



Barnt Green Parish Council

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

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

In attendance: Roger Westbury (executive officer)

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

- the Agenda
- the chairman's report
- an updated report from the RFO.
- Minutes of the Finance Group meeting of November 8, 2006.
- Draft budget for 2007-08
- Paper on the parking situation in Hewell Road
- Revised working practices
- A report on correspondence received.

123/06 Apologies – apologies were received from Cllr. Gray, whose reason for absence as noted in the attendance register was accepted. The chairman reminded members that the council had the right not to accept reasons for absence and that it was important for members to attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible in order to preserve Quality Parish status.

124/06 Declarations of Interest

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

125/06 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 30th October 2006 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

No residents attended the meeting

126/06 Chairman's Report

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

127/06 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session

No district or county councillors attended the meeting, but the EO had circulated in advance responses from district councillors Doyle and Fuller regarding the district council's decision to suspend collection of green waste for the January – March 2007 period. The council resolved to write to Bromsgrove District Council



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expressing its disappointment at this decision and to suggest monthly collections as a compromise.

128/06 Finance

- (a) The RFO circulated an updated report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Payments were approved.
- (b) The council received the minutes of the Finance Group meeting held on November 8th.
- (c) The council noted the draft budget for 2007-08 and resolved to set the precept at the same level for next year as this year i.e. a zero per cent increase.
- (d) The council noted a letter received from Bromsgrove District Council advising that no concurrent functions grants would be paid to Parish Councils for 2007-08.
- (e) The council noted an e-mail received from Mike Weaver, director of financial services at Worcestershire County Council, confirming that the Parish Council had no financial liabilities to the County Council.

129/06 Environment

The council discussed the parking situation in Hewell Road and agreed that the current scheme was not providing the desired level of safety for pedestrians. It was agreed that Cllr Cliff would draft a paper on the position and circulate to members for comment prior to the council calling a meeting to discuss the situation with all stakeholders.

130/06 Parish Plan

The EO advised that 750 copies of the (non-glossy) Parish Plan, covering letter and envelopes were now available for distribution to all households in the parish.

131/06 Planning – The council received a report on applications received and decisions taken by the District Council's Planning Committee. The council noted that the appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for fencing in Orchard Croft had been dismissed.

The council agreed to submit an application for spot listing of Tower House.

132/06 Parker's Piece Playing Field, Bittell Road

The council agreed that the goalpost sockets had now been rectified to its satisfaction and that the supplier's invoice could be paid.

133/06 Communications

The council noted that the deadline for the winter newsletter is December 31st 2006. Any contributions to be sent to the EO. This issue would include a piece on parking in Hewell Road.

134/06 Working Practices



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Members were requested to read the draft revised working practices with a view to gradually introducing them from January 2007 so that they were fully operational by May.

135/06 Premises

The council noted that a meeting had been arranged between council representatives and Lloyds TSB for November 28th to discuss the possibility of the council taking over the premises in Hewell Road that the bank would be vacating at the end of November.

136/06 Special Events

- a) The council noted that a Christmas Fayre, organised by the local traders, would be held in Millennium Park on Sunday December 10th. The council resolved to organise a parish walk to coincide with this event, commencing at 12 noon at Bittell Road Playing Field.
- b) The council noted that bookings were now being placed for performers for the 2007 Barnt Green Festival to be held on June 23rd. The council agreed that the relevant part of Hewell Road should be closed from 1.00pm – 7.00pm on that day.

137/06 Urgent Decisions

None taken since last meeting.

138/06 NALC, CALC, Training & CPRE

The council noted that the final Nuts 'n' Bolts training session would take place on January 17th 2007.

An Election Briefing for potential councillors, in conjunction with Cofton Hackett and Lickey & Blackwell PCs, would be held on February 28th

139/06 Correspondence Received – a report was circulated at the meeting and a copy is appended to these minutes.

140/06 Future Agenda Items – Parking on Hewell Road.

141/06 Date and Venue of Next Meeting – Monday 29th January 2007 at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre was agreed. The council noted that the Volunteers Thank You party would be held on December 11th at 7.30pm. All councillors and their partners were invited to attend. The meeting ended at 9.02pm.

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Chairman 29th January 2007