



# Barnt Green Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Office on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Judith Jagger (chairman), Mrs Diane Carr (vice chairman), Mr Tom Gray, Mrs Susan Whitehand, and Mrs Rachel Banner.

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

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

- the Agenda
- a report from the Chairman
- a report on planning applications
- an updated report from the RFO.
- Proposed budget for 2011-2012
- A report on correspondence received

**81/10 Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Davis, Hawkley and Jenkins whose reasons for absence were approved by the Council. There were also apologies from District Cllrs Doyle and Deeming and from County Cllr McDonald.

**82/10 Declarations of Interest**

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

**83/10 Minutes of the Last Meeting** held on 25th October 2010 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

*No Parishioners attended the meeting.*

**84/10 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman presented a written report, a copy of which will be appended to the signed minutes of the meeting..

**85/10 District and County Councillors' Question & Answer Session**

No District or County Councillors were able to attend the meeting.



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## 86/10 Infrastructure

### **Planning & Conservation**

A report on planning applications received and decisions taken by BDC's Planning Committee was received by the Council. A copy will be attached to these minutes.

### **Highways & Lighting**

The Chairman reported that two of the three tenants/landlords had made a contribution towards the resurfacing of the Hewell Road footway. She would pursue the other landlord for payment.

The EO reported that there was still a concrete lighting column on Sandhills Green which would require replacement. The Council resolved to carry out this work in the next financial year.

The Council resolved to implement a rolling programme of repainting all of the traffic sign pines in the village centre over the next three years.

### **Environment**

The Council confirmed its decision to include an article in the Winter Newsletter asking residents to suggest any significant trees in the Parish that warranted a Tree Preservation Order. It was felt that this would be best done through an offer to ascertain the age of such trees.

The EO advised that he had attended a meeting regarding the Community Payback Scheme operated by West Midlands Probation Service and that he hoped to use the scheme to install a kissing gate to replace the stile on Footpath 501 at the bottom of Parker's Piece.

### **Community Safety**

**Village Watch** – the Council noted that W Mercia Police had held a Mobile PACT Surgery at the Parish Office on November 25 and that a further surgery was booked for December 23. In addition CSO Dave had advised that he would base himself in Barnt Green on one day per week for the period leading up to Christmas. The Council agreed that he could use the Parish Office as a base.

**Health & Safety** – the Council noted a bell had been installed on the slope outside the Parish Office to assist disabled access. A sign for this had been ordered.

**Communications** – the executive officer advised that the Autumn Newsletter had been printed and distributed.



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### 87/10 Governance

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

The Council received a proposed budget for 2011-2012 from the Finance Group and accepted both the budget and the recommendation that the precept be maintained at its current level of £56000 for a fourth consecutive year.

**Administration** – the Council approved the EO's attendance at a SLCC Lunch in January at a cost of £20.

**Youth Council** – the Council noted that the Youth Council had taken a stall at the Scouts' Bonfire Event on November 6<sup>th</sup> in order to raise its profile and had donated all of the proceeds from the stall to the Scout Hut Rebuild Fund

**School Governor** – nothing to report. The Council felt that it should get to know the members of St Andrews School PTA in order to avoid future date clashes.

**WCALC/NALC** – nothing to report.

**CPRE**- nothing to report.

**Events** – Cllr Carr confirmed that she had started making arrangements for the 2011 Barnt Green Festival to be held on 11 June. The date for the 2010 Christmas Carol Service had been fixed as December 10 and the Volunteers Party had been confirmed for December 15<sup>th</sup> at The Green Olive on Hewell Road. To date 18 acceptances had been received.

The visit to The House of Commons including a meeting with Sajid Javid MP has been arranged for April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 and a coach has been booked. This will be given wide coverage in the Winter Newsletter and will be open to all residents, families and friends.

The Council resolved not to sanction the request to hold a Mockfest music festival on Parker's Piece during the summer of 2011. Certain Councillors would undertake an exploratory visit to a Mockfest event if any were arranged for the local area in 2011 so that an informed decision could be made in response to any future requests.

The Council resolved to proceed with the production of a Barnt Green calendar for 2012. A request for suitable photographs would be included in the next two Newsletters. Advertising on the calendar would be offered and proceeds would be donated to local charities and worthy causes.

### 88/10 Urgent Decisions – none taken since last meeting.



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- 89/10 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.
- 90/10 Future Agenda Items** – St Andrews School PTA liaison.
- 91/10 Date and Venue of Next Meeting** – Monday 31 January 2011 at 7.00pm at the Parish Office was agreed.

The meeting ended at 7.55pm.

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Chairman                      January 31<sup>st</sup> 2011