



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 29th January 2007 at 7.00pm

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

In attendance: District Cllr Brian Fuller and Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- the Agenda
- the chairman's report
- an updated report from the RFO.
- Bank reconciliation statement dated 31.12.06
- An updated report on planning applications
- A report on correspondence received.

142/06 Apologies – none.

143/06 Declarations of Interest

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

144/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 27th November 2006 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

No residents attended the meeting

145/06 Chairman's Report

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

146/06 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

Cllr Fuller advised the council that it was not cost effective for Bromsgrove District Council to operate a green waste bin collection service in the winter months. He confirmed that Bromsgrove District Council was in the process of undergoing a comprehensive performance assessment, the results of which should be known in 4-5 months time. Cllr Fuller advised that the next stage in the development of the Longbridge site was for the preferred options to be published on February 19th. This would be followed by a public meeting on March 30th at Cofton Hackett parish hall.



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Finally Cllr Fuller confirmed that he would be standing down at the next district council elections in May. The parish council thanked him for his support over the years.

147/06 Finance

- (a) The RFO circulated an updated report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Payments were approved.
- (b) The council noted the bank reconciliation statement as at December 31, 2006..

148/06 Working Groups

Reports were received from the new working groups as follows:

- a) Planning and Conservation – the initial meeting of the group is scheduled for February 20th.
- b) Highways & Lighting – date to be advised for initial meeting.
- c) Environment – inaugural meeting held on January 29th. A report would be circulated to councillors.
- d) Village Watch – inaugural meeting held on January 23. The council resolved to contribute up to £250 to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to help fill the gaps in the current coverage. As the NW group covers both Barnt Green and Lickey & Blackwell, the latter's Parish Council would also be asked to contribute. A date is still awaited for a meeting with C/Insp Love when the Parish Plan will be formally presented to the Police.
- e) Youth – initial meeting held on January 22. The group's main priority is to establish a Youth Council.

149/06 Communications

The EO confirmed that the winter newsletter had been distributed. The deadline for the spring issue is March 31 and each of the working groups was asked to provide an update on their work for this.

150/06 Premises

The EO reported that he was optimistic that Lloyds TSB would agree to the council taking over the premises in Hewell Road that the bank had vacated at the end of November.

151/06 Festival 2007

The council noted that arrangements for the Festival were well in hand and that a meeting had been arranged for February 6.

152/06 Urgent Decisions

The chairman and vice chairman had agreed at short notice to take up an opportunity to acquire some surplus office furniture in return for a contribution to Cancer Research. The council agreed a payment of £100.

