



# Barnt Green Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.00pm

- Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Diane Carr (vice chairman), Mrs Rachel Banner, Mrs Chris Jenkins, Mr Alun Davies and Mrs Doreen Hawkley.
- In attendance:** County Councillor Peter McDonald, District Councillors Ann Doyle and Richard Deeming; PC Mandy Baldwin; Roger Westbury (executive officer)
- Appendices:** The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:
- a. the Agenda
  - b. a report from the Chairman on the resurfacing of the footway outside the Tesco block of shops.
  - c. an updated report on planning applications
  - d. an updated report from the RFO.
  - e. A report on the Parish Council's Internal Financial Controls
  - f. A report on correspondence received

The Chairman welcomed PC Mandy Baldwin, the new local police officer for Barnt Green, to the meeting and suspended the agenda to enable her to address the Council. PC Baldwin advised members that the Police would like to consider merging PACT and Neighbourhood Watch meetings in Barnt Green as this approach had worked well in Cofton Hackett. Meanwhile the Police would hold monthly surgeries in the new Parish Office on Hewell Road and PC Baldwin agreed to provide the dates for these to the executive officer for inclusion in the next Parish Newsletter. She also advised that a Police Information Point would be installed in the Post Office in due course.

On the crime front, PC Baldwin advised that the main problem at present was with garden shed break-ins and she urged residents to make sure these were securely locked.

**33/10 Apologies** – Apologies had been received from Cllrs Tom Gray and Susan Whitehand whose reasons for absence as noted in the attendance book were accepted by the Council

**34/10 Declarations of Interest**

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



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**35/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 24th May 2010 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

*No Parishioners attended the meeting.*

**36/10 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented a report on the situation regarding the resurfacing of the footway outside the Tesco block of shops on Hewell Rd. The Council agreed to proceed on the basis outlined in the last paragraph of the report, a copy of which will be attached to these minutes.

**37/10 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session**

County Cllr McDonald advised that the County Council was implementing severe financial cuts including a £300,000 reduction in the road safety budget.

District Cllr Doyle advised that Bromsgrove District Council would be reviewing its Statement of Accounts at a meeting on June 30.

District Cllr Deeming advised that Cofton Park had been confirmed as the venue for an open air mass during the Pope's visit to the UK in September

**38/10 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 submitted in respect of the application for 42 Hewell Road.

**Highways & Lighting**

The chairman reported that she would be meeting with Blachere Illumination in the next week or so to discuss enhancements to the Christmas lighting scheme.

**Environment**

The Council agreed in principle to install some Multi Use Games equipment in the Millennium Park play area on the rear right hand side. Councillors would visit similar installations in the area and then invite representatives from the equipment suppliers to provide recommendations and quotations. Opportunities for grants towards the cost of this scheme would also be investigated.

The Council also resolved to obtain quotations for a piece of play equipment to replace the small slide/fireman's pole in the park.

The Council agreed that the damaged Christmas tree at the corner of Orchard Croft and Hewell Rd was beyond repair and should be removed.



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The Council accepted proposals from the Environment Group that the tree stump on the Twatling Road triangle should be ground out, and that two new benches should be installed on the corner of Orchard Croft/Hewell Road and between the bus shelter and Sandhills Road. These should be in the same blue colour as the existing benches in Millennium Park.

The Group also advised that the stile at the bottom of Parker's Piece required attention and would be best replaced by a gate. Finally they reported that the three wooden benches on Parker's Piece should be replaced. It was agreed that the Lickey Hills Rangers should be approached to ascertain if they could supply these.

### 39/10 **Community Safety**

**Village Watch** – see Police update earlier in these minutes.

**Health & Safety** - the Council agreed to ask the lengthsman to clear the overgrowing vegetation on the footway by the service road on Bittell Road.

**Communications** – the executive officer advised that copy for the Summer Newsletter was now due.

### 40/10 **Governance**

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

The Council received the executive officer's report on the Council's Internal Financial Controls.

**Youth Council** – nothing to report

**Office** – the executive officer updated members on use of the Parish Office and advised that both Age UK and West Mercia Police were keen to hold regular surgeries there.

**School Governor** – nothing to report.

**WCALC/NALC** – the Council noted that the chairman, vice chairman and EO had attended the CALC Area Meeting on June 2.

**CPRE**- nothing to report

**Events** – the Council noted that the St Andrew's Church Flower Festival had been a great success.



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- 41/10 Urgent Decisions** – none taken since last meeting.
- 42/10 Correspondence Received** – a report on correspondence received which was not covered by the agenda was circulated at the meeting and a copy is attached to these minutes.
- 43/10 Future Agenda Items**
- 2010 Christmas Carol Service
  - 2011 Barnt Green Summer Festival
- 44/10 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 26 July 2010 at 7.00pm at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

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Chairman

July 26, 2010