

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council held in The Barton Room Fairfield Village Hall on Monday 2nd February 2015.

Present: Cllrs. D Roberts (Chair), K Green (Vice-Chair), I Dalziel, A Hood, A Ince, T Jones, A Mabbett, P Margetts, S Pawley, C Scurrrell, and P Shotton

In attendance: John Farrell Clerk. District Cllr. J Boswell 4 members of the public also attended.

051/15 Apologies Cllrs. J Bradley and Dr R Morgan. County Cllr. R Jenkins

052/15 Members Declarations of Interest. None.

053/15 Dispensations. None requested.

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

054/15 Reports

Chairman's Report: Cllr. Roberts advised that the lights on and adjacent to the Green Belbroughton had been repaired and the new L.E.D. bulb for the light on the Green itself would be more energy efficient.

Planning Committee: Council noted the minutes of the meetings held on 5th and 19th January 2015.

Finance Committee: Cllr. Scurrrell (in the absence of Cllr. Bradley) highlighted points from the Committee meeting, including the recommendation regarding Bromsgrove District Council Ward Members Funds. Council then noted the minutes of the meeting on 19th January 2014.

Clerks Report: **Tree works at Sylvester's Corner** - the Sorbus has been removed and other trees pruned. The positioning for planting of the new tree (Hawthorn 'Paul's Scarlet') is confirmed by Andy Bucklitch. A quote is awaited for the purchase and planting.

Separately Western Power are examining the logistics and costs of moving their pole from the garden of the property adjacent to Sylvester's Corner and are likely to place a formal request to the Parish Council shortly to re-site this on the Parish Council land. They have discussed options with Andy Bucklitch. He is probably minded to see the furthest tree taken out and a replacement put in slightly nearer the road. This work if agreed by the Council would be funded entirely by Western Power. Council would need to consider if it wants to give permission for the new pole to be sited on P.C. land.

Fairfield Recreation Ground - Drainage – A meeting is set for 11th Feb with North Worcestershire Water Management - Fiona Mackintosh. Cllrs. Jones and Green to attend with the clerk. The meeting is to review the options for improving the drainage and seek a workable solution. (Cllr. Margetts would not attend, Cllr. Scurrrell would aim to attend.).

Ward members funds - District Cllr. Lewis's agreed payment for the strimmer has reached B.D.C. finance dept. and thus the funds are expected shortly.

Community Bus Scheme – County Cllr. Sheila Blagg had advised that she would support this with ‘some’ divisional funds if it could be extended to include Fairfield. W.M.S.N.T. the operators advise they would be interested but it would seriously dilute the current service and may not be practical with the one vehicle and its operational time of 4 hours on just 2 days a week. Also the majority of journeys anticipated would be northwards and not into Bromsgrove. Thus unless a Cllr. wished to progress this further the clerk would thank Cllr. Blagg for her offer but advise there is no scheme to fund currently.

Parish Council change of name - Claire Felton at B.D.C. advises that this may involve a small Community Governance Review. She will discuss with the elections team but points out though that they would not be in a position to administer a change until after the May Elections.

County and District Councillors: Cllr. J Boswell advised that she would utilise her Belbroughton P.C. allocated Ward Members Funds scheme towards the request to assist with drainage works at Belbroughton Recreation Centre. She was reassured that the works would be benefitting residents of the Parish. She requested that the Council be mindful of the levels of grit in the bins following the recent cold weather.

055/15 The Birmingham Resilience Project – Environmental Scoping Consultation

Council noted the information contained in the application and would respond to the District Council - ‘The Parish Council has noted the intentions of the Scoping Report, however it was concerned at the short time period available to read the substantial number and size of the documents attached to the application. It would expect there to be further consultation processes and also detailed information on compensation payments should the scheme be confirmed’.

056/15 Fairfield Recreation Ground – Play Area

Cllr. Jones advised Council of the recent site meeting with Wicksteeds the equipment suppliers and installers. The meeting was to review the condition of the surface which was showing signs of ageing. Council approved the purchase of 2 patch repair kits from Wicksteeds for £122. The tarmac perimeter required moss removal and a general tidy up. In addition moss was also growing on parts of the specialist surface and this would need careful treatment to remove. Council approved requesting that the Fairfield parish gardener be approached to carry out these works. Cllrs. Jones and Roberts would handle the surface repair works.

057/15 Annual Parish Meeting

Council noted that the Chairman would be inviting Belbroughton Horticultural Society, Crafteria, Dial-a-Ride, Wildmoor Residents Association and Fairfield W.I. to the meeting on 30th March 2015.

058/15 The Green Belbroughton

Council noted that the Council’s solicitor had now advised the Developer’s solicitor of the Council’s Heads of Terms for a Deed of Easement. The Terms having had been approved at the extraordinary Council meeting of 26th January 2015. The clerk advised that the Developer’s solicitor had not yet responded. Council noted that it was not minded to call future extraordinary meetings to discuss the Heads of Terms and would assess the position again at the next council meeting in March.

059/15 Jobsfair Bromsgrove

Council declined a request by the M.P. to display the advertising material for his event. Voting for not displaying 8, for displaying 2, abstaining 1. Council while in favour of events promoting job availability felt that it must not be seen to be promoting any political party or politician and the advertising format was not felt to deal with that issue. In addition the Council display boards were to be used for Council business. The clerk was asked to write to the M.P. advising of the decision

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060/15 Councillor Items

Cllr. Pawley requested a future council consider further tree works at Sylvester’s Corner.

Cllr. Pawley advised that the promised sign for the cul-de-sac at Pinchers Close had still not been erected. The clerk would chase B.D.C.

Cllr. Hood requested that soundproofing was requested at The Barton Room since there was a great deal of noise from the main Village Hall during meetings. The clerk would enquire.

Cllr. Hood advised that he would chase W.C.C. regarding their long standing promise to repair the speed warning sign in Bell Heath.

Cllr. Margetts advised that Severn Trent had yet to repair the verges outside Woodgate Way Belbroughton following the pipeworks improvements. The Clerk would chase again.

Cllr. Ince advised that the siting of a grit bin at Snuff Hill Fairfield was not appropriate and wishes to see if it could be re-sited. The clerk would investigate.

Cllr. Green requested that future Council discuss procedures when planning applications are received.

Cllr. Dalziel requested a future Council reviews the format of future council minutes.

The Meeting was closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed Chairman