

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 April 2015 in the Parish Council office at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green

Present: Cllrs Rosemary Briggs, Edwin Gumbley, Charles Hotham, John Jagger and Susan Whitehand

In attendance: The Executive Officer

20/14	<p>Parker's Piece The Chair thanked Neil Hosking for attending to give a report on the drainage at Parker's Piece.</p> <p>Neil reported that the drainage at Parker's Piece was working satisfactorily but only covered an area slightly larger than the football field. Cllrs discussed a variety of strategies including aeration, french drains and agreed that financial support may be required.</p> <p>Possible sources of income include the New Homes Bonus, Sport England and other grant-providing bodies.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to form a Working Group to investigate possible solutions. Cllr Gumbley agreed to head up the Working Group.</p>
21/14	<p>Apologies There were no apologies for absence.</p>
22/14	<p>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 dispensations were sought.</p>
23/14	<p>Minutes The minutes of the Resources Committee meeting dated 7 January 2015 were agreed a correct record and signed.</p>
	<p>One parishioner attended the meeting but no questions were raised.</p>
24/14	<p>Resources</p>
24/14a	<p>Cllr Whitehand reported on the financial checks she had undertaken for the quarter ending 31 March 2015 and that everything had been found to be in good order.</p>
24/14b	<p>Cllrs received the payments and receipts report for the year ending 31 March 2015 (Enclosure A) noting the performance against the prior year and against the current year budget. The Executive Officer gave a verbal report of the variances.</p> <p>Cllrs noted that the accounts were to be subject to internal audit on 16 April.</p>
24/14c	<p>Cllrs considered sections 5 to 8 of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations and agreed that no changes were required.</p>

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24/14d	<p>Cllr Hotham reported that he and Cllr Cholmomdeley had reviewed the statements at sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Report and everything was found to be in order.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p><i>the Chairman sign the declarations at Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return on behalf of the Parish Council.</i></p>
24/14e	<p>Cllrs considered the Council's risk review log (Enclosure C). It was proposed by Cllr Hotham, seconded by Cllr Whitehand and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review the records held at the Parish; • to arrange a risk assessment with Wendy Tricklebank; • to upgrade the Council's Dropbox facility to a paid service. • to request Simon Richards to investigate what can be done to address the waterlogged path adjacent to the Scout hut.
25/14	Safety
25/14a	<p>Cllrs considered the Safety Reports dated 13 March 2015 submitted by RoSPA for Parker's Piece and Millennium Park.</p> <p>Parker's Piece: It was proposed by Cllr Gumbley, seconded by Cllr Briggs and agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • place a sleeve over the worm area of the saddle net; • arrange for the removal of the old stepping posts from the free fall area; • ask Neil Hosking to ensure that the goal posts are secure in the ground and to check the surface of the field for areas requiring repair. <p>Millennium Park: It was proposed by Cllr Gumbley, seconded by Cllr Briggs and agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrange for the trip hazard around the carousel to be eliminated; • ask Wendy Tricklebank to the swing key links under regular review. <p>It was proposed by Cllr Hotham, seconded by Cllr Gumbley and agreed that future inspections be undertaken by a company other than RoSPA to ensure review by a different pair of eyes.</p>
26/14	Communications
26/14a	No issues raised in connection with either the newsletter or website.
27/14	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agendas</p> <p>No reports were made or future agenda items identified.</p>
28/14	<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the date of the next meeting be fixed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed