

# Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

At 7.30 pm in Beoley Village Hall

## **Attendees:**

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

Before the meeting got underway, parish resident Manoj Parma approached to discuss the planning application for his property, which has been rejected by Bromsgrove District Council.

The application for the property at Three Oaks, Billesley Lane, Portway has been refused on the grounds that it has previously been extended and is located within the green belt. Beoley Parish Council raised no objections to the application. The Chairman advised Mr Parma to make contact directly with the council planning officer, ask neighbours to write in support (if they are in support) and if needs be, approach the District Councillor June Griffiths.

1. **Apologies**

Received from Cllr Joynes and Cllr Morgan.

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

None given.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The following corrections were noted:

- Mis-spelling of Cllr Hall under section 11 Finance
- Amount paid to Cllr Hall was £273.86

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

None received. The Chairman confirmed he had been in contact with Cllr Griffiths and given options to speak about fostering at a future meeting or the AGM in May and is waiting for a date to be confirmed.

6. **Path Warden's report**

Noted that no report expected at this time of year.

7. **Lengthsman's report**

Noted nothing to report.

8. **Matters Arising**

**Footpaths:** Cllr Luck requested an update regarding the condition of the footpath from the church to Icknield Street.

**Action:** Chairman to contact Cllr Griffiths for an update.

**Hillside:** The Chairman reiterated the decision from the last parish council meeting whereby the planning sub-committee would meet in-between parish meetings if any significant changes to the Hillside planning application were made. Following the submission of a plan and drawing to the application, the parish council have again raised an objection, as previous concerns raised have not been addressed. In the meantime, it has been noted that the Conservation Officer has objected on account of green belt land. The Chairman raised a concern about possible next steps of the landowner, should planning continue to be refused, and noted that a condition or clause cannot be applied to the so called phase 2 land preventing future development as conditions may only be applied to land included in the current application. Cllr Luck pointed out that the position of the proposed development is on one of the most dangerous points in the village and that county highways should perhaps be involved.

It was proposed by Cllr Luck that all discussion regarding Hillside be shelved unless a new application is put forward – currently much time is spent at meetings attempting to predict what may happen to the land. A vote was taken: Cllrs Bland, Merrell, Hall, Brown and Luck in favour and Cllr Barry against shelving all discussion of Hillside unless a revised planning application is received. Vote carried.

**Brass plaque from village hall bench:** noted that Cllr Merrell currently has this for cleaning. **Action:** to be passed to the Chairman to be fixed to the bench.

**Newspapers report:** Cllr Luck confirmed nothing to report on the Greater Birmingham matter but will continue to monitor.

**Parking:** The Chairman advised that he had been contacted by a parishioner regarding an anonymous letter received about parking at Moss Lane Close. As the letter was anonymous, all agreed no action could be taken. This prompted further discussion about the dangerous parking in the lay-by at Beoley Lane. It was suggested that as the lay-by is privately owned, a similar parking sign to the one next to the old post office could be placed – parking limited to 2 hours. All agreed that whilst difficult to enforce it may act as a deterrent and also allow the parish council the authority to place a notice on the windscreen of any offending vehicles. **Action:** The Chairman will establish who the owner is of the lay-by and with their agreement, organise a limited parking sign.

#### 9. **Correspondence and consultations**

The clerk reported a representative has been invited to attend a holocaust remembrance event; an introduction has been made by the new Rural and Business Crime Co-ordinator. **Action:** Clerk to invite Rural and Business Crime Coordinator to speak at a future parish council meeting.

#### 10. **New Matters**

**HGV Application:** Cllr Luck presented a clipping from the local newspaper regarding an application within the parish for a resident to keep an increased number of HGVs on site, and had established that this is in fact related to the Oaklands business premises. Cllr Luck noted that these applications appear every nine months or so, further expanding the impact of Oaklands on local residents and that it was time the parish council raised this point with the appropriate county department. **Action:** Cllr Luck to draft a response.

**Beoley Manor:** It was brought to the council's attention that a member of the public had recorded high volumes of construction traffic in and out of Beoley Manor. **Action:** Chairman to investigate.

**Roundabout improvements:** The Chairman asked if anyone had noticed the work to the roundabout at the top of village. It is

hoped that the installation of a wooden railing will deter damage made by vehicles. Additional landscape improvements have also been made. All agreed that it is a vast improvement. **Action:** The Chairman to write to Dick Gardiner to thank him for work on roundabout, and to write and thank Chris Walford who looks after one of the planters for the village.

11. **Finance**

**Budget:** The Clerk noted that the council are missing the last few bank statements due to the clerk changeover and will chase with the bank. Cllr Merrell suggested that some savings could be made to the budget compared to last year. However, the Chairman proposed that grass cutting could be increased and Cllr Hall pointed out the increase in Best Frontage costs as part of the annual garden competition. Cllr Barry proposed that the budget remains the same, seconded by Cllr Brown. **Action:** All agreed the budget to be reviewed in February as soon as the Clerk has obtained the missing bank statements. The Clerk is to write to Bromsgrove District Council and ask for an extension in submission of the precept until mid February.

£90.00	payable to Beoley Village Hall rent Nov/Dec/Jan
£54.70	payable to Worcs CALC for clerk training Nov 2015
£387.50	payable to K Dawe for Parish Clerk duties Nov/Dec and home office allowance.

12. **Planning**

**Brook Farm:** Application received this morning for converting barn buildings for commercial use at Brook Farm. **Action:** Cllr Brown to request more information.

13. **Items of Parochial Interest**

None given.

14. **Date of next meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

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

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