

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green on Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer)

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda;
- the following enclosures:
 - A: draft minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee dated 11 December 2014;;
 - B: report on planning applications;
 - C: update report of existing and potential local and national heritage listings;
 - D: report of the Responsible Finance Officer
 - E: 2015/16 budget recommendation;
 - F: 2015/16 precept recommendation;
 - G: draft minutes of the Resources Committee dated 7 January 2015.

79/14 **Apologies**

The apologies of Cllrs Cholmondeley and Davies were received and accepted. The apologies of County Councillor Peter McDonald were received.

80/14 **Declarations of Interest**

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

81/14 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 26 November 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

No members of the public attended the meeting

82/14 **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Jagger commented on the success of the Carol Service in Millennium Park and thanked Cllr Hotham for his work in obtaining the agreement of landlord and tenant for the siting of a defibrillator outside the Post Office in Hewell Road.

83/14 **District Councillors' and County Councillor's Question and Answer Session**

No District or County Councillors attended the meeting.

84/14 **Decisions taken since last meeting**

No Officer decisions had been made under either specific or general authorizations.

85/14 **Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment**

- (i) The draft minutes of the Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee dated 11 December 2014 (Enclosure A) were received.
- (ii) Cllrs considered the report (Enclosure B) on planning applications received and decisions taken by the District Council. It was noted that the appeal regarding application 14/0338 at 5 Orchard Croft had been refused.

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- (iii) Cllrs received the schedule of possible local and national heritage listings (Enclosure C) and asked to be kept informed of progress.
Cllr Jagger left the meeting at this point and Cllr Hotham took the Chair.

86/14 Community

Cllrs considered the comments of residents regarding the speed of traffic on Hewell Road and Bittell Road.

It was proposed by Cllr Hotham, seconded by Cllr Briggs and agreed that the Executive Officer explore the feasibility and effectiveness of vehicle activated signage for Bittell Road.

Cllrs further agreed to look at whether there was any merit, or need to, extend the 20mph speed limit on Hewell Road beyond the school.

87/14 Finance

- (i) It was agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for December 2014 and January 2015 (Enclosures D(i) and D(ii)) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.
- (ii) The 2015/16 budget recommended by the Resources Committee was considered.
It was proposed by Cllr Hotham, seconded by Cllr Briggs and agreed that the 2015/16 budget (Enclosure E) be adopted.
- (iii) The 2015/16 parish precept recommended by the Resources Committee was considered.
It was proposed by Cllr Hotham, seconded by Cllr Briggs and agreed by majority that the 2015/16 parish precept be £57,200.00. Cllr Gumbley voted against the recommendation.
- (iv) The draft minutes of the Resources Committee dated 7 January 2015 (Enclosure G) were received and the following recommendations approved:
 - (a) in paragraph 4.1 of the Financial Regulations a fourth bullet point be added:
 - the Clerk, any items up to £100 using the Parish Council's Alto Card.
 - (b) to seek agreement for the section 106 monies arising from the residential development of Fiery Hill Road to be used for the installation of lifts at Barnt Green station.
- (v) Cllrs agreed the 2014/16 cost of living increase for parish clerks.

88/14 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- (i) Cllr Whitehand reported on a CPRE meeting at which the likelihood of a green belt review had been discussed. No firm conclusion had been reached.
- (ii) The following meetings were noted and attendances agreed:
12 February: Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee
25 February : Parish Council meeting
- (iii) Cllrs considered a number of planter designs for Hewell Road and asked the Executive Officer to obtain quotations for the preferred option.
- (iv) No future agenda items were proposed.

89/14 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7.00pm on Wednesday 25 February 2015 at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

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Chairman

25 February 2015