



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Catshill Village Hall

THURSDAY 28th July 2022, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs B McEldowney (Chair), P Masters, P Baker,
B Laniosh

In attendance: Clerk – Carol Blake

Apologies – Cllr S Osman, J Till

Members not present: G Blackmoor,

22/07-01 **Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting

22/07-02 **To receive apologies from any Member unable to attend**

Cllr Osman and Cllr Till sent their apologies.

22/07-03 **Open Forum**

3.1 Members of the Public

No members of the public were present

3.2 Worcs County Councillor for the Woodvale Division.

Cllr Webb updated members on her involvement in a pop-up stall that took place in Bromsgrove this week, the idea of the stall was to reach out to residents who do not use social media and miss local information, it was felt that this was a great success. Household Support Funding was promoted at the event to try and help residents struggling with the current cost of living crisis.

A dementia meeting centre located at Crabtree Court, off Broad Street has an open day next week and transport can be provided for those residents who are interested in visiting it. The dementia cafes will also be re-opening in Catshill and Rubery libraries.

A meeting is to be held at 10:00 on Saturday at the Cemetery in Barley Mow Lane to discuss the footpaths in the area and what areas need to be concentrated on to help tidy them up.

Cllr Laniosh expressed his thanks to Cllr Webb for the equipment funding of £1300 for the Footpaths Working Group

3.3 Bromsgrove District Councillors for North Catshill, South Catshill and Marlbrook Wards

No update received

3.4 Any other community representative

No update.

22/07-04 Declarations of Interest

None received

22/07-05 To re- open the meeting Parish Councillors and the Executive Officer may only speak from this point forward

22/07-06 Dispensations

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

22/07-07 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 30/06/2022. The Chairman then duly signed the minutes.

22/07-08 Chairman's Report

The Chairman updated members on the various meetings he had attended during the month.

8.1 Update on Project Officer vacancy – Cllr McEldowney updated members on the Project Officer vacancy situation. Tiffany Chen has declined the offer to appoint her to this post as she is having issues trying to obtain her work visa. A meeting with the NSPG has now been arranged for 16th August to discuss how and where would be best to advertise for this vacancy to obtain the best results.

It was agreed that after the NPSG meeting has taken place a Finance and Staffing meeting with representation from NPSG is to be arranged to discuss and review the post itself.

8.2 Chatty Bench location – **It was agreed** that an article would be included in the next newsletter to explain what a chatty bench is and to use the Ivy Cottage Garden area to update/install the first one. Cllr McEldowney will contact suppliers to get the bench installed and Cllr Laniosh agreed to help source suppliers if required.

8.3 Creation of new Planning, Env and Highways Committee - **It was agreed** that as there are now so few Parish Councillors, that the Planning, Environmental and Highways Committees will be amalgamated to help make them quorate. It will be decided at the initial Committee meeting who will Chair the Committee.

It was Agreed that the Finance and Staffing Committee will remain as a separate committee.

22/07-09 Finance

9.1 The payments and receipts report to 20/07/2022 was received and noted.

The council's accounts spreadsheet for July 2022 was circulated. An excerpt from the council's accounts spreadsheet for July had been sent along with the bank reconciliation to 20/07/2022, it is as follows:

Bank Reconciliation as at 20/07/2022		
Opening Cash Book balance		£105,685.54
Add receipts between 1 April - 20 June 2022	26,250.50	
Less payments between 1 April - 20 June 2022	-23,929.29	
Cashbook balance at 20 June 2022		£108,006.75
Bank statements at 20 June 2022		
Unity Trust Bank	114,087.86	
Soldo account	11.64	
Less unpresented cheques, as list below	6092.75	
Bank balances at 20 July 2022		£108,006.75

22/07-10 Items for Discussion

10.1 Skate Park update – No update was provided but a request in the future for funding will be made to help with the costs.

10.2 Footpath working party equipment funding – Cllr Laniosh is working with 2 other parishes as part of the Footpaths group and has requested funding from each. Cllr Webb has agreed to fund £1300. **It was agreed** that the Parish council would fund up to £200.00 to help with the purchase of equipment.

- 10.3 VAS solar funding– It was agreed** to fund £300.00 to purchase a solar attachment for the VAS camera purchased by the Parish Council.
- 10.4 YMCA funding discussion** – In principle it was agreed to spend approx. £1200 on YMCA from the funding received from a grant last year. The Clerk will clarify with Cllr Webb what this will be spent on.
- 10.5 Recruiting new councillors** – **It was agreed** to include an item in the newsletter as there has been no response from the article put onto social media last month.

Committee and Representatives Report

22/07-11

- 11.1 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** – Nothing to report.
- 11.2 Finance and Staffing Committee** – Nothing to report
- 11.3 Newsletter – Cllr Masters** – All articles need to be submitted by this week for submission into the next newsletter.
- 11.4 Village Hall Report** – Owen Sweeting has stepped down as Chairman and Andrew Bate has been elected as the new Chairperson for the Village Hall.
- 11.5 Natural Networks Project** – Cllr Laniosh is awaiting Cllr Osman to arrange a meeting with Cllr Webb for the project to move forward

Meeting finished @ 20:42

Date and time of next meeting: 29th September 2022 @ 19:00

