

BARNT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Environment Committee Meeting

Members are duly summoned to attend the meeting of Barnt Green Parish Council Environment Committee to be held on Monday 11 February 2019 at 2pm in the Parish Council office, 80 Hewell Road, Barnt Green, B45 8NF.

Agenda	
E19-01	Apologies To receive apologies and to approve the reason for absence.
E19-02	Declarations of Interest - Councillors are reminded to, when applicable: a) Register of Interests: keep their register of interests updated. b) Declare Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. c) Declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. d) Members' written requests for the grant of a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be submitted to the EO in advance of the meeting Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the Members' Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant item(s) unless granted a dispensation.
E19-03	The meeting will be adjourned for: a) Public Question Time The time allocated is at the discretion of the chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself.
E19-04	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting Please find the draft minutes of the meeting held 20/09/2018 attached. A copy will be present at the meeting for approval.
E19-05	To be updated on previous matters and comment accordingly: a) Pollinator encouragement – A request has been made to Rachel Banner for an update on the project to establish the next steps (EO to report). b) Outdoor Parish Caretaker Duties (EO to report). c) Replacement Bollard by Indian Restaurant – See report attached. d) Replacement Bollards to be Sourced – See report attached
E19-06	Natural Networks Programme a) A launch event was held on the 31 st January to find out more about the Natural Networks programme. The Programme offers professional advice on how to create, improve or restore wildlife-rich habitats and offers grants up to

	<p>45% of the total projects cost. Grants are available between £2000 up to £200,000. Eligibility criteria will apply.</p> <p>This is geared toward anyone wishing to participate in the scheme, including parish councils, small and medium businesses, NGOs, statutory bodies and the public. Having missed the deadline for the event further information can be found on the website link www.worcestershire.gov.uk/naturalnetworks</p>
E19-07	<p>Consultation Regarding Tree Works Application</p> <p>APPLICATION REFERENCE: TPO19/014 APPLICATION TYPE: Works to a tree with a TPO LOCATION: 32 Fiery Hill Road, Barnt Green Birmingham Worcestershire B45 8LG PROPOSAL: T1- Beech- reduce lower left limb by 1-2 metres or best pruning point. T2- Eucalyptus fell due to placed in an established hedgerow.</p> <p>SENIOR TREE OFFICER COMMENTS: The applicant has been supported by a Woodland Management Plan. I have met with the new owner at the site and he clearly wishes to manage the woodland positively to improve its condition and quality and assure its longevity as it has not been managed for some considerable time. This work includes in the first instance the removal of the Laurel which is a non-native and an invasive species. Therefore, I would be in strong favour of this work being carried out.</p> <p>a) Committee Comments Required by 12 February 2019. Please see supporting Information supplied.</p>
E19-08	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agendas</p> <p>Councillors may use this opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda; (ii) raise items for future agendas.
E19-09	<p>Provisional Date and venue of next meeting (To be confirmed following May Elections)</p> <p>Monday 10th June 2019, 80 Hewell Road.</p>

Tracy Bodley

Tracy Bodley, Executive Officer
05/02/2019

Committee Members

Councillors: R Briggs (Chairman),
R Cholmondeley, J Jagger, H Rone -
Clarke

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership

The committee will consist of four members of Barnt Green Parish Council. Non-voting associate members to include the Parish Footpaths Warden and Parish Tree Warden, may be appointed as required.

Quorum

Three members will constitute the minimum number required for a meeting to proceed.

Meetings

The committee will meet three times each year, on the second Monday of February, June, September at the Parish Council office at 5pm or such other time as may be required. Dates of other meetings, if required, will be agreed by committee members.

All meetings of the Environment Committee will be open to the public and clerked. Minutes will be made available within one month of the meeting.

Public participation

Members of the public will be allowed to participate during 'Open Forum' – a period of up to 15 minutes – only.

Delegated responsibilities

The Committee has delegated authority to:

- a) Authorise expenditure within the allocated budget in any one financial year
- b) Regularly monitor the council's environmental contracts including:
 - i. Parish footpath lighting provision
 - ii. Barnt Green Parish Lengthsman scheme
 - iii. Outdoor Parish Caretaker
 - iv. Grass cutting in Millennium Park and along Hewell Road
 - v. Care of Millennium Park
 - vi. Grass cutting in Barnt Green playing field
 - vii. Miscellaneous grass cutting across the parish
 - viii. Care of Commuters' Car Park
 - ix. Provision and maintenance of flower/plant containers
- c) Assist the Parish Footpaths Warden in maintaining the parish public rights of way;
- d) Monitor street cleaning, emptying of public waste bins and litter
- e) Monitor and report on highways potholes and maintenance requirements
- f) Consult and monitor public opinion on highways and environmental matters
- g) Consider and respond to consultations on highways and environmental matters

Expected actions

The committee will be expected to propose to the Parish Council recommendations such as:

- a) An itemised annual budget based on regular activities and specific planned projects;
- b) Sites identified for planting and environmental improvements;
- c) Actions for improving the parish highway network including traffic calming schemes;
- d) Actions for improving road safety for drivers and pedestrians;
- e) Plans to work with rail users, rail user representatives and rail travel providers to improve local facilities;

Recommendations will be forwarded to the full council for consideration at its next meeting.

Agreed at Barnt Green Parish Council meeting held 21/05/2018

Review date: May 2019

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Replacement Bollards by Indian Restaurant

An email request was sent to Mr Richard Clewer from Worcestershire County Council Highways on Wednesday 30 January 2018, to replace the bollard by the Indian Restaurant with a 'Bounce Back' Style Bollard. The Committee will be updated once a reply has been received.

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Replacement Bollards

It is understood that BGPC have agreed to purchase three cast iron style ornamental bollards and that there has been some difficulty sourcing an exact likeness with what is already in place.

The previous clerk has obtained an initial quotation for the bollard as pictured below at a cost of £134.26 Excluding VAT from Glasdon.



If agreeable with the design of the above, then two further quotes will be obtained and clarification if this price still stands with Glasdon to make comparisons accordingly.

Mr Clewer from WCC Highways has suggested that once purchased, arrangements will be made to take delivery at BGPC Office and WCC will install them.