



## Barnt Green Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Centre on Monday 26th March 2007 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Elaine Buckett (chairman), Mrs Judith Jagger, Mrs Diane Carr, Mrs Susan Whitehand, Mr Peter Cliff, Mr Tom Gray, Mr Rick Main and Mr David Gilburn.

**In attendance:** District Cllr Brian Fuller; Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. the chairman's report
- c. a report from the Planning & Conservation Group
- d. an update on the Hopwood Rendering Plant
- e. An updated report on planning applications
- f. A report from the Environment Group
- g. A report from the Village Watch group
- h. an updated report from the RFO.
- i. A report from the Youth Group
- j. A report on correspondence received.

**170/06 Apologies** – none.

**171/06 Declarations of Interest**

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

**172/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

**173/06 Chairman's Report**

The chairman's report was received by the council. A copy is appended to these minutes.

**174/06 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session**

Cllr Fuller advised that the District Council's Corporate Performance Assessment had been completed and the report on this should be published in June/July. He reported that most performance indicators were now at the general levels expected of a District Council.

Cllr Fuller confirmed that the collection of green waste would recommence on April 9 and that the District Council would be reviewing the three month suspension of collections for next winter in view of public criticism of this.



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Finally Cllr Fuller confirmed that he would be standing down at the forthcoming elections in May. The Parish Council thanked him for his support and guidance over past years.

### **175/06 Infrastructure Planning & Conservation**

The council received reports on applications received and decisions taken by the District Council's Planning Committee and on the Hopwood Rendering Plant. It also received an update report from the Planning & Conservation Group. Copies of these reports are attached to these minutes.

The council agreed that a letter regarding fences in Orchard Croft should be sent to the enforcement officer.

### **Highways & Lighting**

The council received a verbal report from the Highways & Lighting group and noted that a meeting had been held with Mr Robert Oulsnam to discuss parking arrangements on Hewell Road. Mr Oulsnam had confirmed that his tenants' boundaries extended approximately ten feet from the front of their properties and that they had a right of access. The council agreed to talk to the other tenants and to ascertain from Worcestershire County Council/Halcrow what investigation had been carried out into tenants' legal rights prior to the installation of the present parking scheme.

### **Environment**

The council received a report from the environment group. A copy is attached to these minutes.

### **176/06 Community Safety**

**Village Watch** – the council received a report from the village watch group, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The council noted that a Neighbourhood Watch meeting for Barnt Green would be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Following a visit to the CCTV control room in Bromsgrove, the group recommended that all of the lamps in the Hewell Road shopping area should be changed to metal halide types. This was agreed by the council. Cllr Carr agreed to contact village traders to invite them to the Annual Parish Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and to stress to them that leaving shop lights on overnight vastly improved visibility on the CCTV cameras.

**Health & Safety** – the council noted that RoSPA safety inspections had been carried out on the playing field and playground. The formal report is awaited, but the inspector had advised that any issues were all "low risk".

**Communication** – the council noted that the deadline for copy for the spring newsletter is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007. Each of the working groups agreed to provide an update on its activities.

