



Barnt Green Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Rachel Banner, Alun Davies, 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 meeting dated 4 March 2013
 - B: Report of the Planning Working Group meeting dated 1 March 2013
 - C: Report of planning applications received and decisions taken under delegated powers
 - D: Report concerning application for section 106 monies
 - E: Report of meeting with Dave Kesterton, Senior Improvement Officer dated 20 March 2013
 - F: Report of meeting with Barnt Green Chuggers regarding the 2013 Fun Run dated 14 March 2013
 - G: Report of the Responsible Finance Officer
 - H: Report concerning 2013/14 Parish Council precept
 - I: Parish Council risk register
 - J: Parish Council asset register
 - K: Report of the Communications Working Group meeting dated 14 March 2013

124/12 Apologies

The apologies of District Councillor Stuart Dudley were received.

125/12 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.



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126/12 Minutes of the last meeting

It was requested that the words 'by Redditch District Council'. Be added at the end of the third paragraph of item 116/12.

The minutes of the meeting dated 25 February 2013, as amended, were approved and signed by the Chair.

No Parishioners attended the meeting

127/12 Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked councillors for their work in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan consultations, liaising with the Rail Inspectorate and finalising recommendations in connection with the Council's application for section 106 monies.

128/12 District Councillors' and County Councillor's question and answer session

Cllr Deeming advised he had received no reply to his enquiry as to why Oakdene Drive, as opposed to Aqueduct Lane, had been resurfaced.

Cllr Deeming provided each councillor with a document outlining proposals for Bromsgrove Civil Parking Enforcement. It was suggested that the author, Cllr Mike Webb, be invited to speak at a future meeting.

Cllr Deeming advised that he had seen the paper to be considered by the Parish Council in connection with the section 106 monies linked to the residential development of Fiery Hill Road and confirmed that both he, and Cllr Stuart Dudley, supported the proposals therein. Cllr Deming recommended that, if adopted by the Parish Council, the paper be forwarded to Jackie Boreham, the District Council's Parks and Green Space Recreation Officer.

Cllr Deeming advised he had received correspondence seeking his support for residents' parking permits in Oakdene Drive. Cllr Deeming was asked to advise the Parish Council about the procedure to be followed in order to introduce residents' parking.

129/12 Neighbourhood Plan

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



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130/12 Infrastructure

(a) Planning and Conservation

- (i) The report of the Planning Working Group meeting dated 1 March 2013 (Enclosure B) was received.
- (ii) Planning application 13/0121, to vary condition 4 of application 11/0741 for the residential development of Fiery Hill Road, was considered in conjunction with the District Council's reply to the Parish Council's concerns about the article 12 certificate underpinning application 11/0741.

It was RESOLVED that:

1. *the District Council's Chief Executive be notified that the Parish Council is referring the article 12 land ownership notification issues underpinning application 11/0174 to the Monitoring Officer;*
2. *an objection be lodged to application 13/0121;*
3. *the District Council be asked to defer any further consideration of application 13/0121 until the Monitoring Officer has considered the matter;*
4. *the Parish Council indicate to the District Council a willingness to meet and discuss with all interested parties, including Network Rail, how the traffic and car parking issues on Fiery Hill Road should be addressed;*
5. *the Parish Council's District and County Councillors be appraised of the Parish Council's concerns relating to applications 11/0741 and 13/0121;*
6. *an objection be lodged to the stopping-up order;*
7. *the Rail Inspectorate's attention be drawn to the issues associated with applications 11/0174 and 13/0121;*
8. *Network Rail's attention be drawn to the issues associated with applications 11/0174 and 13/0121.*

- (iii) The report on planning applications and decisions made by the District Council's Planning Committee (Enclosure C) was received and the proposed attitudes to new applications approved.
- (iv) Councillors considered a report (Enclosure D) making recommendations regarding the Parish Council's proposed application for section 106 monies.

It was RESOLVED that:

1. *the recommendations contained within Enclosure D be adopted;*



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2. a test light be installed at a cost of £330.80 (excl. VAT).

(v) Cllrs did not wish to register any community assets.

(b) Environment

(i) Cllr Hotham gave an oral report outlining progress with the Redditch branch line enhancement project. It was agreed that Barnt Green Parish Council should work co-operatively with Alvechurch Parish Council.

(ii) The report of the Executive Officer's meeting with the District Council's Senior Improvement Officer (Enclosure E) was received. It was agreed that the weekly waste collection service for the Parish Council office be renewed.

(iii) It was agreed that the current bin emptying cycle in Millennium Park be maintained and that arrangements be made to place the planter on Hewell Road back in its original position.

131/12 Community

Notes of a meeting dated 14 March with representatives from Barnt Green Chuggers (Enclosure F) describing arrangements for the proposed 2013 Barnt Green Fun Run were received.

Cllrs noted and approved the arrangements described. It was suggested that the beneficiaries be village-based institutions such as the school, scouts and guides and that consideration be given to district-wide charities.

Cllrs expressed their commitment to assisting with the Fun Run.

The Chair indicated that he would be happy to undertake any liaison with traders.

132/12 Governance

(a) Finance

It was agreed that:

(i) the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for March 2013 (Enclosure G) be approved.

(ii) the report outlining the District Council's actions in setting the 2013/14 parish precept (Enclosure H) be received and that the District Council be advised of the Parish Council's preference that no further action be taken.

(iii) the risk register (Enclosure I), as amended, be approved.

(iv) the asset register (Enclosure J), as amended, be approved.



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(b) Governance

- (i) It was agreed to make no response to local press comment by District Councillors questioning “whether parish councils provided value for money”.
- (ii) It was agreed to postpone the Joint Parish Forum planned for 9 April unless the Chairs of neighbouring Parish Councils indicated a desire to proceed.

(c) Administration

The recommendations of the Communications Working Group meeting dated 14 March (Enclosure K) were adopted.

133/12 Urgent Decisions taken since the last meeting

None taken.

134/12 Future Agenda Items

Bulletin distribution list.

135/12 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7.00pm on Monday 29 April 2013 at the Parish Office was proposed but, noting that several councillors would be unavailable, Monday 22 April 2013 was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

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Chairman

22 April 2013