

## Barnt Green Parish Council

**Minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee meeting held at 10.30am on Thursday 8 May 2014 in the Parish Council office at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green**

**Present:** Cllrs Rosemary Briggs, Charles Hotham, John Jagger (Chair) and Susan Whitehand

**In attendance:** The Executive Officer

**Apologies:** Cllrs Robert Cholmondeley and Alun Davies

<b>31/13</b>	<b>Decision taken under delegated powers</b> The Chair advised that a decision had been taken, under delegated powers, to add Cllrs Rosemary Briggs and Robert Cholmondeley to membership of the Committee. The Committee ratified the decision and welcomed their involvement.
<b>32/13</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted.
<b>33/13</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> The Parish Council dispensation dated Monday 26 November 2012 applies. There were no other declarations of interest.
<b>34/13</b>	<b>Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Planning and Environment Committee meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting dated 3 February 2014 were approved and signed.
	One member of the public attended the meeting. There were no issues raised. The Chair, with the agreement of the Committee, indicated that they would take comments during the meeting.
<b>35/13</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)</b>
<b>35/13a</b>	<b>NDP boundary</b> It was noted that no request had been received from neighbouring parish councils to vary the boundary of the Barnt Green Neighbourhood Development Plan.
<b>35/13b</b>	<b>NDP scoping document</b> (i) It was agreed that Cllr Whitehand will present a draft of the scoping document to the full council meeting on 21 May. (ii) Cllr Whitehand advised that the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting had resulted in 4 local residents volunteering to participate in the planned working groups. (iii) It was agreed that those attending the meeting with Mike Dunphy on 29 May to review the scoping document should be agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 21 May.
<b>35/13c</b>	<b>NPD working groups</b> It was agreed that, order to address the issues identified by the community the following working groups be formed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment;</li> <li>• Traffic and Transport;</li> <li>• Economy;</li> <li>• Health and Wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>It was further agreed that the persons indicated in appendix 1 be approached to confirm their willingness to participate in the working groups.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Executive Officer would not attend working group meetings and that each working group would be responsible for their own meeting notes and to ensure that they are passed to the Executive Officer for presentation to the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee.</p>
<b>36/13</b>	<b>Planning</b>
<b>36/13a</b>	<p><b>Bromsgrove District Plan</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Executive Officer write to the Inspector re-affirming out the Parish Council's concern that Barnt Green is defined by the Bromsgrove District Plan as a large settlement and seeking advice as to whether this is an issue of sufficient strategic interest to merit a hearing in June or whether this is a matter that can be raised at a later date without prejudice to the Parish Council's interests.</p>
<b>36/13b</b>	<p><b>Fiery Hill Road stopping-up order</b></p> <p>Cllr Hotham drew attention to what appears to be a discrepancy in the plans approved by the District Council and those approved by the Department of Transport in granting the stopping-up order. It was agreed that the discrepancy be drawn to the attention of the developer, the District Council and the Department of Transport.</p>
<b>36/13c</b>	<p><b>Planning conditions</b></p> <p>The reply of County Councillor, Peter McDonald, advising how to proceed in the event of damage caused by approved development was noted.</p>
<b>37/13</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>37/13a</b>	<p><b>Lengthsman Scheme</b></p> <p>It was noted that the 2014/15 Lengthsman Scheme contract had been submitted.</p>
<b>37/13b</b>	<p><b>Barnt Green Circular Walk</b></p> <p>(i) to agree with County Council recommendations that the two smaller walks be the <i>Lickey Hills Walk</i> and the <i>Waterways Walk</i>;</p> <p>(ii) to agree that the Parish Council will support a working party on 23 July to erect signage around the walks and that volunteers be sought via the newsletter and website.</p>
<b>37/13c</b>	<p><b>Maintaining and improving the local environment</b></p> <p>(i) to report that Cllr Rosemary Briggs will attend a Tree Officer briefing on 16 May;</p> <p>(ii) to agree that Cllr Rosemary Briggs will be the lead councillor for the local environment and that Cllr Briggs be authorised to arrange the planting of</p>

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	poppy seeds in the village.
<b>29/13</b>	<b>Future agenda items</b> No items of future business were proposed.
<b>30/13</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Thursday 12 June 2014 at 10.30am in the Parish Council office was agreed.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: 12 June 2014