



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 28th February 2011 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Diane Carr (vice chairman), Mr Alun Davies, Mrs Susan Whitehand, Mrs Doreen Hawkley and Mr Tom Gray.

In attendance: District Cllr Richard Deeming; Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. Chairman's Report
- c. Notes on a meeting to discuss the draft Core Strategy
- d. an updated report from the RFO.
- e. A report on correspondence received

103/10 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Banner, County Cllr McDonald and District Cllr Doyle whose reasons for absence were approved by the Council.

104/10 Declarations of Interest

- (a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted.
- (b) No interests were declared by Members.
- (c) Following the resignation of Cllr Chris Jenkins the Council resolved to co-opt Mark Astle to the Parish Council. Mark signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was officially welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

105/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 31st January 2011 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting.

106/10 Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented a written report, a copy of which will be appended to these minutes.

107/10 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

District Cllr Deeming updated the Council on Bromsgrove's Draft Core Strategy and advised that the housing figures in the report were only projections. He informed the Council that Redditch BC had recently reduced their figures by 3000 units.



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Cllr Deeming agreed to invite County Cllr Kit Taylor (Bromsgrove West) to the Public Meeting being held on March 10 to discuss the draft Core Strategy.

108/10 Infrastructure

Planning & Conservation

Cllr Whitehand agreed to circulate a written report on planning applications received and decisions made by BDC's Planning Committee. She advised the Council that support was being gathered to object to the proposal to build a minimum of 98 houses on the land at the corner of Fiery Hill Road and Kendal End Road. About 20 people had attended the first information session held on February 26 and further meetings were scheduled for March 5, 8 and 10.

Highways & Lighting

The Chairman reported that she was awaiting figures from Blachere before making a recommendation with regard to the outright purchase of the motif Christmas lights on Hewell Road which the Council had hired for the last three years. The Council already owns the icicle lights and tree lights.

Environment

Cllr Gray advised that he had completed the questionnaire on Reducing Subsidised Bus Services in the County and the EO has returned this to County Hall. He advised that a petition was also being circulated in the village requesting the County Council not to withdraw the 145 service.

Community Safety

Village Watch – the Council noted that a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch coordinators had been arranged for March 10 at The Baptist Church Hall.

Health & Safety – the Council noted that PlaySafety would be carrying out safety inspections of the Park and Playing Field in March.

Communications – the Council agreed to a suggestion from Cllr Astle that a twitter stream be set up in order to communicate Council activities, decisions and events to residents. Cllr Astle agreed to action this.

109/10 Governance

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

Administration – the Council received an update from the executive officer on the Parish Council elections which will take place on May 5th, 2011.

Youth Council – nothing to report

