



Bournheath Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting held 19th June 2012, 7.30pm
Bournheath Village Hall, Claypit Lane, Bournheath

- Present Councillors** K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, B Lodge, M Millinchip, S Westwood
- In attendance** Member of the Public, Mrs S Price
Clerk: Gill Lungley
- 12/06/01 Apologies** Cllr H Feeney
- 12/06/02 Declarations of interest**
- Cllr K Drew declared an interest in agenda item 10(a) [**Planning**] as a neighbour to the application site
- 12/06/03 Public Participation / Question Time**
- Concerns about the condition of the property at the corner of Mill Lane / Wildmoor Lane were brought to the council's attention.
- 12/06/04 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports**
- County Councillor Sheila Blagg was not present but had provided a report that was e-mailed to members.
- No report had been received from District Councillor Brian Lewis.
- 12/06/05 Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports**
- No report.
- 12/06/06 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King**
- No update
- 12/06/07 Approval of minutes of meeting held 02/05/2012**
- The minutes of the Annual parish Council meeting held 02/05/2012 were agreed and signed.
- 12/06/08 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May**
- KM and SH had attended recent Bromsgrove Area CALC committee meeting addressed by Det. Insp. Shaw of West Mercia Police.
 - Following up on activity at Pinches Quarry and trying to contact WCC's relevant officer.
 - Following up drainage and sewer concerns with Severn Trent.
 - Contacting BDC on behalf of residents wishing to purchase land outside their homes.
 - Contacting Highways Agency regarding increase in noise from M5 following recent central barrier installation requesting fencing to absorb noise.

- f) Attendance at Standards Committee – parish councillor members on the District Standards Committee are no longer entitled to a vote; a new Members’ Code of Conduct is to be effective from 01/07/2012 with new requirement to show pecuniary interests relating to members’ spouse/partner. KM had written to the Prime Minister expressing concerns about this apparent intrusion into the lives of non-elected individuals.

12/06/09 Clerk’s Progress Reports

- a) Village entrance flower troughs – these have been received and will be affixed in place by Cllr S Hall, installation and related costs to be reimbursed.
- b) Christmas Tree lighting arrangements – no progress with lights. Concern was raised about the health of the Christmas tree (Tuppenny Cake).
- c) Wildmoor Notice board - A new site had been agreed following installation of a gateway at the originally intended site.
- d) Pinches Quarry – WCC officer is being asked to provide information relating to hours of use and the setting up of a residents’ committee. Currently residents are being asked to retain a log noting any excessive noise. Sheila Blagg is to also follow progress.
- e) Think Local consultation – not progressed.
- f) Bournheath Village Hall (BVH) and dates of future meetings – the clerk has been notified of BVH’s availability for the Parish Council’s July meeting (25/07/12, agreed) and it is available 29/08/12 but as the Clerk will not be available for that meeting it was agreed to not have a meeting in August. The BVH committee has been asked to reconsider their decision that prevents the Parish Council from meeting there on the last Wednesday of the month (the Parish Council have regularly met at the Village Hall on the last Wednesday of the month for the past 18 years). At the last BVH committee meeting members had deferred any decision regarding the Parish Council’s offer to pay for weekly hire of the hall to their meeting in July.
- g) Worcestershire Agreement – two initiatives have arisen from this Agreement as follows:
 - i) Electronic speed awareness signs; members are asked to identify sites for assessment by WCC highways officers. (The clerk is to find out about the parish speed review.)
 - ii) Information Business Systems basic training in information and communication technology. Members were not interested at this time.

12/06/10 Planning

- Interest: KD
- a) Cllr K Drew left the meeting for consideration of the following application.
12/0340 61 Fairfield Road, B61 9JL Proposed rear extension
 Parish Council comment: as the development is to the rear of the property and will have little impact on the area the parish council have no objection to the application.
- KD returned
- b) **12/0376** 82 Fairfield Road, B61 9JJ
 Formation of habitable rooms in roof space with rear dormer and two gable build-ups
 Parish Council comment: as the development is to the rear of the property and will have little impact on the area the parish council have no objection to the application.
 - c) **12/0426** 24 Fairfield Road, B61 9JN Single storey rear extension
 Parish Council comment: the applicant is known to all members as a volunteer assistant for upkeep of the parish footpaths, however as it is believed the neighbouring property has already benefited from a similar extension then members see no reason to object to this application.

- d) **12/0474** 25 Parish Hill, B61 9JH Proposed extension and improvements
Parish Council comment: as the development is to the rear of the property and will have little impact on the area the parish council have no objection to the application.

12/06/11 Bournheath Village Hall – Cllr KD

- (a) KD had been away recently but there had been no further Management Committee meetings since 16/05/2012. The discussion at the recent Annual Parish Meeting had shown the strength of community feeling against the Management Committee's decision that prevents the Parish Council from using the hall on the last Wednesday of the month. Since that meeting the Secretary has been asked for a copy of the Management Committee's constitution but neither she nor KD has a copy. The clerk is to write to the Management Committee requesting information.
- (b) The subject of the gate to the car park and playing field was raised at this point (brought forward from agenda item 15). The daily operation to open and close the gate relies on local volunteers working to a rota managed by KD. There have been problems recruiting volunteers but the gate is much appreciated by local residents who now feel safer due to a drop in the anti-social behaviour that took place on the car park in the evenings prior to the gate's installation. As the volunteers are owed a duty of care then the hours of opening and closing will be in line with their availability and capabilities. Having assessed the situation it is clear that the volunteers are prepared to close the gate no later than 18:00hrs. It is thought that local residents (the prime beneficiaries) wishing to use the playing field after this time will be able to walk to the site so will not require vehicular access to the car park. Village Hall hirers have been provided with a key to the gate and are expected to open it when arriving to use the hall and to lock up after use.

12/06/12 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF

The following was provided in writing:
Concerns about possible future inappropriate use of the field next to Whittings.
Arrangements have been made with Whittings as to where to put notice board.
Expansion of business units in Mill Lane is causing extra traffic in that area (includes a repair yard for vans and small lorries).
Residents have been asked to keep a note of any noise coming from Pinchers quarry site.

12/06/13 To consider provision of a grant to the Bromsgrove Citizens' Advice Bureau

It was agreed to provide a grant to Bromsgrove CAB of £75.00.

12/06/14 The new Code of Conduct for Members

Members had concerns about the new Code as required under the terms of the Localism Act 2011, as mentioned above, minute no. 12/06/08 (f). Members have yet to attend training on this subject and will re-consider this item at their next meeting.

12/06/15 The status of the gate to the Village Hall and playing field car park

As above, minute no. 12/06/11 (b).

12/06/16 Provision of community benefit

Members are to consider the adoption of a policy regarding the expenditure and retention of the council's funds.

12/06/17 Correspondence not otherwise mentioned

As per schedule provided by the clerk, including:

- a copy of a letter to County Councillor S Blagg from Hagley PC regarding local policing;
- invitation to Fly a Flag ceremony 25/0/2012 at Bromsgrove DC;
- Community First Newslines;
- Clerks and Councils Direct.

12/06/18 Finance

- To be advised of new charges for hire of Bournheath village hall. **It was agreed** to write to the Village Hall committee in response to the Treasurer's e-mail advising of new hire charges. The Village Hall committee would also be asked to display a list of hire charges on their notice board.
- To note the comments made by parishioner following review of annual audit. Comments relating to the village hall gate have been dealt with in minute no. 12/06/11(b); other comments related to the Lengthsman (requirement to seek alternative quotes from time to time); the purchase of dog-waste bags and non-use of the playing field bag dispensers (bags are not compatible); and the Parish Council's apparent lack of adequate consideration when consulted on planning applications. All comments were noted.
- To be advised of the new External Auditor for 2012/13 and future years – the Audit Commission have appointed Grant Thornton UK LLP. Members were not aware of any conflict of interest.
- To be advised of the current financial situation. This was noted.
- To agree payments as per schedule. **It was agreed** to approve payments.

12/06/19 Items for next agenda, in addition to matters to be carried forward from above:-

Parish Newsletter – to include item on Participatory Budgeting, arising from minute no. 12/06/16.
Parish Welcome Pack – to be advised of progress.

Parish Information

The recent death of Laurence Randle was reported; members wished to send their condolences to his family.

A new landlord has taken over at the New Inn.

12/06/20 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 25th July 2012, 7.30pm at Bournheath Village Hall.

This meeting ended at 10.00pm

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Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council

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Date