



# Barnt Green Parish Council



## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Barnt Green

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006

The Parish Centre, Sandhills Road, Barnt Green.

The Meeting was chaired by Mrs Elaine Buckett, Chairman of the Parish Council, and was attended by residents of the parish whose names are recorded on the Attendance List. In addition, District Councillors Mrs Ann Doyle and Brian Fuller attended.

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Peter Cliff and Susan Whitehand and Julie Volante..

**3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

These were circulated at the Meeting.

**4. Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council**

The Chairman reported on the activities of the Council during the last 12 months and its aims for the forthcoming year. A copy of the report is available on request. Sincere thanks were given to those volunteers who help the village and the Parish Council so much.

**5. Financial Report of the Parish Council**

The accounts for the financial year 2005-6 were circulated at the meeting. The Parish Council's Responsible Finance Officer, Roger Westbury, explained the reasons for any significant variances between the figures for 2004-5 and 2005-6.

**6. Questions on the Reports**

- a) Concern was expressed about the legality of some of the road signs in the village. The Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council advised that she was in discussion with the County Council about this.
- b) District Councillor Fuller explained the purpose of the concurrent functions grant and the allocation of grants from "106 Monies".
- c) Concern was expressed that the new planters on Hewell Road were too close to the kerb. The Chairman of the Parish Council confirmed that these would be moved and levelled.
- d) The continuing problem of parking in Fiery Hill Road was discussed and the view was expressed that parking should be free at Barnt Green station. The Chairman advised that representations had been made to Central Trains regarding this, but so far without success. She confirmed that free parking was available at the Victoria



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public house and at the Social Club, and that vehicles could be parked for two hours on Station Approach for 50p.

- e) A comment was made that the Parish Council website was not up to date. The executive officer advised that there had been some problems in this area, but that the site was now showing current news and that the site was being redesigned. Part of this process would give the EO access to the site which would ensure more up to date content.
- f) Residents felt that the draft of the Parish Plan should be available for comment prior to being submitted to the District Council for adoption. The Chairman undertook to raise this with the Parish Plan Steering Committee with a view to making the final draft available to residents for comment for a limited period once it had been approved by the Steering Committee.
- g) A suggestion was made that the area immediately in front of the two noticeboards either side of the bus shelter in Hewell Road should be paved. The chairman undertook to look into the cost of this.

### 7. **Close of Meeting**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm and those present were invited to remain for refreshments