

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green on Monday 20 May 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Rachel Banner, Alun Davies, Edwin Gumbley, Charles Hotham, John Jagger (Chair) and Susan Whitehand

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer).

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 2 May 2013
 - B: Report of planning applications received and decisions taken under delegated powers
 - C: Report of the Responsible Finance Officer

18/13 Apologies

The apologies of Cllr Doreen Hawkley were received and accepted. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Peter McDonald and District Councillors Richard Deeming and Stuart Dudley.

19/13 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.

No Parishioners attended the meeting

20/13 Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked councillors for work undertaken recently on the Neighbourhood Plan consultations and in connection with the Rail Inspectorate. The Chair thanked Cllr Hotham for the energy and commitment with which he had engaged with the planning applications associated with the residential development of Fiery Hill Road.

The Chair advised the Council of an approach made by the Barnt Green Residents' Association for support with a proposed litter picking within the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council's would assist with the collection and removal of the rubbish collected.

21/13 District Councillors' and County Councillor's question and answer session

No County or District Councillors attended the meeting.

22/13 Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting dated 2 May 2013 (Enclosure A) were received.

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23/13 Planning and Conservation

- (i) The report on planning applications and decisions made by the District Council's Planning Working Group (Enclosure B) was received.
It was agreed that the Parish Council should recommend refusal of application 13/0291 relating to 12 Margesson Drive.
It was agreed that the Executive Officer seek an extension of time beyond 5 June to allow consideration of application 13/0343, a new full planning application in respect of the residential development of Fiery Hill Road.. It was further agreed that to hold an extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 29 May at 6.30pm to consider this application.
- (ii) The Parish Council considered its options for further action in respect of existing applications 11/0741 and 13/0121 relating to the residential development of Fiery Hill Road.
It was agreed that:
 - (a) no further action be taken in connection with the Parish Council's objections regarding the article 12 certificate associated with application 11/0741;
 - (b) no further action be taken in connection with the Parish Council's objections to application 13/0121;
 - (c) the Parish Council continue to work with Alvechurch Parish Council in connection with the Redditch Branch line enhancement scheme drawing the Inspectorate's attention to the car parking recommendations in the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 3.
 - (d) the Chair contact Banner Homes to discuss the Parish Council's concerns about the strip of land that will be potentially unmaintained as a result of application 13/0121;
 - (e) the Parish Council's objection to the stopping-up order be withdrawn on 30 May 2013 drawing attention, if necessary, to the Parish Council's concerns about the strip of land referred to at (ii)(d) above.
- (iii) It was agreed to consider the difficulties experienced by residents seeking to access Hewell Road from the drive opposite Millennium Park at the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting with the County Council planned for July 2013.

(b) Environment

- (i) Cllr Hotham gave an oral report indicating that Network Rail's final report paid scant attention to the points raised by the Parish Council in connection with rail squeal, car parking and disabled access. Accordingly the Parish Council agreed to recommend that the Inspector reject the report.
- (ii) Cllr Banner gave an oral report outlining the work required to maintain and improve the local environment.
It was agreed that:

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- (a) *Where Next?* be commissioned to supply 25 planted hanging baskets;
- (b) the District Council be requested to hand sweep the area around the shops in Hewell Road, unblock the drain on Station Approach and arrange for the litter bins in Millennium Park to be emptied fortnightly between April and November.

24/13 Community

- (i) Cllrs deferred consideration of the restricted use of Parker's Piece. Cllrs agreed to give Total Football a final opportunity to meet the Parish Council to arrange acceptable terms for Total Football's use of Parker's Piece.
- (ii) Cllrs were advised of an offer from the Parish Council's Footpaths Officer, Simon Richards, to organise a Community Walks Day in September 2013. The Parish Council agreed to support this initiative and asked Cllr Gumbley to liaise with the Footpaths Officer on behalf of the Parish Council.

25/13 Street Lighting

It was agreed that an electrical and structural survey of the lighting columns be undertaken.

26/13 Finance

It was agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for April 2013 (Enclosure C) be received and that payments be made.

27/13 Urgent Decisions taken since the last meeting

None taken.

28/13 Future Agenda Items

Identify the parking issues to raise with the County Council at the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting in July.

29/13 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

6.30pm on Wednesday 29 May 2013 and 7.00pm on Monday 24 June 2013 at the Parish Office was agreed

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

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Chairman

24 June 2013