



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 25 February 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Edwin Gumbley, Doreen Hawkley, Charles Hotham, John Jagger (Chair) and Susan Whitehand.

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer), District Councillor Richard Deeming.

Appendices: The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda;
- the following enclosures:
 - A. Draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee dated 4 February 2013;
 - B. Planning applications and decisions between 5 January 2013 and 18 February 2013;
 - C. Village Assessment report as at 6 February 2013;
 - D. RFO reports for January and February 2013;
 - E. Proposed changes to the parish council website
 - F. Report on CPRE activities.

112/12 **Apologies**

The apologies of Cllrs Rachel Banner and Alun Davies were received and accepted. The apologies of County Councillor Peter McDonald and District Councillor Stuart Dudley were received.

113/12 **Declarations of Interest**

The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted. Parish Council dispensations dated 26 November 2012 apply. No other interests were declared by Parish Council Members.

114/12 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting dated 7 January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting



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115/12 Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked councillors for their work in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan consultations and the detailed footway survey.

116/12 District Councillors' and County Councillor's question and answer session

Cllr Deeming confirmed that traffic enforcement officers will be employed throughout the District Council area with effect from May 2013.

Cllr Deeming was asked to enquire about the decision making process which resulted in Oakdene Drive being resurfaced when roads such as Aqueduct Lane are in far greater need of attention.

Cllr Deeming indicated that the land identified by Bromsgrove District Council to assist with Redditch District Council's desire to build outside their area had been deemed unsuitable.

117/12 Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting dated 4 February 2013 (Enclosure A) were received.

118/12 Infrastructure

(a) Planning and Conservation

(i) The report on planning applications and decisions made by the District Council's Planning Committee (Enclosure B) were received.

Councillors expressed disappointment that applications 12/0971 Lorrett and 12/1070 Exchange House had been approved.

(ii) The Chair reported on a site meeting dated 20 February with Jackie Boreham, the District Council Parks and Green Space Recreation Officer, at which she indicated support for an application for section 106 monies to develop recreational facilities at Millennium Park and Parker's Piece.

(iii) It was agreed that discussion about the residential development of land on Fiery Hill Road be considered at a meeting of the Planning Working Group at 6.00pm on Friday 1 March 2013.

Cllr Hotham enquired whether his personal objection to the stopping up order on Fiery Hill Road would prevent his participation in the meeting.

It was agreed that all councillors be invited to attend, participate in discussion and vote.



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(b) Environment

- (i) Cllrs thanked Cllr Hotham for his work in canvassing the views of residents regarding the Redditch branch line enhancement project and adopted the report submitted to the Review Panel.
- (ii) Cllrs adopted the village assessment report (Enclosure C) prepared by Cllrs Banner, Hawkley and Hotham. It was agreed that the Council's priorities be communicated to Worcestershire County Council.
- (iii) The Chair reported on a meeting dated 11 February 2013 with Dave Kesterton, the District Council's Senior Improvement Officer. The Executive Officer was asked to make further contact to follow up his offer to assist with the clearing of pathways covered by snow or ice.

119/12 Community

Cllrs noted the difficult underfoot conditions during the recent spell of snow and ice and expressed the hope that discussions with Dave Kesterton would result in the provision of timely District Council assistance.

120/12 Governance

(a) Finance

It was agreed that:

- (i) the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for January and February 2013 (Enclosure D) be approved;
- (ii) a Fujitsu Scansnap ix500 scanner be purchased at a cost of approximately £325 + VAT;
- (iii) the investment of £26,080.53 in a Lloyds Bank Bond maturing on 7 August 2013 be approved;
- (iv) the bank mandate held by Lloyds Bank be varied to add the Executive Officer as an individual capable of accessing and issuing instructions regarding the Council's bank accounts but unable to sign cheques.

(b) Administration

It was agreed that consideration of changes to the Parish Council's website be referred to a meeting of the Communication Working Group. It was further agreed that Cllr Whitehand attend the Working Group.

(c) Reports of meetings

- (i) Cllrs agreed the following representation at forthcoming meetings:
 - 6 March: Bromsgrove CALC – Cllrs Jagger and Whitehand;



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- 19 March: CALC Financial Responsibilities Seminar – Cllrs Jagger and Hotham;
- 25 March: BDC briefing on bin collection changes – Cllr Jagger.

- (ii) Reports were received on the following meetings attended by councillors:
- St Andrews School Governors – Cllr Hotham's oral report was received;
 - Council for the Protection of Rural England – Cllr Whitehand's written report (Enclosure F) was received

121/12 Urgent Decisions taken since the last meeting
None taken.

122/12 Future Agenda Items
Report of Executive Officer's meeting with Dave Kesterton
Report of Communication Working Group

123/12 Date and Venue of Next Meeting
7.00pm on Monday 25 March 2013 at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

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Chairman

25 March 2013