



## Barnt Green Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 27th March 2006 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mrs Elaine Buckett (chairman), Mrs J Jagger (vice-chairman), Mrs D Carr, Mrs B Lucas, Ms S Parker, Mr P Cliff and Mr T Gray.

**In attendance:** Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. an updated report from the RFO.
- c. A report on the Parish Lengthsman's activities
- d. An update on Planning Applications
- d. A report on correspondence received

**219/05 Apologies** –Mrs S Whitehand whose reason for absence, noted in the Attendance Book, was approved.

**220/05 Declarations of Interest**

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

**221/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 27th February 2006 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

*No Parishioners attended the meeting*

**222/05 Chairman's Report** – the chairman's Report was noted.

**223/05 Police**

The chairman welcomed Constable Jayne Willetts to the meeting who advised that Graham Roche, BDC community safety manager, would not be able to attend to give an update on the CCTV system. This would be re-arranged for another date.

She advised that the inaugural PACT meeting in the Hillside ward would probably be held on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> and the Parish Council agreed to nominate a representative to serve on the PACT committee.



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### **224/05 Footpaths**

Simon Richards, the Parish footpaths officer, outlined the proposed route for the inaugural Parish Walk. This was accepted by the Council and a date of Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> commencing at 11.30am was agreed. This would be promoted via the newsletter, website and posters. Councillors would ascertain whether the Sports Club or Social Club would be willing to provide a complimentary buffet for walkers at the end of the walk. This would determine the start and end points of the walk.

### **225/05 Finance**

- (a) The RFO circulated an updated report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Payments were approved.
- (b) The Council approved a proposal to establish a fund in the next financial year to provide a gratuity for the EO on retirement. A figure of £160 per annum was agreed, subject to annual review.

### **226/05 Highways**

- (a) The Council received a report on the activities of the Parish Lengthsman. The EO was asked to order a new road sign for Poplar Drive.
- (b) Members were asked to advise Cllr Cliff of any potholes that they found in the village.

### **227/05 Millennium Partk, Hewell Road**

The EO advised that the Deed of Dedication had now been received from the NPFA. The EO was asked to run it past the legal department at NALC before it was signed.

The EO reported that work had started on the installation of the base for the new roundabout and that contracts had been placed for all equipment being funded from the 106 monies. A full list of equipment with prices was circulated.

A quotation from John S Bishop to continue with maintenance work on the park for the coming year was accepted by the Council.

The EO was asked to ensure that the tree adjacent to the new roundabout was cut back as agreed during the recent site visit.

The chairman requested that the Council's policy regarding tendering be discussed at the May Council meeting.

### **228/05 Parish Plan**

The chairman advised that feedback on the latest draft plan was coming in from the Steering Group and the next meeting of the Group was scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **229/05 Planning and Conservation**

The Council received an updated report on planning applications.



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### **230/05 Parker's Piece Playing Field, Bittell Road**

The Council approved a quotation of £661 from Hexa Sports for the delivery and installation of goalpost sockets – supply of the posts and sockets themselves is funded from 106 monies.

The Council approved a quotation of £120 from Hosking Ground Maintenance for remedial work on the playing field, and a further charge of £44 per time for rolling and spiking pitches during the winter months November, February, March and April.

Cllr Gray and the EO were asked to work with all stakeholders to draft a policy on use of the Playing Field. The policy will be presented to the Council at its May meeting. In the meantime the EO was asked to write to Brian Nicholls asking him to cease his football coaching activities with immediate effect due to over usage of the Field and its present poor condition.

The EO was asked to obtain a combination padlock to secure the vehicle access gate to the field.

### **231/05 Communications**

Members were reminded that the deadline for copy for the Spring (April) newsletter is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Council resolved to reduce the number of Council meetings from 12 to 10 per annum by dropping the August and December meetings.

### **232/05 Special Event**

Saturday June 23, 2007 was confirmed as the date for the 2007 Festival.

### **233/05 New Offices**

It was resolved that item 15 be treated as confidential.

### **234/05 Urgent Decisions**

None taken since last meeting.

### **235/05 NALC, CALC, Training & CPRE**

The Council resolved to establish whether a CALC "Nuts 'n' Bolts" training session could be held in Barnt Green in the autumn in conjunction with Cofton Hackett and Lickey & Blackwell PCs.

**236/05 Correspondence Received** – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.

**237/05 Future Agenda Items** – Safeguarding of verges on Bittell Road; Clean-Up Day; e-Communications.



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**238/05 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 24th April 2006 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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Chairman  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2006