



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Catshill Village Hall

THURSDAY 25th Nov 2021, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs B McEldowney (Chair), P Baker, B Laniosh,
P Masters, T Gillespie, J Alderson, G Blackmoor, A Jilani

In attendance: Clerk – Carol Blake

Apologies – Cllr I Hooper, Cllr Till

Members not present: M Johnson, S Osman

21/11-01 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

21/11-02 To receive apologies from any Member unable to attend

Cllr Hooper and Cllr Till sent apologies.

21/11-03 Open Forum

3.1 Members of the Public

No members of the public were present.

3.2 Speakers for Smart Water project.

Lily Hughes and Frank Bridgewater presented details regarding the above which they felt would aid crime prevention and crime reduction in the area if the Council went ahead. The normal price for Smart Water is £25 each kit but PC would be able to purchase for £8.90 plus VAT. PC would need to register the kits and a minimum of 50 kits would be required if agreed to go ahead. The chairman thanked Lily and Frank and said that the Parish Council would formulate their own criteria and it will be discussed by Council in the next FPC in January as to what is decided and the way forward.

3.3 Worcestershire County Council member for Woodvale Division

Cllr Webb informed members that Richard Clewer from Highways is leaving next week, he will be replaced but, in the meantime, to report any issues to Cllr Webb.

Community Builder for the area has now been appointed, she will be attending the Catshill Can promotion which is taking place on 8th December in the Village Hall between 12 and 3, this will be promoted on Facebook nearer the time.

Cllr Laniosh highlighted the lack of litter bin on Byron Way, After a lengthy discussion **it was agreed** that Cllr Laniosh would send the information to Cllr Webb as it seems the location of the bin is now unclear.

Cllr
Laniosh

3.4 Bromsgrove District Councillors for North Catshill, South Catshill and Marlbrook Wards.

No representative present

3.5 Any other community representative

None present.

21/11-04 Declarations of Interest

None received

21/11-05 To re- open the meeting Parish Councillors and the Executive Officer may only speak from this point forward

21/11-06 Dispensations

No member had submitted a request for dispensation to any agenda item.

21/11-07 Approval of Minutes of previous council meeting and previous matters arising

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the previous Full Parish Council meeting held 28/10/2021 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

21/11-08 Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed members of the various meetings he had attended during the month. He expressed his thanks to Cllr Gillespie, Cllr Osman and Cllr Hooper for sorting out the Christmas tree, collecting it, erecting it and decorating it.

Councillors were again encouraged to regularly manage their Parish Council email accounts, as some had recently exceeded their allocated limit. Some councillors had suggested that the

limits be increased. The chair suggested that if the accounts were regularly checked and viewed, and emails and attachments were either deleted or saved onto external folders, then the current limit should be adequate.

8.1 Committees to be agreed for Cllr Jilani to attend – It was agreed that Cllr Jilani will be added to Planning Committee and Finance Committee in the future.

8.2 Grant for Village Hall floor – A grant request has been received to request help to fund the village hall floor which will cost approx £6000. Members would like more details on this as they feel the floor is fit for purpose and need more time to discuss so agreed to add it to January's agenda for further discussion. In the meantime, the clerk will scan details of the grant application to all for review.

8.3 Helen Pryce and objections from Oak Rd Update – Some residents from Oak Rd had objected to a bench being put on their road, they felt it would entice anti-social behaviour and therefore Helen Pryce has withdrawn her request for the bench after being made aware of concerns expressed by some local residents and has received a refund of £400 that she originally provided to the Parish towards the cost of the bench.

8.4 Christmas events – No update from Cllr Osman had been received.

It was agreed that Cllr Jilani would attend the lights switch on and help out. The event will be live on Facebook.

21/11-09 Clerk's report on delegated actions, update and list of communications

General Correspondence received:

Weekly CALC updates; weekly BDC planning lists, WCC road works lists and reports,

9.1 Remembrance Day comments - The clerk reported that she had received many compliments on the lovely Remembrance Day service from some of those residents who had attended. **It was agreed** to add discussion of the service to January's agenda as Cllr Hooper was not in attendance at this meeting.

21/11-10 10.1 The payments and receipts report to 20/11/2021 was received and noted.

The council's accounts spreadsheet for Nov 2021 was circulated.

An excerpt from the council's accounts spreadsheet for Nov had been sent along with the bank reconciliation to 20/11/2021, it is as follows:

Bank Reconciliation as at 20/11/2021		
Opening Cash Book balance		£86,117.87
Add receipts between 1 April - 20 Nov 2021	73,138.03	
Less payments between 1 April - 20 Nov 2021	-41,634.03	
Cashbook balance at 20 Nov 2021		£117,621.87
Bank statements at 20 Nov 2021		
Unity Trust Bank	125,541.83	
Soldo Card	39.79	
Less unpresented cheques, as list below	7,959.75	
Bank balances at 20 Nov 2021		£117,621.87

21/11-11 Items for Discussion

11.1 Natural Networks Programme update Barley Mow Gardens

It was agreed that Cllr Laniosh would set up a small working group to oversee this project. The group would include Ian Prust (representing NWWA) and members of the PC, Cllr Laniosh, Cllr Paul Masters and possibly others from the Environment & Highways Committee. Cllr Laniosh will also contact the Junior Councillors group for some informal feedback. A meeting will be set up for January in the Village Hall.

11.2 Junior Councillors logo – Cllr Laniosh has contacted Catshill Middle School to update them on logo choice.

11.3 Update regarding Solar Lights – Clerk will contact Cllr Osman for an update.

11.4 Budget Figures for 2022/2023 To agree draft budget for 2022/2023 and thereby agree precept of £52021 per annum (document already sent) – The budget plan for 2022/23 had been sent and the precept identified for ratification at this council meeting. The document was discussed.

It was reviewed and agreed to accept the Precept and Budget for 2022/2023 as recommended

11.5 Planning Applications on website It was agreed to initially discuss at next Planning Committee meeting and then report results to FPC.

21/11-12 Committee and Representatives Report

12.1 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group No update

12.2 Environmental and Highways No update

12.3 Whitford Vale and Perryfields Development – Cllr Jilani asked for more details on the site and how many houses etc were being built. He was advised to look at the Planning Portal for in depth details.

12.4 Planning Committee Cllr Gillespie reported about 20 Woodrow Lane. There is no information forthcoming from Bromsgrove Planning Dept as the issue is currently under investigation so cannot be commented on because of this.

12.5 Finance and Staffing Committee Cllr Baker updated previously point 11.4

12.6 Village Hall Management No update

12.7 Newsletter and Events Cllr Masters will be organising the Christmas lights switch on and streaming it on Facebook.

Meeting finished @ 21:20

21/11-13

Date and time of next meeting: FPC 27th January in the Village Hall @ 19:00

Excerpt from Nov 2021 spreadsheet:

Nov-21						
Talk Talk	v114	Office phone and broadband - Oct 2021		44.45		44.45
O2	v115	office mobiles		13.20	2.20	11.00
Waterplus	v116	water at Ivy Cottage Gardens		19.62		19.62
EON	v117	Electricity at War Memorial		75.30	3.59	71.71
Allen Farnsworth	v118	Lengthsman Oct 2021		290.00		290.00
Meadowfields Ground Maintenance	v119	Maintain shrubs at gardens Oct 2022		237.60	39.60	198.00
SLCC	V120	CILCA fees		410.00		410.00
SLCC	V121	Membership Fee		166.00		166.00
Salaries for Nov	v122	LP salary Nov 2021		864.17		177.60
Clr Ian Hooper	V125	Bark for War Memorial		48.00	8.00	40.00
Worcestershire County Council	R10	Lengthsman sept 2021	238.00			
Helen Pryce	R11	Donation towards bench on Oak Rd	400.00		-	-
Reddi Light Ltd	V126	2 Solar path lights		3,240.00	540.00	2,700.00
Catshill Baptist Church	V127	COVID Walk Promotion		349.15		349.15
Bromsgrove Printing Co	V128	250 Remembrance Service Sheets		60.00		60.00
Helen Pryce	V129	Donation refund for bench on Oak Rd		400.00		400.00
Daren Lacey	v130	Wreath		23.00		23.00
Catshill Village Hall	v131	Yearly rental of office		1,391.83		1,391.83
Plantscape	V132	Winter planting at Ivy Cottage		480.00	80.00	400.00
Soldo Card -Microsoft monthly fee	V133	Monthly fee		7.99		7.99
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			638.00	8,128.30	673.39	6,768.34
		Total for year to 31/03/2021	73,138.03	41,634.03	3,924.63	37,022.83