



# Barnt Green Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 25th June 2007 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Diane Carr, Mrs Susan Whitehand, Mr David Gilburn, Mr T Gray, Mr David Harding and Mr Rick Main.

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

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. the chairman's report
- c. An updated report on planning applications
- d. Draft vision and mission statements for an environmental strategy.
- e. Village Watch update
- f. an updated report from the RFO.
- g. A progress report from the Youth Group
- h. School Governor's Report
- i. A report on correspondence received.

**32/07 Apologies – none received**

**33/07 Declarations of Interest**

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

**34/07 Co-Option of Councillor**

The council received a short presentation from prospective councillor Martin Peyton and resolved to invite him to join the council, which he accepted.

**35/07 Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 21st May 2007 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

**36/07 Chairman's Report**

The council received a report from the chairman. A copy will be attached to these minutes. The council resolved to invite Kevin Dicks, chief executive of Bromsgrove District Council, to attend a future meeting of the council.

**37/07 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session**

Cllr McDonald advised that the County Council was seeking to impose a 20mph speed limit outside all schools in the County.



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The council asked Cllr McDonald to look into the roundabout signage on Bittell Road as they felt it was not adequate.

### 38/07 Infrastructure

#### Highways & Lighting

Cllr Gilburn reported on the group's meeting with Jon Fraser and Mike Walton from WCC's Highways Department and advised that they were seeking to establish a rational case for prioritisation of the issues on the recent Highways Survey. The EO was asked to send a copy of the survey and the list of outstanding issues to Cllr McDonald. Cllr Gray requested that Poplar Drive be added to the list of pavements requiring resurfacing.

The council resolved to accept Ellteve Lighting's quotation of £965 for painting the lampposts and traffic sign poles in the village.

#### 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.

#### Environment

The council received a draft Environmental Strategy document and was asked to report back with any comments at the next meeting

The council resolved to ascertain from WCC whether the verges on Fiery Hill Road were on their mowing schedule.

The council resolved to do away with the Village Clean-Up day which is usually held in October.

### 39/07 Community Safety

**Village Watch** – The council received an updated report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

**Health & Safety** – the council noted that the speed of traffic on Bittell Road remains a concern for some councillors.

**Communication** – the EO advised that the deadline for copy for the summer newsletter was July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Whitehand and the EO reported that they had met with Peter McNougher to discuss the website and that a new design would be available shortly. Expenditure of £500 from the QPIF was approved for this exercise.

### 40/07 Governance

**Administration** – the council resolved to accept the draft Standing Orders once NALC's guidance on the new Code of Conduct had been received.

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



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**Youth Group** – the council noted the Barnt Green Youth Parish Council was in the process of electing its six representatives. Julie Kirkbride MP had agreed in principle to arrange a visit to the House of Commons for the Youth Council. The council agreed that a contribution towards the cost of this visit could be funded from the Parish Plan implementation budget.

**Office & IT** –The EO reported that Lloyds TSB were arranging for a surveyor to inspect their former premises on Hewell Road to assess what expenditure was required to return them to a lettable condition. The council expressed its concern that the removal of the safe could involve considerable expense and that this should be covered by Lloyds TSB.

The EO advised that laptop computers had been ordered for all councillors and could be collected from Connectivity in Hewell Road.

**School Governor** – the council received a report from Cllr Mrs Whitehand, governor at St Andrews School. A copy is appended to these minutes.

**CALC** – the chairman and EO had attended the Bromsgrove Area meeting of Worcs CALC

**CPRE** – the council agreed to involve CPRE in potential traffic problems arising from the redevelopment of Longbridge. Any issues relating to this should be communicated to Cllr Main who will attend the next CPRE meeting. Cllr Main undertook to obtain copies of the CPRE report on Longbridge.

**Barnt Green Festival 2007** – Cllr Carr reported that the Festival had been a great success and will have raised about £2000 for local charities. It was agreed that a more robust PA system would be required for the event next time.

- 41/07 Correspondence Received** – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.
- 42/07 Future Agenda Items** –  
Govia rail franchise
- 43/07 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 23rd July 2007 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

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Chairman 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007