

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting
held at 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green
on Tuesday 12th December 2017 at 7.00pm**

Barnt Green Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence, June 2015

Members present: Cllrs R Cholmondeley (Chairman), J Jagger, P Perry

In attendance: One member of the press (The Village)
Gill Lungley, Executive Officer

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

17/183 Apologies

Cllrs C Hotham (vice-Chairman), R Briggs, S Whitehand: adverse weather conditions
J Jellie – attending school Governing Body meeting

17/184 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests.

17/185 Consideration of dispensation requests

No dispensation requests had been submitted in advance of this meeting.

17/186 Adjournment for Public Question Time

Not required.

17/187 Chairman's Introduction

The reason for calling this Extraordinary meeting was to discuss two items that could not wait until the parish council's next meeting in January, however due to unforeseen circumstances this meeting would be brief.

17/188 Planning consultation

a) Members commented on the following consultation:

Log no. 083	17/01347	10 Cherry Hill Rd
Proposal: Demolition of 1960's front extension, replacement with new extension, extending rear wing of the house, new porch and front door, replacement of non-original windows, new external stairs to storage area above garage, new dormer window to side of existing roof, new conservation type roof lights to existing and new roofs, raising height of existing chimneys and new garden gates and brick wall with piers.		
BGPC Comment: The Parish Council would support approval of this application as long as the proposed steps between the site's garage and the neighbouring property are an acceptable addition in this location.		

17/189 To agree the parish council's response to Network Rail's decision to not install lifts at Barnt Green station

The Chairman referred members to the report circulated with the agenda which included:

- i. the Network Rail Diversity Impact Assessment relating to "Bromsgrove Resignalling and Electrification – Barnt Green Station Footbridge";
- ii. Response to Cllr C Hotham from Rt Hon. Sajid Javid, MP on the subject of lifts;
- iii. Information on the Equality Duty from the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

It was agreed to:

- a) Write to Network Rail to put on record the council's disappointment and concerns, and to petition to reverse the decision.
- b) Write to constituency MP, Rt Hon Sajid Javid (also Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government)

- c) Write to the Minister for Women and Equalities, Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, whose role includes cross-government equality strategy and legislation
- d) Write to the Secretary of State for Transport, Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
- e) Write to known equalities campaigners and local access groups to also petition Network Rail to reconsider their decision and instead install the planned lifts as soon as possible.
- f) Enlist the support of Bromsgrove Rail Users Group.
- g) To keep the matter at the forefront of local media attention.
- h) To delegate authority to the Executive Officer, working with the Chairman, vice-Chairman and members attending this meeting, to do whatever is necessary to progress this matter.

17/190 Date and Venue of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 15th January 2018, 7pm at St Andrews C of E First School, Hewell Road B45 8NG

This meeting ended at 7.11pm.

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Chairman

15th January 2018