



Barnt Green Parish Council



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

Wednesday 2nd May 2007

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, County Councillors George Lord (leader) and Derek Prodger (environment) attended.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Peter McDonald, District Councillors Brian Fuller and Ann Doyle, Cllr David Gilburn, Sheila Parker and Julie Volante..

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2006

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. She highlighted the improvements in the village as a result of the appointments of a Parish lengthsman and a footpaths officer. She also confirmed that there had been no increase in the Parish precept for the current year.

A copy of the report is available on request. It is also available on the council's website. 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 2006-7 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 2005-6 and 2006-7.

6. Questions on the Reports

- a) In reply to a question about waste collection, Cllr Lord advised the meeting that Bromsgrove District Council collects waste and Worcestershire County Council disposes of it. Landfill sites in Worcestershire are full and alternative disposal arrangements are being made. Also the District Council is encouraging residents to recycle as much waste as possible.
- b) A resident asked whether the recently installed fencing on Fiery Hill Road had encroached on Highways land. The council would look into this.



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- c) In response to a query regarding the existence of “conservation grade” yellow lines, the County Council undertook to look into this.
- d) Cllr Prodger advised that the County Council was in the process of improving its highways contractor efficiency
- e) In response to a question regarding the speed of traffic on Bittell Road and Sandhills Green, the Parish Council reported that it had been advised that traffic calming measures were “not feasible” on these roads. Cllrs Lord and Prodger undertook to look further into this.

7. Parish Plan

The chairman gave an update on the recommendations from the Parish Plan. Cllr Lord thanked the Parish Council for producing the plan, a copy of which the County Council had received. In response to a question about a library, the chairman advised that no demand for one had emerged from the Parish Plan consultative process.

8. Presentation

Vice chairman Judith Jagger presented some small gifts to outgoing chairman Elaine Buckett in recognition of her hard work for the Parish Council during her tenure

9. Close of Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.