

# **Bournheath Parish Council**

# Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 7.30pm Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

**Councillors** K May (Chairman), S Hall (Vice-chairman), K Drew, H Feeney, B Lodge,

**present** M Millinchip, S Westwood

In attendance Clerk: Gill Lungley

13/01/01 Apologies None

13/01/02 Declarations of interest

Cllr M Millinchip – Disclosable personal interest (DPI) in agenda item 14, as resident in parish.

13/01/03 Dispensations

Dispensations were granted at the last meeting to all members with a DPI regarding setting of the precept which would be valid to May 2015.

13/01/04 Public Participation / Question Time

None.

13/01/05 Woodvale Ward Representative Reports

**S Blagg, County Councillor** – had provided a written report that was circulated to members.

13/01/06 Police / PACT and Neighbourhood Watch reports

The Police and Crime Commissioner's draft police and crime plan and precept options would be circulated to members.

Neighbourhood Watch updates were circulated by e-mail between members.

13/01/07 Parish Footpath Warden (PFW), Warren King

BDC's tree officer had been alerted to unauthorised tree work on the path between Mill Lane and Top Road, Wildmoor and was trying to find out what had happened.

WK would be asked if he is happy to continue in the role of PFW.

13/01/08 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28/11/2012

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28/11/2012 were agreed and signed.

13/01/09 Chairman's Report – Cllr Karen May (KM)

<u>Christmas Carols</u> KM thanked all for their support of the carol singing at Tuppenny Cake on Friday  $7^{th}$  December 2012 followed by mince-pies and mulled wine at the Village Hall. Members agreed to make this a permanent event and this year it would take place on Friday 13/12/2013. Arrangements for participants and live music would be made in due course.

<u>Veolia, Sandy Lane</u> Veolia are likely to submit a planning application for the import and treatment of 'incinerator bottom ash' and a drop-in session for residents has been arranged for Friday 18/01/2013, 15:30 – 19:30hrs. KM has attended a meeting of Wildmoor Residents Association to discuss the subject and hopes to meet with Severn Trent representatives to discuss the implications on the existing infrastructure.

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<u>Wildmoor Quarry</u> Change of owner noted. <u>Christmas Tree Lights</u> These have now been turned off; Cllr SH thanked for his help.

### 13/01/10 Clerk's Progress Reports

- a) <u>Dog-waste bag dispensers</u>: Cllr SH had installed the two new dispensers on the playing field; BDC had been advised that they will be regularly maintained.
- b) <u>Lengthsman's work schedule</u>: To include attention to the ditch opposite the Nailers Arms. WCC have not yet confirmed the scheme is to continue 2013/14; members keen to continue due to flood risk in the parish. (Purchase of lockable dry storage unit suggested for sand bags to be used in flood emergencies part of emergency plan).
- c) <u>Spring bulbs:</u> Dead tree on Tuppenny Cake to be removed (Cllrs SH, SW), and stump ground. Replacement tree of Norway spruce suggested, possible donation.
- d) <u>Local Government Boundary Commission consultation</u>: this parish council had responded with a query on the projected number of electors in the Woodvale ward by 2018, as despite no changes to the ward area there was a projected increase of 500 electors over the next 5 years.
- e) <u>Pinches Quarry</u> To seek an update on this site via BDC enforcement officer. Cllr HF to contact BDC Hub with concerns about the state of Wildmoor Lane at the entrance to the quarry due to the amount of mud being washed off the site.
- f) Bulk oil purchase KM has been reviewing this.
- g) <u>Roadside benches</u> Members agreed they would like to replace the benches on a rolling programme of renewal and are to view catalogues and examples from around the district.
- h) Items carried forward: Revision of Standing Orders

#### 13/01/11 Planning

a) To review applications received since last meeting:

Plan ref.	Address	Proposal			
13/0017 AIRU	Meadow View, Wildmoor Lane, B61 oRE	Detached garage loft conversion			
PC comment: The parish council is mindful that the property has been extended in the past but					
has no objection to the application.					

- b) <u>Updates</u> Members were updated on BDC decisions to previous applications, as per planning log and including 12/0666 (Housmans extension) permission granted, 12/0692 (Badgers Bank Farm removal of agricultural occupancy condition) permission refused.
- c) Enforcements Mount Pleasant: it had been suggested that the parish council might contribute to the cost of hedging/screening of this property on the corner of Wildmoor Lane/Mill Lane. Members were not in favour of this action as the screening would not remove the problem of the dilapidated building and alleged vermin and pollution of the ground from the decaying vehicles. It was thought this is an environmental health issue.

## 13/01/12 Wildmoor report – Cllr HF

Road works at Top Road and Wildmoor Lane has covered the roads in grit and is creating a skid hazard; HF would contact WCC Hub. Recent bad weather has caused a lot of mud to create a similar hazard on Wildmoor Lane by the quarry.

## 13/01/13 Bournheath Village Community Centre

Cllr KD reported.

A new management committee had been elected on 30/11/2012 after all previous trustees had stood down and KD is now Chairman of the management committee. The Parish Council was asked about use of the premises and members confirmed Wednesday evening as the preferred time. The management committee are considering all options and have much to do to rectify the situation created by the previous trustees.

There is a new e-mail address (bournheathvillage@yahoo.co.uk) and a presence on Facebook.

**It was agreed** to appoint Cllr K Drew as the parish council's representative on the Bournheath village community centre management committee.

### 13/01/14 Budget for 2013/14

It was agreed to accept the budget proposal.

It was agreed to retain the same level of precept as for the past year.

The actual amount would be calculated following receipt of information from BDC relating to changes to the council tax benefit system and government grants to BDC to cover 90% of the shortfall, which may or may not be passed on to the parish council. An explanation would be included in the next parish council newsletter.

#### 13/01/15 Correspondence

- Peter Came & Co insurance update (December 2012)
- Unity Trust Bank In Unity newsletter;
- BDC Civic Head of Council invitation to "a lively evening of swinging Jazz" 25/01/13
- BDC LGBT History Month 2013 programme of activities
- British red cross annual request for funds to support local services
- Worcs CALC weekly updates

# 13/01/16 Finance:

- a) Details of the current financial situation were circulated.
- b) Members agreed to payments as per schedule.

#### 13/01/17 Items for next agenda: items for consideration at next meeting to include –

- a) New tree for Tuppenny Cake
- b) Veolia, Sandy Lane Fairfield incinerator bottom ash facility update
- c) Future meetings venue
- d) Replacement benches

This meeting ended at 10.55pm.

- e) Meeting with Severn Trent representative
- f) Date of Annual Parish Meeting

#### 13/01/18 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 27'''	February 2013, 7.30	pm at Bournheath	ı Village Community	Centre

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