



Barnt Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 29th June 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Rachel Banner, Mrs Diane Carr, Mrs Chris Jenkins, Mrs Susan Whitehand and Mr Tom Gray

In attendance: District Cllr Ann Doyle; 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. a report on Highways & Lighting
- e. an updated report from the RFO.
- f. a report on correspondence received.

33/09 Apologies – Cllr David Gilburn whose reason for absence as noted in the attendance book was accepted by the council.

34/09 Declarations of Interest

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

35/09 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 18th May 2009 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

No Parishioners attended the meeting.

36/09 Chairman's Report

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

37/09 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

Cllr Doyle advised that Bromsgrove District Council would be introducing changes to its waste collection service ("Comingling") and that a training session for District and Parish Councillors had been arranged for July 8. It was agreed that Cllr Gilburn and the EO would attend on behalf of Barnt Green.

38/09 Barnt Green Festival 2009

The Council agreed to move this item up the agenda as Cllr Carr needed to leave the meeting early. She reported that the Festival had been a great success with monies so far raised standing at £1877. The Council resolved to donate a



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minimum of £2000 to the two charities which were this year's beneficiaries – the 1st Barnt Green Scout and Guide Rebuild Fund and JAYS, a local multiple sclerosis charity. The Council agreed to invite both charities to the next Parish Council meeting so that cheques could be presented to them.

The Council expressed its concern that an organisation had been selling raffle tickets at the Festival without first informing the organising committee of its intentions. The funds raised by this unauthorised raffle were allegedly to be donated to a Midlands football club. The EO was asked to write to the club to ascertain whether they were aware of this activity and to request a donation to the Festival funds.

The Council expressed its gratitude to Cllr Carr and congratulated her on the success of the Festival.

39/09 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 an objection had been lodged to the proposed erection of a gate at 24 Fiery Hill Road.

Cllr Whitehand advised that she was in discussion with BDC regarding the characterisation of the Barnt Green conservation area.

Highways & Lighting

The Council received an updated report from Cllr Gilburn. A copy of which is appended to these minutes.

Environment

The Council noted that the new noticeboard at the corner of Hewell Road and Station Approach should be installed shortly. The Council agreed to ask David Wilson to quote for landscaping the area around the board.

40/09 Community Safety

Village Watch

The Council received the minutes of the Barnt Green Neighbourhood Watch meeting held on May 20 and noted that more helpers were needed. It also noted that the AGM would be held on Wednesday October 7 at 7.30pm at The Baptist Church.

The Council noted that the next PACT meeting would be held at Lickey School on July 9.



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Health & Safety

Cllr Gray reported that he had read the Safety Inspection report on Millennium Park and Parker's Piece and that the only immediate action required was the removal of some graffiti and attention to a potential trip hazard on the roundabout in the park.

Communication

The Council noted copy was now due for the Summer Newsletter. Topics to be covered included the Festival, Neighbourhood Watch, biographies of Cllrs Rachel Banner and Chris Jenkins and the proposed Open Meeting on parking on Hewell Road to be held in September.

41/09 Governance

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

The Council received the report of the internal auditor and noted that the Annual Report had now been sent to the external auditor.

Administration

The council noted that Martin Peyton had repaid in full the £375 owing to the Council in respect of the laptop that he had damaged.

The Council noted that David Harding had resigned from the Council. In order to retain its Quality Parish status, the Council would seek to hold an election to fill the vacancy.

The Council considered a further letter received from Mr Peter McHugh regarding the proposed Bordesley Park development and agreed to take no further action.

The Council resolved to put in place the necessary criteria to enable it to adopt the Power of Well Being, including training for all Councillors.

The Council noted that, in view of concerns expressed at the Parish Councils Forum held on June 23, BDC had agreed to set up a working group to further consider the draft Parish Councils Charter. It was agreed that Cllrs Jagger, Whitehand and Jenkins would meet with the EO on July 21 to formulate Barnt Green PC's submission to this working group.

Youth Council – the Council noted that the Youth Council was one member short. The vacancy would be advertised in the Summer Newsletter.

Office - nothing to report.

School Governor – Cllr Whitehand advised that she had received information from BDC on the Eco Schools initiative and would be passing this on to St Andrews School.



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WCALC/NALC – nothing to report.

CPRE – nothing to report.

- 42/09 Correspondence Received** – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes. The EO was asked to check the times of the Sunday service at the Baptist Church to avoid parking problems with the proposed junior football matches to be played on Parker's Piece in July.
- 43/09 Urgent Decisions** – the Council noted that the Parish Council noticeboard to the right of the bus shelter on Hewel Road had collapsed and it had been necessary to take urgent remedial action at a cost of £400. This payment was approved.
- 44/09 Future Agenda Items** – Picnic in the Park
- 45/09 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 27th July 2009 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

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Chairman July 27, 2009.