



# Barnt Green Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Diane Carr (vice chairman), Mr Mark Astle, Mrs Susan Whitehand, Mrs Doreen Hawkley and Mr Tom Gray.

**In attendance:** District Cllrs Richard Deeming and Ann Doyle; Richard Peach (The Village Magazine); Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- a. the Agenda
- b. Chairman's Report
- c. Report on planning applications received from Bromsgrove DC
- d. Email received from Andrew Williams outlining the proposed approach relating to the draft Core Strategy
- e. an updated report from the RFO.
- f. A report on correspondence received

**114/10 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Banner and Davies and from County Cllr McDonald whose reasons for absence were approved by the Council.

### **115/10 Declarations of Interest**

- (a) The requirement to keep the Register of Interests updated was noted.
- (b) No interests were declared by Members.
- (c) The EO reminded members that nomination papers for the Parish Council elections were due to be delivered to Bromsgrove DC by noon on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**116/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 28th February 2011 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

*No Parishioners attended the meeting.*

### **117/10 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented a written report, a copy of which will be appended to these minutes. She also thanked Cllr Susan Whitehand for all of the work she had put in to the Council's response to the BDC Draft Core Strategy 2.



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### **118/10 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session**

District Cllrs Deeming and Doyle updated the Council on Bromsgrove's Draft Core Strategy 2. Cllr Doyle advised the Council that our MP Sajid Javid had reportedly advised the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government that there was little demand for housing in Bromsgrove. Cllr Gray pointed out that the age profile of people in Bromsgrove was generally much higher than the UK average. Cllr Davies reported that the land currently owned by Barnt Green Cricket Club could only be developed if the Club decided to sell the land. Cllr Gray advised that the Club needed two grounds in order to retrain its premier league status.

Cllr Deeming informed the meeting that ADR land at Wythall had been turned down for development by Bromsgrove DC Planning Department.

### **119/10 Infrastructure Planning & Conservation**

Cllr Whitehand circulated a written report on planning applications received and decisions made by BDC's Planning Committee, a copy of which will be appended to these minutes. She advised the Council that opposition to the proposal to build a minimum of 98 houses on the land at the corner of Fiery Hill Road and Kendal End Road was growing and that more than 130 people had attended the Public Meeting held on March 10 to discuss these proposals. Those attending had been urged to write to both BDC Planning Department and Sajid Javid MP expressing their concern.

### **Highways & Lighting**

The Chairman reported that a meeting with Blachere had been scheduled for March 29 to discuss future arrangements for Christmas lights in the village now that the initial three year hire period had come to an end.

### **Environment**

Cllr Gray advised that he had reported instances of rats being seen at the rear of the Tesco block of shops and restaurants to Bromsgrove DC's Environmental Health Department. Cllr Doyle promised to follow this up with the Department.

Cllr Gray also reported that a vehicle had demolished the fence and telephone kiosk at the junction of Station Approach and Hewell Road. The fence had since been repaired but the situation regarding a replacement telephone kiosk was unclear.

### **Community Safety**

**Village Watch** – the Council noted that a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators had been arranged for April 14 at The Baptist Church Hall.



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**Health & Safety** – the Council noted that PlaySafety had carried out safety inspections of the Park and Playing Field in March and that their report was awaited.

**Communications** – Cllr Astle advised the Council that a twitter stream entitled YourBarntGreen had been set up in order to communicate Council activities, decisions and events to residents. Any input to the stream should be done via Cllr Astle or the EO.

The EO reminded the Council that copy for the Spring Newsletter was now due. This issue would contain pen pictures of all candidates nominated for the Parish Council elections to be held on May 5.

### 120/10 **Governance**

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

**Youth Council** – nothing to report

**School Governor** – nothing to report..

**WCALC/NALC** – the Chairman, Cllr Whitehand and the EO had attended the CALC Area Meeting held at Bromsgrove on March 2.

**CPRE-** Cllr Whitehand attended the March 15 meeting of the regional CPRE when further discussion on the Draft Core Strategy took place.

**Events** – the visit to the House of Commons on April 4th is a sell out with all 42 seats booked. The Chairman will present a petition against proposals in the Draft Core Strategy to Sajid Javid MP during the visit.

Cllr Carr updated the Council on arrangements for the 2011 Festival to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Barnt Green 2012 Calendar** – Cllr Mark Astle and the EO confirmed that they would be taking photographs throughout the course of the year and that a piece in the next Newsletter would also ask residents to submit photographs for possible inclusion in the calendar.

121/10 **Urgent Decisions** – none taken since last meeting.

122/10 **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.



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**123/10 Future Agenda Items** – None suggested.

**124/10 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 18 April 2011 at 7.00pm at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

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Chairman

April 18th 2011