



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 28th January 2008 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mr David Gilburn (vice chairman), Mr David Harding, Mrs Diane Carr and Mrs Susan Whitehand.

In attendance: Roger Westbury (executive officer); County Cllr Peter McDonald

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. Chairman's Report
- c. an updated report on planning applications
- d. an updated report from the RFO.
- e. Bank Reconciliation statement at 31.12.07
- f. a report on correspondence received.

89/07 Apologies – Cllrs Rick Main, Martin Peyton and Tom Gray whose reasons for absence as noted in the attendance book were approved by the council.

90/07 Declarations of Interest

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

91/07 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 26th November 2007 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting.

92/07 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

Cllr McDonald advised the meeting that Worcestershire County Council would be increasing its council tax by 4.99 per cent for 2008-09. He confirmed that the Area Action Plan for Longbridge had been signed off by Birmingham City Council and Bromsgrove District Council and work should commence in 2009. The plan included the erection of 750 houses on that part of the site located in Bromsgrove District, of which 35 per cent would be affordable social housing. The aim of creating 10,000 jobs over the 10 year development period would appear to be achievable.

Cllr McDonald concurred with the Parish Council's comment that the quality of highway repairs in the county was very poor.

93/07 Chairman's Report

The council received a written report from the Chairman, a copy of which will be appended to these minutes.



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94/07 Infrastructure

Planning & Conservation

The council received a report on applications received and decisions taken by the District Council's Planning Committee, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Highways & Lighting

The council noted that a letter had been sent to County Cllr Prodger bemoaning the lack of activity on various highways matters and requesting a meeting to discuss this. The Parish Council was awaiting a response.

WCC had proposed the installation of flexible bollards on the Twatling Road triangle and at the junction of Bittell Road and Bittell Farm Road to prevent vehicular damage to grass verges at these locations. The council resolved to accept an estimate of £2000 to install these bollards, subject to receipt of a firm quotation.

The EO was asked to arrange a meeting with WCC to establish what welcome signs and fingerposts could be installed in the village.

The council noted that the new lighting in Millennium Park had been revised and lower wattage bulbs installed. The council agreed that the revised solution was a decided improvement on the initial installation.

Environment

The EO was asked to write to Cllr Roger Hollingworth, leader of Bromsgrove District Council, requesting a meeting to discuss in outline the Parish Council's proposed request for a grant to refurbish Millennium Park and to install adventure equipment on Bittell Road Playing field.

The Council noted that Bromsgrove District Council had agreed to reinstate recycling collections in Cherry Hill Avenue with immediate effect.

The council resolved to accept a quotation of £725 (subject to final confirmation) to install a replacement bench at the corner of Bittell Road and Bittell Farm Road.

95/07 Community Safety

Village Watch – the EO advised that minutes of the Neighbourhood Watch meeting held on November 13 had been received. More coordinators for Barnt Green village were still needed. The council noted that the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting would take place on February 19 and a PACT meeting for the Hillside and Linthurst wards would be held on April 17th at Lickey School.

Health & Safety – the EO confirmed that he would be booking safety inspections for Millennium Park play area and Bittell Road Playing Field. These would take place in March.

