Group examining the new Financial Regulations had met and proposed new regulations will be brought to next Finance Committee.
6. The Footpath Wardens have investigated two missing / damaged signposts and arranged replacement/ repair.
7. James Callaghan has confirmed that he will re varnish the 4 Fairfield Recreation Ground benches. Costs circa £160 will come from the Council maintenance budget.
8. A meeting is to be arranged with Fairfield Villa FC to review ground usage.
9. The costs and date are awaited from a BDC approved arborist to undertake the annual parish tree survey.
- 10 'Thank you' correspondence had been received from Belbroughton Recreation Centre, Belbroughton Church Hall and Fairfield Village Hall for the maintenance grants. The Citizens Advice Bureau had also written thanking the parish council for the donation.
11. The Grants Working Group of Cllrs. Dalziel, Morgan, Mabbett and Scurrill would be meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September to assess the Capital and Minor Grants applications received.

*County and District Councillors:*

Cllr. Boswell confirmed the clerk's earlier comments regarding the leak from the Veolia site.

### **310/14 The Green Belbroughton**

Council approved the procedures for the 10<sup>th</sup> September public consultation – the evening will commence at 7.00pm with the Fairfield W.I. offering refreshments. At 7.30pm the Council Chairman will outline the history of The Green, the current position and then seek input from the public. A questionnaire will be available on the night for residents to complete. This will also be available on the websites. Questionnaire responses would be required by 24<sup>th</sup> September and a Working Group of Cllrs. Bradley, Margetts, Pawley, Roberts and Scurrill would review these and the comments from the evening and report back to the 6<sup>th</sup> October Council.

The details of the questionnaire had not been circulated to councillors and an Extraordinary Council Meeting would be called for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September to consider the details.

Promotional posters will be placed in local shops/post offices.

### **311/14 Speeding in the Parish**

Council approved the purchase of 1000 speed warning stickers.

Council discussed HGVs travelling through the villages, and requested that Cllrs. seek evidence from residents to confirm whether or not there was abuse of the weight limit restrictions.

### **312/14 Fairfield Recreation Ground**

Council approved the commissioning of four tenders, two which would be from W.C.C. approved contractors, to carry out drainage improvement works as outlined in the report from North Worcestershire Water Management. The tenders should itemise each action from the NWNM report. These will be reviewed by a future Council which would consider whether to proceed with the improvements.

### **313/14 War Memorial**

A proposal to allocate £1200 towards cleaning the Fairfield memorial was defeated. Council however approved Cllr. Margetts assessing the cleaning/upgrading of the plaques on the memorial. He would report back to October Council. An advisory note of this decision would be sent to Mrs Kay Stone.

**314/14 P.A.C.T. (Partners and Communities Together)**

Council decided not to appoint an official representative to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> October meeting, however it would encourage all councillors and residents to attend. Cllr. Jones would be attending.

**315/14 Communication**

Council deferred a decision on the future management of the Belbroughton.com website, Cllr. Margetts would undertake further research on options for this site. The clerk advised that there had been >90 residents requesting future contact by e mail and Council approved the use of a new e mail address to send out future group e mails once the new database had been input. Council deferred any decision on the use of social media.

**316/14 Dropped Kerbs**

Council decided not to set up a Working Group. Correspondence from County Cllr. Sheila Blagg had been circulated on the matter and Cllr. Scurrrell was in contact with her to assess if the County were able to confirm suitability of such kerbs due to the width of footpaths. Cllr. Scurrrell would report back to Council.

**317/14 Worcestershire Calc**

Council approved the writing of a letter by the clerk to Worcester County Council expressing its support for Worcestershire Calc and its need for adequate funding.

**318/14 Consultations**

Council decided not to respond to the Police Commissioners Survey nor the B.D.C. Street Collections Survey. It had no adverse comment to make on the Polling District Review as it was happy with the locations indicated in the survey report.

**319/14 Neighbourhood Plan**

Due to time constraints this item was deferred until a future Council.

**320/14 Belbroughton Cricket Club**

Council approved sending the letter requesting support from potential funders and grant giving bodies.

**321/14 Planning Enforcement**

Council asked the clerk to write again to B.D.C. expressing concern at the lack of enforcement measures regarding the planning refusal relating to application 12/0527 which dealt with "Brick-hardcore and road plainings surfacing" at Glovers Meadow Farm Wood Lane Fairfield. The letter should be copied to Ruth Bamford Head of Planning and the District Councilor. A response would be requested within 2 weeks.

**322/14 Chadwich Quarry**

Due to time constraints this item was deferred until a future Council.

**323/14 Staff Salary**

The clerk was thanked for his first year in the role and Council approved payment of the contracted annual increment.

**324/14 Councilor Items**

Cllr. Green requested if a future agenda could include consideration of a First World War commemoration memorial at Fairfield Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Margetts requested if a future agenda could consider holding a Council meeting in August as the amount of business in September was significant. He was advised that meetings dates are considered in November, however it would be up to the new Council in May 2015 to confirm dates after May 2015.

Cllr. Scurrrell requested that Council considers funding the repairs to the Bell Heath radar speed warning sign should the County Council not be minded to fund the repairs to its own property.

Meeting Closed at 9.55 p.m.

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