



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 27th July 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mr David Gilburn (vice chairman), Mrs Rachel Banner, Mrs Diane Carr, 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. a report from the Chairman
- c. an updated report on planning applications
- d. notes on meeting with Jon Fraser of WCC Highways on 6 July
- e. an updated report from the RFO.
- f. Bank reconciliation statement for the quarter ended 30 June 2009
- g. a report on correspondence received.

46/09 Apologies – none received.

47/09 Declarations of Interest

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

48/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 29th June 2009 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting. Representatives of Barnt Green Scouts & Guides and JAYS attended and were each presented with a donation of £1000 from the proceeds of the Barnt Green Festival 2009.

49/09 Chairman's Report

The Council received a written report from the Chairman, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

50/09 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

Cllr Deeming confirmed that Bromsgrove District Council would be introducing changes to its waste collection service ("Comingling") in 2010. He also advised that some funding was available from WCC Highways for footway repair/resurfacing work in the county. The funding was being made available



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through County Councillors and the Parish Council was encouraged to present a list of priority work to Councillors McDonald and Moffett.

51/09 Infrastructure

Planning & Conservation

The council received an updated report on applications received and decisions taken by the District Council's Planning Committee, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The council noted that planning permission for development at 2 Twatling Road had been refused.

Highways & Lighting

The Council received the minutes of a meeting with Jon Fraser of WCC Highways, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The Council noted that bollards had now been installed on the Twatling Road triangle and at the junction of Bittell Road and Bittell Farm Road. It was further noted that WCC Highways were investigating flooding on Fiery Hill Road and Blackwell Road.

The Council welcomed the decision of WCC Highways to drill trial holes in the footways on Hewell Road to ascertain the location of BT plant beneath the surface.

The Council resolved to hold an Open Meeting in the autumn to discuss proposals for changes to parking arrangements on Hewell Road.

Environment

The Chairman advised that she would continue to press Severn Trent Water to solve the leak in Millennium Park.

The Council resolved to accept a quotation of £510 received from Wilsons Garden Services to install new fencing and tarmac by the new noticeboard at the corner of Hewell Road and Station Approach.

The Council also resolved to accept a quotation of £385 received from Classic Carpentry for the installation of a straight seating bench in the bus shelter on Hewell Road.

The Council approved in principle expenditure of approximately £1600 for the supply and installation of two replacement bins in Millennium Park. The EO was asked to obtain a firm quotation for this work.

52/09 Community Safety

Village Watch

The Council received a report on the PACT meeting held at Lickey School on July 9 and noted that speed checks carried out by the Police on Bittell Road had demonstrated that the majority of motorists adhered to the 30mph limit.



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The next PACT meeting will be held on October 15 at the Friends Meeting House in Barnt Green.

Health & Safety

The EO was asked to discuss with Wicksteed Leisure the possible trip hazard at the rear of the roundabout in Millennium Park which had been highlighted in the Safety Report..

Communication

The Council noted that the Summer Newsletter had been distributed. Cllr Banner offered to provide some copy on "Warmer Worcestershire" for the autumn issue.

53/09 Governance

Finance - The RFO circulated an updated report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Payments were approved. The Council agreed that it was no longer necessary to show the balance of the Quality Parish Improvement Fund as a separate ring-fenced item.

Administration

The Council noted that an election to fill the vacancy following David Harding's resignation had been set for August 27 and that nominations close on July 31. The Chairman, Cllr Whitehand and the EO had met with Mr Alun Davies, a prospective candidate, and advised that he would make a suitable Councillor. Mr Davies has now submitted his nomination.

The EO reported that it was proving difficult to find a suitable date in September for Power of Well Being training. A maximum of only five councillors could attend a provisional session on September 17. The EO agreed to ask CALC for some alternative dates in early October.

The Council noted that the Chairman, Cllr Whitehand and the EO had attended a meeting of the Parish Council Charter Working Group and that good progress had been made. A further meeting is scheduled for July 28 and it is hoped that a revised draft will be available for presentation to the Parish Councils Forum to be held on September 22.

The Council approved the EO's attendance at the NALC Leading Members Lunch in Hereford on September 25 at a cost of £45

Youth Council – the Youth Council is working on a Lottery Grant application for additional adventure trail equipment. The Council confirmed that some additional funding was available from the Parish Council budget for 2009-2010 for this purpose.

Office - nothing to report.



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School Governor – Cllr Whitehand confirmed that she had passed information from BDC on the Eco Schools initiative to St Andrews School.

WCALC/NALC – the EO advised that the Council's Quality Parish Status reaccreditation had still not been formally confirmed by CALC but that this was imminent. The Council's cheque dated February 16, 2009 for £115 to cover the cost of this process had not yet been forwarded by CALC to NALC as they were awaiting final confirmation before doing this.

CPRE – the Council noted that Alun Davies, if elected as a Councillor, would be interested in becoming the Council's representative on the local CPRE branch.

Festival – Cllr Carr confirmed that the proceeds of the 2009 Festival were in excess of £2000 and that the Organising Committee had decided to make donations of £1000 to each of the Barnt Green Scouts & Guides Rebuild Fund and to J.A.Y.S., a local MS charity. She was preparing a final income and expenditure account in respect of the Festival.

- 54/09 Correspondence Received** – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.
- 55/09 Urgent Decisions** – none taken since last meeting
- 56/09 Future Agenda Items** – none tabled
- 57/09 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 28th September 2009 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

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Chairman September 28, 2009.