



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 26th February 2007 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Elaine Buckett (chairman), Mrs Judith Jagger, Mrs Diane Carr, Mr Peter Cliff, Mr Tom Gray, Mr Rick Main and Mr David Gilburn.

In attendance: Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. the chairman's report
- c. An updated report on planning applications
- d. A report from the Highways & Lighting Group
- e. A report from the Environment Group
- f. A report from the Village Watch group
- g. an updated report from the RFO.
- h. A report on correspondence received.

159/06 Apologies – Cllr Susan Whitehand whose reason for absence as noted in the attendance book was accepted by the council.

160/06 Declarations of Interest

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

161/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 29th January 2007 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

162/06 Chairman's Report

The chairman's report was received by the council. A copy is appended to these minutes.

163/06 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

No county or district councillors were able to attend the meeting.

**164/06 Infrastructure
Planning & Conservation**

The council received a report on applications received and decisions taken by the District Council's Planning Committee.

Highways & Lighting

The council received a report from the Highways & Lighting group, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The council resolved to pay the estimated



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overspend of £100 on lengthsman's fees for the year in view of the success of the scheme. The council also resolved to ask the lengthsman if he would be interested in increasing his hours from 4 to 6 per week with effect from April 2007.

The council noted that the group had arranged a meeting with John Hobbs, director of environmental services at Worcestershire County Council, for March 5 in order to discuss outstanding highways matters relating to Barnt Green.

Environment

The council received a report from the environment group. A copy is attached to these minutes.

165/06 Community Safety

Village Watch – the council received a report from the village watch group, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Health & Safety – the council noted that new shackle bolts had been installed on the swings in the Millennium Park playground.

Communication – the council noted that the deadline for copy for the spring newsletter is March 31st 2007. Each of the working groups is to provide an update on its activities. The newsletter will include a flyer from W Mercia Police advertising the PACT meeting to be held on April 23.

166/06 Governance

Administration – the EO provided details of the timetable for the forthcoming Parish Council elections to be held on May 3.

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

Youth Group – the council noted that the group's priority was to identify channels of communication to the youth of the village and to establish a Youth Council.

Office & IT – the council noted that Lloyds TSB had verbally indicated its willingness to assign the lease of its premises at 67 Hewell Road to the council. The EO was asked to request written confirmation of this. The EO reported that the Computabus IT sessions had started in the Victoria car park, with seven residents attending the first course. It is hoped to organise a second course after Easter.

WCALC/NALC – the council noted changes to the Quality Parish scheme which had recently been circulated. It was further noted that the next Bromsgrove area meeting of WCALC would take place on March 7.

CPRE – Cllr Main is to draft a letter to CPRE.

Barnt Green Festival 2007 – the council noted that arrangements were well in hand for the Festival on June 23.



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The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr Edmund Marshall to address the council regarding the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The council advised Mr Marshall that it was in discussion with W Mercia Police with a view to ensuring that the scheme was revived in Barnt Green and covered the whole of the village.

- 167/06 Correspondence Received** – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.
- 168/06 Future Agenda Items** –
Parish Council website
Highways Group to consider a Parish Council response to the latest proposal for the Longbridge site.
EO to investigate possibility of establishing an online calendar for councillors use.
- 169/06 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 26th March 2007 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed.
The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

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Chairman 26th March 2007