



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 29th February 2012, 7.30pm
Bournheath Village Hall, Claypit Lane, Bournheath

- Present** Cllrs K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, B Lodge, M Millinchip, S Westwood
- In attendance** Clerk: Gill Lungley
- 12/02/01 Apologies** were accepted from H Feeney (domestic responsibilities)
- 12/02/02 Declarations of interest**
- There were no declarations of interest.
- 12/02/03 Public Participation / Question Time**
- No members of the public present were present.
- 12/02/04 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**
- County Councillor Sheila Blagg (SB) had sent apologies for not being able to attend and an update.
- 5-Ways Parish Hill/Dodford Road 'Give Way/Hazard Ahead' sign reported as being newly installed in an unobstructed position has no associated notice stating 'give way'; Clerk to seek clarity on the situation.
- 12/02/05 Police / Police And Community Together reports**
- None.
- Neighbourhood Watch**
- Additional names had been forwarded to local co-ordinator.
- An emergency NW meeting had been called at Avoncroft for the area co-ordinators to advise of no police co-ordinator cover and it would appear the system is currently suspended whilst the situation is considered.
- Next PACT meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st March 2012 at Bournheath Village Hall.
- 12/02/06 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King**
- It was reported that the hedge has been cut on PRoW 510 to great benefit and a start made on PRoW 511; believed to have been cut by WCC workers.
- Re PRoW 507 – it was reported Fairfield Road residents want to install a gate between their land and the recreation ground. It was agreed the Clerk is to provide the residents with contact details for BDC and WCC (Environment Services) and refer to PFW.
- 12/02/07 Minutes of previous meeting**
- The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held 25/01/2012 were approved and signed.

12/02/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May

Shed, Fairfield Road It had been pointed out that a new shed had appeared along with concerns that it was being lived in / could be used in the future as dwelling. The clerk will refer this to BDC planning dept.

Dodford Road Rectification is to be undertaken regarding the road drain that is connected to the sewer.

Dodford Road This road was not gritted during recent snowy weather and is not included on the 'blue list' due to the narrowness of the road and cars being parked on the road-side. Members discussed the two issues of 1) finding alternative parking for those without access to off-road parking, and 2) getting the road gritted. Members agreed 1) residents would not want to find alternative parking sites and 2) the cost of purchasing a gritter to be operated by the parish council, c£1300, would outweigh the benefit. The clerk is to ask WCC if the gritters/snow plough can attend to half of Dodford Road from Doctor's Hill and turn round in pub car park. The Chairman is to seek the advice of a local farmer as to whether they can assist with gritting when required if the parish council were to provide grit/salt and shovels.

Green Belt training SH and KM attended this event at BDC on 08/02/2012 and found it informative.

12/02/09 Progress Reports

- a) Village entrance flower troughs – it was believed that Bumble Hole Foods (BHF) had offered to provide flower troughs for the entrances to the village. Members approved this gift and the four sites for the troughs which are to be fixed to the village entrance signs. The Clerk advised that a WCC licence is required before the troughs can be installed and as the licence may be conditional (upon size/style) then the troughs should not be purchased until the licence is granted. Members asked the Clerk to advise them of the likely date the licence would be granted and if imminent then the Clerk is to proceed with the purchase and installation of the troughs. The Lengthsman is to be asked to top them up with water throughout the year. The Clerk is to update BHF.
- b) Christmas Tree lights – the Clerk had visited the site with a street lighting engineer to ascertain future arrangements. Members agreed the following:
 - The Clerk is to liaise with the Lengthsman to reseal the cabling between the two stands in proper manner at the correct depth and re-cement the centre post more securely; the Clerk to proceed as per delegated powers.
 - The Clerk to appoint the street lighting engineer to carry out the annual safety check and put the lighting onto the tree in November.
 - The Clerk to purchase two more sections of tree lights, via delegated powers.
- c) Wildmoor Notice board - On the understanding that Cllr S Hall has a mandate to make and install the notice board, the following items – rosewood upvc window and square poles - have been purchased costing £275. This amount has been paid by the parish council (min. no. 11/10/13 refers). The differences between the roles of councillor and clerk, and 'ultra vires' actions were discussed.
- d) Hawthorn hedging – This item was not discussed in detail as Cllr S Hall stated the hedging that was damaged along-side the recreation ground had already been replaced.
- e) Play equipment – the Clerk will provide catalogues for the next meeting.
- f) Newsletter – it was agreed to issue the annual newsletter in September and members were asked to provide all items to the Clerk for July. Articles would cover the gritting conundrum, council meetings not attended, not enough volunteers coming forward.

- 12/02/10 Planning**
- a) No new planning applications have been notified for the parish. It was noticed that non-material alterations at Valley Bungalow (11/1094) had been submitted to BDC which prompted members to ask about the tree surgery that was being carried out at that site; the Clerk will seek clarification from the planning officer.
 - b) Members were updated on the latest decisions made by BDC, as per planning log.
- 12/02/11 Lengthsman update**
- The Lengthsman had attended to Wildmoor Lane and to growth around telegraph poles.
- WCC had installed a new sign in Parish Hill to replace the obscured Give Way sign, but members were concerned that it was a blank inverted triangle with no wording and may therefore have no impact on drivers. The Clerk would follow this up with WCC.
- Members noted that restitution work had been carried out at Tuppenny Cake traffic island; the Clerk would send thanks to WCC Highways.
- 12/02/12 Bournheath Village Hall - Cllr KD**
- The committee has been pursuing quotations for roof insulation and seeking grants from Western Power and Community First, however specific logistical / physical circumstances need to be addressed before installation can take place.
- The new security lights to the front of the building have been installed (this paid for with grant from Parish Council).
- Gate closing has been going well lately; the committee continue to seek willing volunteers.
- KD had contacted BDC concerning the closing times at Sanders Park which opens at 8am daily and closes between 4pm and 9.30pm during the year, with a view to following suit. However it was thought that if the times change too often then it may cause confusion to visitors. The latest closing time during the summer will be 9.30pm.
- BDC have also been asked to help regarding improvements to the car park.
- 12/02/13 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF**
- HF not present.
- Residents of house next to M5 road bridge had been given a free night in a local hotel as respite from the noise of the recent motorway roadworks (central barrier improvements).
- 12/02/14 Future Dates**
- April Parish Council meeting - Due to the next County Parish Conference being held on 25/04/2012 (the last Wednesday of the month) it was agreed to hold the parish council meeting on Wednesday 2nd May; this will therefore be the Annual Parish Council meeting.
- Power of Well Being training – the previous date had been cancelled and alternative dates of either Weds 23rd May or 12th Sept were to be put to Richard Levett at WorcsCALC.
- Parish Online mapping event – at County Hall 14/03/2012 6pm. KM, KD, GL to attend at £7.50 each.
- County Parish conference – at County Hall 25/04/2012.
- 12/02/15 Neighbourhood Plan**
- The national situation relating to the production of Neighbourhood Plans is still unclear. A copy of the map showing the village envelope for Bournheath, as established in 2004, would be circulated. Members were keen to keep a tight envelope around the village due to the current inefficiencies of the sewerage system. This issue would be reviewed at September's parish council meeting.

12/02/16 Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Information on this subject had been circulated and was noted; it was believed that not many residents would be present or have the enthusiasm to participate in an event such as The Big Lunch.

12/02/17 Bromsgrove Town Heritage Initiative

The consultation paper was discussed. It was suggested that Spadesbourne Brook could be made a very nice part of the town plan with the inclusion of weirs and clearance of the water course; members would support improvement to the high street and agreed that more should be done to regenerate businesses. Parking fees should be reduced to encourage shoppers into the town.

Cllr B Lodge left, with apologies.

12/02/18 Joint Independent Remuneration Panel

The annual review was noted.

12/02/19 Correspondence

The clerk read out items of correspondence that had been received.

12/02/20 Finance

- a) It was agreed to re-appoint Diane Malley to undertake the independent internal audit; the books would be deposited with her on 20/04/2012 and returned 27/04/2012.
- b) The cheque payments and finance statement were agreed.
- c) An update on the insurance cover provided by Came & Co was circulated.

12/02/21 Items for next agenda, in addition to matters carried forward from above:-

- Bulk purchase of domestic heating oil (KM keeping list of those who may be interested)

12/02/22 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 28th March 2012, 7.30pm
PACT meeting on 21st March, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 10.10pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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