

Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the **Neighbourhood, Planning and Environment Committee** meeting held at 10.30am on Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green

Present: Cllrs Susan Whitehand (Chairman), Rosemary Briggs, Robert Cholmondeley, Charles Hotham Associate member, Diane Carr

In attendance: 1 member of the public
Executive Officer, Gill Lungley

15/36	<p>Apologies None.</p>
15/37	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests updated was noted. b) There were no declarations of interest.
15/38	<p>Dispensation requests There were no new dispensation requests. The following were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The dispensation granted to Cllr C Hotham at the parish council meeting held 02/09/2015 is in place until May 2019; this allows Cllr Hotham, who is also a member of the District Council's planning committee, to stay in the (parish council) meeting but not speak or vote when planning applications are considered. 2) The dispensation granted to Cllr C Hotham at the NPE Committee meeting held 13/10/2015 is in place until May 2019; this allows Cllr Hotham be allowed to stay in the meeting, speak and vote when matters relating to his association with Cock Croft Wood and land bordering, but not in, the parish may arise.
15/39	<p>Minutes of the last Neighbourhood Planning and Environment Committee meeting The minutes of the meeting held 13/10/2015 were approved and signed.</p>
	<p>Public Question Time This was not required.</p>
15/40	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>a) Consultations with parish sites of importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Barnt Green Society of Friends (Quakers) had replied stating there are no plans for any future development but the question could be considered at a future meeting. It was agreed to reply asking to meet after that meeting. Comment was made re possible registration of the building as a Community Asset. <p>It was agreed to write to all of the following to meet and ascertain plans for the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) St Andrews Church of England First School: members aware of the demand for school places. c) Barnt Green doctor's surgery: members unsure of the long-term plans but aware of the pressure on their services. d) Social Club and Sports Club: it was suggested that these two sites could amalgamate onto one site, freeing up the site to the south of the village that could then be used for expansion/relocation of the doctor's surgery. e) Barnt Green Cricket Club f) St Andrews Church of England and Barnt Green Baptist Church.

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b)	<p>Re-location sites.</p> <p>Members considered whether there were any likely sites within the village centre that could be re-developed or re-used. It was noted that there continues to be a demand for retail outlets, that lack of parking, especially commuter parking, is a constant cause of concern which will not ease with the improved train service via Barnt Green station, that with the increased number of new homes in the immediate vicinity and wider afield the current retail outlets may seek to expand.</p>
c)	<p>Policy for village centre</p> <p>It was agreed to formulate a separate policy for the village centre. It was suggested an architect could draw up plans to show how it might look after redevelopment and then ask residents to comment. This could impact on land owned by BT and it was agreed to write to BT asking their plans for the next 15-year period.</p> <p>This policy would be dealt with in more detail at the next meeting; members are to consider items for inclusion then. Diane Carr would write to village businesses to see if there is interest in a business support association.</p>
d)	<p>Funding Application</p> <p>It was agreed to wait for the next tranche of funding to be released via 'MyCommunity'.</p>
e)	<p>Appointment of Consultants</p> <p>A variety of plans would be reviewed to form an opinion on the type of professional support required.</p>
f)	<p>NDP Policies</p> <p>Cllr Whitehand would firm up the policies and circulate. All members were asked to review the policies of other Neighbourhood plans (available online) for information.</p>
15/41	<p>Planning</p> <p>No new applications notified since the last parish council meeting. The parish council's planning log is updated as and when notifications are received.</p>
15/42	<p>Environment</p> <p>a) Volunteer help Two school students undertaking Duke of Edinburgh silver award had written to volunteer their litter-picking services. It was agreed to accept this offer.</p> <p>b) Other matters</p> <p>From previous meetings:</p> <p>Trees: information relating to tree protection orders had been circulated to members in that there is no ready list or map that identifies those trees that are protected in this way; identification of such trees would be ascertained via the council tree officer.</p> <p>Network Rail: There had been no update from Network Rail regarding the closure of the footpath between Barnt Green and Cofton Hackett. It was known that the county councillor had attended a meeting with NR and WCC officers: feedback awaited.</p> <p>Public Conveniences: It was known that there is a demand for public toilets; these could be installed in Millennium Park. An idea of costs would be ascertained.</p>

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15/43	Budget 2016/17 A figure of £2,000 would be put forward for inclusion in the budget preparations for 2016/17.
15/44	Councillors' reports and items for future agendas i) Meetings attended/due CPRE 10/11/2015 (SW apologies for missing this) Barnt Green Waters 12/11/2015 (CH/DC) BDC Balanced Communities 12/11/2015 (SW) Worcs CALC 09/12/2015 (SW) Bromsgrove District Plan sometime in December/January ii) Items for future agendas Shopping Centre development plans Committee Terms of Reference Review of objectives for each plan group Check compliance with Bromsgrove District Plan
15/45	Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting is to be arranged for third week January 2016.

The meeting closed at 12:20hrs.

Signed: _____
Susan Whitehand, Chairman

Date: