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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held at Barnt Green Baptist Church lounge, B45 8LU

on Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.00pm

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

Members present: Cllrs R Cholmondeley (Chairman), Cllr C Hotham (vice-chairman)
J Jagger, J Nilsson, P Perry, J Jagger

In attendance: A representative of The Village magazine
Executive Officer, Tracy Bodley

19/044 Apologies
Cllr R Briggs

19/045 Declarations of Interest: Councillors were reminded that to ensure transparency and retain public confidence in the council's decisions they are required to -

- a) Keep their Register of Interests form up to date;
- b) Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and any Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) in agenda items and the nature of those interests.

- Cllr Hotham has a standing declaration in his role as a member of the district council's planning committee; any comments made at parish council meetings on planning matters are made prior to possession of the full facts and would not amount to pre-determination.

19/046 To consider any dispensations
No dispensation requests had been received.

19/047 Adjournment of meeting to hear from:

a) **Members of the Public –**
None present.

b) **Supporting organisations, eg Safer Neighbourhood Team –**
Not present.

It was requested that AMEY be contacted regarding any updates on the road closure in Hewell Road during the summer for improvements to the water mains.

c) **Worcestershire County Councillor – Peter McDonald (Beacon division)**
Not present.

d) **Bromsgrove District Councillor - Charles Hotham (Barnt Green & Hopwood)**
Cllr Hotham reported that there were no updates to bring to the meeting due to the period of purdah prior to the elections on 2 May 2019.

The meeting resumed.

19/048 To adopt previous minutes

a) To approve adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 18/03/2019
AGREED

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 18/03/2019 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

19/049 Chairman's Report

a) Parking at the Victoria Public House

The chairman reported that he visited the Duty Manager at the pub to enquire as to the reason behind the closure of the carpark prior to 11am each day.

As suspected the decision arose due to the number of commuters parking there to take the train.

The Victoria is still happy for residents to use the carpark but will not lift the barrier until 11am.

19/050 Executive Officer's Report

To be advised of any decisions taken under delegated powers since the last meeting and receive updates to ongoing matters and a list of office communications since the previous council meeting.

<p>a) Station</p>	<p>Following a response from Richard Brooks of West Midlands Rail on 7 March reported at the previous parish council meeting, the EO has responded requesting that all the issues outlined in his email response were addressed as they were of equal importance.</p> <p>The EO reported that a response had been received on 14 April 2019 -</p> <p>'Happy for my response to be as follows. I am aware of your concerns regarding the station and do appreciate your continued support. West Midlands Railway is committed to improving both facilities and information provided at our stations. This is underpinned by significant investment that will be delivered during our franchise. I have asked our Area Station Manager to look at costing those improvements put forward that are outside of the scope of the above so that we can look at whether further funding streams can be identified. Regards Richard'</p> <p>A response has been received from Richard Dugdale on 26 March 2019. He reports that he will be assembling the information and the business case to take to DfT, to progress firstly the detailed design, and secondly the implementation funding to install the lifts and will endeavour to provide more details on how these stages will work in due course.</p> <div data-bbox="635 1594 1453 1984" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>RESOLVED:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">i) That a request is made to Richard Brooks to establish a timeframe in which the issues will be addressed.ii) That contact is made to the Transport Co-Ordinator at WCC to express concerns regarding the issues with Barnt Green Station. Cllr Hotham to forward contact details to EO.iii) That a response to Richard Dugdale is sent asking when he will respond to BGPC with positive news.</div>
<p>b) Cofton Footbridge</p>	<p>The report received on the installation of the bridge was noted.</p>

c) Elections	<p>As listed on BDC website and the parish notice board BGPC were advised that the Parish Council received nominations from 7 candidates, and therefore these candidates are validly nominated in a non-contested election. It was also informed that there is a vacancy which will need to be filled and an advertisement will be placed on the parish noticeboard, website and Facebook page with co-option planned at the Annual Council Meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the comments were noted.</p>
d) Bollards	<p>It was reported that six bollards have been delivered to the office following a resolution under minute number E19-05 d to purchase ornamental bollards. An email was sent to Richard Clewer at WCC to request scheduling a date for installation.</p> <p>Mr Clewer has since reported that the broken bollard can be repaired by changing the cuff at the base of the bollard. He welcomes suggestions where to use the new bollards. He recommended removing a row of bollards and replacing with the new ones to give a uniform set. The ones removed can then be kept in storage and retained for future use.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That an email be sent to Richard Clewer to arrange an informal meeting with Cllrs Cholmondeley and Hotham to agree on the bollards to be changed over.</p>
e) Annual Playground Inspection.	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report was noted and any works be rolled over to next year due to the risk factors being low.</p>
f) 145 Bus Route	<p>Cllr Hotham requested that it be noted that the 145 bus route had now been taken over by Diamond replacing IGO and would run to the same timetable.</p>

19/051 Finance

- (i) To note the current financial position and bills for payment

<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a. That the current financial position was noted.</p> <p>b. That the list of payments was agreed.</p>

- (ii) To be advised of any expenditure decisions taken by the Executive Officer
None reported.

19/052 Committee, Working Party and Members' reports on meetings attended

- a) Christmas Lights Display Update –
The committee noted the meeting being held on Tuesday 16 April at 1pm and requested an update at a future meeting.
Cllr Perry gave his apologies and Cllr Jagger stated that she would attend.

- b) Replacement Street Lighting Update – The committee noted the quotation received from GJH Electrical Services Ltd and that there would be no funding from WCC.

RESOLVED:

That further quotations would now be requested in order to comply with 'Best Value' practice.

- c) Smart Water Project Update – The committee were informed that Michael Simpson had now provided the WDBC application form which will be completed and returned in due course with an update to be forwarded to a future parish council meeting.

RESOLVED: that the comment was noted.

19/053 Events

- a) Police Pop-Up, at the parish council office – No information has been received.
- b) Fun Run 2019
No further information has been received.
- c) Summer Treasure Hunt
An update was received as follows:
- i. A walk about held on 2 April 2019 to devise a route and questions had been carried out.
 - ii. There would be two treasure hunts – one for adults and one for children.
 - iii. It was reported that the course would be approximately 2 miles in length and 1 – 1.5 hours to complete. Some members expressed concerns about the distance, given that young children would find this too far to walk.
 - iv. It was reported that the day of the event remained undecided but would take place on either a Saturday or Sunday, with the final decision being delegated to the working party.
- d) Community Walk, to fix the date – Discussion took place regarding a suitable date for the walk.

RESOLVED: That the date set for the Community Walk would be 28 September 2019.

19/054 Environment & Community Wellbeing

- a) **Vehicular collision – Bittell Lane Lamppost:** It was reported that the council's Insurers, Stackhouse Poland Ltd, have requested further information and a second quotation. The council will be updated on the progress of claim in due course.

RESOLVED: That the comments were noted.

b) **Pollinators Site**

The Chairman reported that planting had been carried out over the last couple of weeks with regular watering being undertaken.

Permanent fencing was still required at the site with quotations being sought at a later date.

RESOLVED: Noted.

c) **Butterwick Close:** No updates had been received.

19/055 Planning Applications

a) Members' response to the following consultations:

BDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
19/00313/FUL	20 Cherry Hill Road, Barnt Green	Proposed first floor extension
<p>BGPC Decision:</p> <p>No objection, subject to the windows of the main habitable rooms are of obscure glass and do not create a negative impact on neighbouring property, Chery Hill House.</p> <p>Size of the extension should be proportionate with the existing property.</p>		
19/00333/FUL	63C Fiery Hill Road, Barnt Green	First floor front extension, porch and rear dormer.
<p>BGPC Decision:</p> <p>No Objection, approval recommended.</p>		
19/00382/FUL	39 Blackwell Road, Barnt Green	Proposed single storey side extension with fireplace and chimney and detached garage
<p>BGPC Decision:</p> <p>Recommend approval, but express concerns over the building line.</p>		
19/00409/FUL	24 Fiery Hill Road, Barnt Green	One and a half storey extension to annexe
<p>BGPC Decision:</p> <p>Recommend rejection.</p> <p>The one and a half storey extension to the annexe creates a significant impact on neighbouring property, Bilberry Grange.</p> <p>The size of the proposed extension in relation to the existing building is incongruous.</p> <p>Does not enhance the conservation area.</p> <p>BGPC Vote: Approval – 0 Rejection – 4 Abstention - 2</p>		
19/00461/FUL	Grosvenor House Nursing Home, Aqueduct Lane	Variation of Condition 2 of 18/00932/FUL to enclose fire escape staircase
<p>BGPC Decision:</p> <p>No Objection, approval recommended.</p>		

b) Neighbourhood Development Plan

An update was received from the Chairman as follows:

Neighbouring parishes have taken steps to work on and/or adopt a neighbourhood plan and it was thought that BGPC needed to make headway.

The data on file is between 4-5 years old and probably out of date.

It was stated that more empirical evidence was required to support a neighbourhood plan.

The Chairman reported that he had made contact with the Doctors surgery to instigate a meeting to determine their five year plan and if this would have any bearing on the parish plan.

19/056 Future Meetings and items for future agendas

Councillors were reminded of meetings to be attended and used this opportunity to raise items for future agendas.

a) Councillors were reminded of meetings to be attended.

b) It was reported that Barnt Green Parish Annual Assembly is being held on Thursday 25 April 2019 at The Friends Meeting House, Sandhills Road at 7pm.

19/057 Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Next annual parish council meeting will be Monday 20 May 2019, 7pm at Barnt Green Baptist Church.

This meeting ended at 20:10hrs

Signed:..... Date.....
Chairman, Barnt Green Parish Council 20/05/2019