



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL
GOLDEN CROSS LANE, CATSHILL, B61 0JZ
THURSDAY 28th JULY 2011, 7.30PM

Present : Councillors G Witcomb (Chairman) F Cook (Vice-Chairman) G Blackmoor
A Kelly M Tingle

In attendance : County Councillor Sheila Blagg
District Councillors J Brogan, Brian Cooper and J Ruck
1 member of the public
Clerk - G Lungley

11/07-01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Baker , P Masters and M Shephard

11/07-02 Co-options

Members agreed to co-opt Stephen Haynes to represent the Catshill Village Ward; it was agreed to defer his acceptance of office.

11/07-03 Declarations of Interest

None

Cllr Stephen Haynes arrived and took his seat at the council table.

11/07-04 Previous Minutes

It was agreed to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 30/06/2011 following the addition to minute no. 11/06-10 of 'discussion of Parish Plan actions was postponed to the next meeting'.

11/07-05 Open Forum

A member of the public asked about -

- 1) the footway obstruction (harris netting across the pavement) on Golden Cross Lane near to the BDC short-stay car park; Mrs Blagg responded to the question.
- 2) The culvert at the top of Church Road needs constant monitoring – is this being done?

11/07-06 Reports from County and District Representatives

County Councillor Sheila Blagg (Woodvale division) had provided a written report (circulated) and added the results of the Church Lane traffic survey had been provided to the parish council clerk. SB responded to questions about the WCC proposal to provide grit bins to parish councils.

District Councillor John Ruck (Marlbrook Ward) reported on recent attendance at planning training on the draft district core strategy and the excellent staff relationship with Redditch Borough Council; also the intention to impose parking restrictions on Lydiate Ash road. Through involvement with CAB is currently seeing many debt problems being dealt with.

District Councillor Brian Cooper (Marlbrook Ward) reported on 1) the intention of the council leader to apologise to residents for the state of Marlbrook Tip and 2) involvement with two task groups looking at recreation and bus services.

District Councillor James Brogan (Catshill Ward) was welcomed to his first parish council meeting; he reported on the intention to provide a written monthly report and membership of the district's overview and scrutiny committee, the audit board and the Arts Trust. JB attended the BDC planning committee's meeting that turned down the application for 5 new houses in Chadcote Way (ref. 11/0182) and the recent BDC training on the district core strategy; receives regular updates from the Catshill Marshes Action Group and although not held any surgeries he has visited residents via contact with CSO. JB has requested two benches for the play area at Shelley Close.

Cllr G Blackmoor's question about the 'Trunk' and whether Catshill is to benefit from a similar service was answered by county councillor Sheila Blagg. SB also mentioned parking bollards are to be placed on the service road in Golden Cross Lane.

Open Forum ended and the meeting resumed. The County and District representatives and the member of the public left the meeting.

11/07-07 Chairman's report

This was circulated for members to read. The death of Marjorie Davies had been recorded and she would be remembered through the continuation of the M and C Club.

11/07-08 Clerk's update and list of correspondence received not otherwise mentioned

The Clerk provided a list of communications received and retained for view including the new anti-dog fouling campaign 'mucky pup', the district council's quarterly newsletter 'Together Bromsgrove' and a flyer for the new auction house in Golden Cross Lane.

11/07-09 Reports from Committees and Representatives

- a) Planning Committee Meeting held 14/07/2011; the next committee meeting would record support for FC to represent the parish council when the BDC planning committee meets to decide on the Cala Homes application (ref. 11/0343). GB declared her intention to withdraw from the parish council's planning committee.
- b) Finance and Staffing Committee Meeting held 14/07/2011; members were looking at the clerk's job evaluation, the provision of staff pensions and amendment to the Investment Policy.

It was agreed, subject to procedural requirements, to join the Local Government Pension Scheme at a cost of c.£1,200 pa.

It was agreed to amend the Investment Policy to allow delegation of the decision to invest to the Finance and Staffing Committee meeting in public.

- c) CPRE, Bromsgrove branch – the recent meeting agreed to press BDC to look more closely at the predicted future housing numbers; CPRE are now aware of the Cala Homes application in Catshill.
- d) BDC Planning Training on draft District Core Strategy Attended by GW and FC this touched on how the housing figures for the future were obtained.
- e) No other reports

11/07-10 Parish Plan

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and the committee will meet again in a few weeks' time.

The Parish Plan actions were discussed as attached.

It was agreed FC, AK and SH would meet to discuss how to proceed with publication and marketing of the plan.

Point of order: being 9.30pm members agreed to continue for another 30 minutes.

11/07-11 Relationship with Worcestershire County Council / Worcestershire Agreement

It was agreed to respond to the consultation document as attached.

11/07-12 Lydiate Ash Road parking restrictions

It was agreed to respond to WCC's consultation regarding car parking in Lydiate Ash Road; members support the principle of car-sharing and would not want to see further restrictions (except where parking may be dangerous or hazardous to other road users) which may result in 'nuisance' parking nearby.

11/07-13 Planning application 11/0580

Log no 515, 562 Birmingham Road, Lydiate Ash B60 1HT: proposal is for a two-storey extension, new garage to the side of the house and associate internal alterations.
 Comment: There is no information on parking provision, otherwise no objection.

11/07-14 Financial Report The financial update was circulated and noted. Payments were signed.

11/07-15 Items for the next meeting Members were to inform the Clerk of items for next meeting.

11/07-16 Date, time and venue of next meeting 29/09/2011 at 7.30pm at Catshill Village Hall.

This meeting ended at 10.10pm

Signed Date.....
 Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 29/09/2011