



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 25 January 2010 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Diane Carr, Mr Alun Davies, Mrs Chris Jenkins, Mrs Susan Whitehand 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. Report on planning applications
- d. an updated report from the RFO.
- e. Bank reconciliation statement for period ended 31 December 2009
- f. a report on correspondence received.

94/09 Apologies – County Cllr Peter McDonald; Cllrs David Gilburn and Rachel Banner whose reasons for absence as recorded in the attendance book were approved by the Council.

95/09 Declarations of Interest
(a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests was noted.
(b) No interests were declared by Members.

96/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 30th November 2009 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting.

97/09 Chairman's Report
The Council received a report from the Chairman, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
She advised the meeting that Cllr Gilburn had tendered his resignation from the council with effect from 31 March 2010.

98/09 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session
District Cllr Deeming advised portfolios were now being allocated between Bromsgrove and Redditch Councils under the shared services scheme. Redditch



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would be responsible for Planning and Waste Management, and Bromsgrove for Finance. He undertook to provide a complete list as soon as it was available.

99/09 Infrastructure

Planning & Conservation

The Council received a report on planning applications received and decisions taken by BDC's Planning Dept. A copy is attached to these minutes. Cllr Whitehand confirmed that a site visit to view 22 Orchard Croft had been scheduled for 28 January in advance of this application being considered by the Planning Committee.

Highways & Lighting

The Council noted that kerbstones on Hewell Road were being refurbished in advance of the resurfacing work now scheduled for March. During this work the smaller speed cushions would be removed.

The Council agreed to discuss enhancements to the Christmas lighting scheme in June.

Environment

The Council agreed to accept a quotation of approximately £330 from Neil Hosking to thin the trees in the coppice on Parker's Piece and to place and monitor mole traps on the Hewell Road railway embankment. Final cost depends on the exact number of trees to be thinned.

100/09 Community Safety

Village Watch

The council noted that the Neighbourhood Watch meeting on January 6 had been postponed due to the weather.

Health & Safety

The council noted that safety inspections for the park and playing field had been booked for March.

Communication

The Council noted that the Winter Newsletter had been printed. The EO handed copies to all councillors.



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101/09 Governance

Finance

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

The Council received the bank reconciliation statement for the nine months ended 31 December 2009.

Office

The council recorded its thanks to Cllr Gilburn for the detailed work he had carried out on the draft lease for 80 Hewell Road. The Chairman reported that she had discussed rent levels with two estate agents in the village who had advised that the proposed rent for 80 Hewell Road was very reasonable.

Cllr Carr and the EO reported that they had met with the solicitors and had also viewed the property. They concluded that 80 Hewell Road was suitable for use as a parish Office and that there was room to accommodate a desk for Lickey & Blackwell PC if they decided to take up this option. Subject to clarification of the levels of service charges and utility bills, and that all charges i.e. rent, rates and running costs were in line with the draft annual budget of £6500, the council resolved unanimously to proceed to take up the lease on this property for an initial five year period. The working group was empowered to continue its negotiations with the solicitors.

Power of Well Being

The council unanimously passed the following resolution: "Having met all of the necessary conditions, the Parish Council hereby resolves to adopt the Power of Well Being in accordance with The Local Government Act 2000 s2 as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 s77".

The EO was asked to draft a statement of intent as to community involvement.

Youth Council and School Governor

The Council noted that the Youth Council had recently met and had discussed enhancements to the Adventure Trail. Their next meeting was scheduled for 9 February.

There was nothing to report from St Andrews School

WCALC/NALC – the council noted that the CALC Bromsgrove Area meeting would take place on March 3.

The Chairman and EO reported that they would attend the Parish Councils Forum meeting on January 28th.

CPRE – the Council approved a request from Cllr Davies for a cheque for £29 to renew its subscription to CPRE.



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- 102/09 Correspondence Received** – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.
- 103/09 Urgent Decisions** – none taken since last meeting
- 104/09 Future Agenda Items** – none
- 105/09 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 22nd February 2010 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

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Chairman February 22, 2010