

**Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council Planning Committee on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Fairfield Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Ince, Dalziel, Hartill, Hood, Mabbett, Scurrell and Shotton; Mrs C Limm, Clerk

**039/13 Apologies:** There were no apologies.

**040/13 Declarations of interest :** No interests were declared.

**041/13 Minutes of previous meeting :** The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January were agreed.

**042/13 Planning Applications**

**13/0047 and 0048** 11, Queens Hill, Belbroughton – remove existing failed retaining wall to edge of property and replace with new incorporating off road parking – planning consent and conservation area consent

The Committee had no objections in principle to the proposals to replace the retaining wall with a new structure incorporating off road parking. However, the Committee had concerns about the retaining walls to the proposed double car park bay off Church Hill which it appeared would be constructed using Gabions (rock filled metal cages). These would be very visible from the road. The Committee objected to this aspect of the proposals which would not preserve or enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area. The Committee would prefer the retaining walls around the car parking bay to be faced within brick matching that of the proposed new wall along Church Hill. Cllr Hartill undertook to check the details of the plans and confirm the proposals re the retaining wall for the parking area before the Council's comments were submitted.

**043/13 Planning decisions**

12/0793 Brook Road, Fairfield- first floor rear extension - refused.

12/0798 46, Bournheath Road, Fairfield - single storey rear extension for enlarged kitchen/diner- approved.

**044/13 Any other planning business**

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Veolia to the Council's request for a meeting about their proposed planning application for the processing of bottom ash at the Sandy Lane site. The company had offered a meeting once the planning application had been submitted.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed.....Chairman