



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 24th April 2006 at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs Elaine Buckett (chairman), Mrs J Jagger (vice-chairman), Mrs D Carr, Mrs B Lucas, Ms S Parker, Mr P Cliff and Mr T Gray.

In attendance: Roger Westbury (executive officer)

Appendices: The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda
- chairman's report
- an updated report from the RFO.
- A report on correspondence received

01/06 Apologies – Mr T Gray, Mr P Cliff and Mrs S Whitehand whose reasons for absence, noted in the Attendance Book, were approved.

02/06 Declarations of Interest

- The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted.
- No interests were declared by Members.

03/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 27th March 2006 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned to enable Mr Burch, a Barnt Green resident, to address the meeting. He raised the following issues:

- 1. Parking on Fiery Hill Road*
- 2. The general state of the roads in the village*
- 3. Railings in Shepley Road – he was advised that this fell within the Lickey & Blackwell parish.*
- 4. The acquisition of premises for the parish council*
- 5. The Parish lengthsman scheme.*

The chairman thanked him for his contribution.

04/06 Chairman's Report – the chairman's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, was noted. The council resolved to present flowers and a small gift to Councillors Mrs Betty Lucas and Ms Sheila Parker at the Annual Parish Meeting on their retirement from the Parish Council.



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05/06 Community Safety

The chairman welcomed Graham Rocke, BDC community safety manager, to the meeting. He gave a presentation on Shopwatch, a scheme whereby village traders have a dedicated telephone link to the CCTV control room in order to report any suspicious activities. It was agreed that Graham would contact the Chamber of Trade to outline the scheme and to ascertain whether there was any interest in adopting it for Barnt Green.

The council agreed to seek a nomination from councillors for a representative to sit on the Hillside PACT committee.

06/06 Finance

- (a) The RFO circulated an updated report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Payments were approved.

07/06 Environment

The Council noted that the Village Clean-Up day would take place on Saturday October 14th. It was agreed that St Andrews School would be invited to participate.

08/06 Millennium Park, Hewell Road

The council noted that graffiti had appeared on the fencing and benches in Millennium Park. The EO was requested to obtain a quotation for repainting these areas.

Crad Griffiths quotation of £295 to place slabs in front of the benches in the play area and to repair the downspout was accepted.

The vice chairman was asked to obtain a quotation for installing pathway lighting in the park.

09/06 Parish Plan

The minutes of the Parish Plan Steering Committee meeting held on April 5th were received by the council.

10/06 Parker's Piece Playing Field, Bittell Road

The council received a written report on the state of the field.

The EO was asked to write to the occupiers of 99 Bittell Road as the overhanging branch which was causing concern came from a tree on their property.

The council agreed to ascertain who owns the land adjacent to the field on which a number of pallets were located.

11/06 Communications

The council noted that the Spring newsletter had been printed and distributed.

It was agreed that the council would move to the use of e-communications for the circulation of agendas, papers, minutes etc from the beginning of the 2007-08 Council year.



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The EO was asked to send the URL for the redesigned website to those councillors who had not already seen it.

12/06 Highways

The council agreed to ask Nigel Dyke from Worcs CC to visit the village to see for himself the damage being caused to verges on Bittell Road by contractors' vehicles, and to advise on a possible solution to this problem.

13/06 Three Parishes Meeting

The Council noted that the next Three Parishes Meeting would take place on September 21st and would be hosted by Cofton Hackett PC. The chairman urged all Barnt Green councillors to attend.

14/06 Urgent Decisions

At a special meeting convened by the chairman, the decision taken at the last Parish Council meeting to ask Mr Nicholls to cease his football coaching activities on Parkers Piece, was rescinded. The EO has since advised Mr Nicholls that he may continue with this .

15/06 NALC, CALC, Training & CPRE

The Council noted that Cofton Hackett and Lickey & Blackwell PCs were agreeable to participating in a CALC "Nuts 'n' Bolts" training to be held in Barnt Green in the autumn. The EO is to arrange dates with CALC.

16/06 Correspondence Received – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.

The chairman had received a letter from Julie Kirkbride MP advising that she had heard from BT/Telereal regarding their premises on Station Approach. They had stated that they would look into the possibility of BT vacating the whole of this site in the medium to long term.

17/06 Future Agenda Items – None

18/06 Date and Venue of Next Meeting – Monday 22nd May 2006 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed. This would also be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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Chairman
22nd May 2006