

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 March 2014 in the Parish Council office at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green

Present: Cllrs Kaye Elderton, Edwin Gumbley, Charles Hotham, John Jagger and Susan Whitehand

In attendance: The Executive Officer

Apologies: Cllr Alun Davies

11/13	Apologies Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted.
12/13	Declarations of interest The Parish Council dispensation dated Monday 26 November 2012 applies. There were no other declarations of interest.
13/13	Minutes The minutes of the Resources Committee meeting date 8 January 2014 were agreed a correct record and signed.
	No Parishioners attended the meeting
14/13	Resources
14/13a	Total Football Councillors approved the correspondence sent to Total Football on 10 March 2014 (Enclosure A). It was agreed to seek legal advice if no reply was received by 28 March 2014.
14/13b	Telephone and broadband contract It was agreed that, although only delivering a small saving, the telephone and broadband package tendered and recommended by GPS Enterprises Ltd (Enclosure B) should be accepted subject to a 12 month contract terminating on, or prior to, the office lease termination date on 8 April 2015.
14/13c	Street Lighting contract Councillors considered the contract terms submitted by GJH Electricals and the County Council for the maintenance and repair of street lighting (Enclosure C). It was agreed to: (i) seek a 3 year contract with GJH Electricals; (ii) invite GJH Electricals to a meeting with Cllrs Jagger and Hotham, and local resident Daman Singh, to discuss options other than a like-for-like replacement of lamps.
14/13d	Contractor quotations The quotation submitted by John Bishop for maintenance of Millennium Park and Hewell Road (Enclosure D) was accepted. The Executive Officer advised that Bromsgrove District Council had submitted their office refuse collection contract for completion and return by 28 March 2014. It was agreed that the Executive Officer reply using delegated powers.

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14/13e	Asset register The Parish Council's updated asset register (Enclosure E) was agreed.
14/13f	Financial risk review A risk review document relating to the Parish Council's finances (Enclosure G) was tabled. The actions taken to safeguard finances Parish Council were noted and agreed. The document and its recommendations were adopted.
15/13	Events
15/13a	Sainsbury Sport Relief Mile Cllr Hotham outlined the activities planned for the Sport Relief Mile and the actions taken to safeguard those taking part. Cllr Gumbley agreed to assist with the marshalling and to distribute letters to households affected by the event.
16/13	Safety
16/13a	Play area safety reports Cllrs were advised that ROSPA had submitted their safety reports on Parker's Piece and Millennium Park. It was agreed that Cllr Gumbley and the Executive Officer should consider the reports and take appropriate action. Cllr Jagger referred to a recent incident on Hewell Road when an elderly resident fell seemingly as a result of inconsiderate parking. The Executive Officer was asked to: (i) write to the security company involved expressing concern about the incident; (ii) contact the County Council seeking reinstatement of the pavement bollards. Cllrs agreed to look at the narrow pathway leading from Hewell Road (adjacent to the Chinese Restaurant) to the rear car park and to assess what, if any, action is required to make it safe for use after dark.
17/13	Communications
17/13a	Image and communication Referring to Enclosure F, it was agreed that a Working Group, led by Cllr Elderton, be created to consider: (i) how the layout of the summer issue of <i>The Bulletin</i> might be changed; (ii) the wider issues of Parish Council image and community engagement; It was further agreed that: (a) the summer issue of <i>The Bulletin</i> should, where possible, reflect the Working Group's findings; (b) other recommendations relating to image and community engagement be considered at the next meeting of the Resources Committee.
17/13b	Website It was agreed that Parish Councillors should be more active in the creation of content for the website.

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18/13	Future agenda items No specific items were suggested.
19/13	Date and venue of next meeting Wednesday 9 July 2014 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council office was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed: _____
John Jagger, Chair

Date: 19 March 2014