

BARNT GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Online meeting on Monday 30 November 2020 at 5.00pm

Members present: Cllrs R Cholmondeley, C Hotham, P Perry, J Nilsson from 17:09hrs, S Whitehand, O Polton and M Roberts

In attendance: Executive Officer, Tracy Bodley

20/056 Apologies
Cllr Jagger

20/057 Declarations of Interest: Councillors were reminded that to ensure transparency and retain public confidence in the council's decisions they are required to -

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

No declarations were received.

20/058 To consider any dispensations
No dispensation requests had been received.

20/059 Open Session - Participation to hear from:

a) Supporting Organisations,
None present.

b) Worcestershire County Councillor – Peter McDonald (Beacon division) – Not present

c) Bromsgrove District Councillor - Charles Hotham (Barnt Green & Hopwood)
Cllr Hotham stated that there had been no full council meeting since the last parish council meeting but reported on the following;

- The revised Government White Paper on Planning means that there is still uncertainty where the District Neighbourhood Plan is heading.
- Cllr Hotham is forwarding a motion at the next full council being held on Wednesday 2nd December to review planning enforcement as previously there was a dedicated team of enforcement officers which now is not the case.
- Road Sweeping in Bromsgrove District produced 43 tonnes of hazardous waste disposal in the last 6 months. In this same comparative period, it was stated that Wychavon District had disposed of 900 tonnes. It was reported that this was due to several reasons, staff absence because of coronavirus and vehicular breakdown. Cllr Hotham stated that Barnt Green fared better than other villages within Bromsgrove District however it raised concerns over localised flooding from blocked drains because of irregular road sweeping activity.
- Cllr Hotham updated the parish council on the gated access to the Cala Homes estate stating that matters were progressing. He also remarked that the District Council could not enforce removal of the 'Private' signs which the Management Company would be required to administer.

	<p>suggesting the ground under the play equipment is dug out, raised and filled with suitable drainage material and topping.</p> <p>Cllr Nilsson remarked that this was designed as a rural play area given the close proximity to the wood and therefore should have a natural surface such as the chipped bark.</p> <p>Cllr Cholmondeley stated that he had visited the area that day and the chippings had not been spread under the play equipment. The EO said that she would see when this would be carried out.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>RESOLVED: That the council approve the scattering of bark chippings and monitor its effectiveness prior to undertaking further drainage rectification in the play area.</p> </div>
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20/063 Finance

- (i) To note the current financial position and bills for payment. Authorised 16 November.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the current financial position be noted.
- b) That the list of payments be noted.

- (ii) To be advised of any expenditure decisions taken by Executive Officer. Tree work as detailed in minute 20/062 c)

RESOLVED: That the report was noted.

- (iii) To note External Auditor Report 2019/2020

RESOLVED: That the report was noted.

- (iv) To consider a Grant Application from Cobalt Medical.
Some members expressed concern that residents within Barnt Green may not directly benefit from the service that the charity provided.

RESOLVED: That the grant application was not approved.

20/064 Environment & Community Wellbeing

- a) Wassail Walk – It was reported that the scaled down event being promoted on an informal basis led to a decision that the Parish Council would step back from involvement for this year.

RESOLVED: That the report was noted.

- b) Best Dressed Christmas Shop Window Competition – A request was made to determine volunteer judges. It was also reported that the cup was ready for collection.

RESOLVED: That councillor Polton and Cllr Roberts partner judge the competition with the EO to liaise with both as to a convenient judging date.

20/065 Planning Matters


a) To consider response to consultations received including:

BDC ref	Site Address	Proposal
20/01196/FUL	22 Bittell Lane	Proposed single storey rear extension
BGPC Recommendation: Approve subject that consideration is given to the impact on neighbouring occupiers and protection of neighbouring amenity. Please refer to Bromsgrove District Council Planning and Regeneration High Quality Design SPD (adopted June 2019) – i) Overlooking – This may be a problem if a new extension allows views into the private amenity or living space of your neighbour.		

20/066 Date of Next Meeting

Members were requested to make themselves available for an online parish council meeting to be scheduled in mid-January which will be published on the council website in advance.

This meeting ended at 17:47hrs

Signed: 
Robert Cholmondeley (Jan 20, 2021 10:45 GMT)
Chairman, Barnt Green Parish Council

Date: **Jan 20, 2021**

Current financial position (bank reconciliation to 31 October 2020)

Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2020			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2020		91,946.60
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2020 - 31/10/2020		81,083.91
			173,030.51
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2020 - 31/10/2020		38,247.74
A	Cash in Hand 31/10/2020 (per Cash Book)		134,782.77
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	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/10/2020	0.00	
	Cambridge Building Society 31/10/2020	63,963.31	
	Unity Bank Deposit Account 31/10/2020	67,159.35	
	Unity Bank Current Account 31/10/2020	3,920.11	
			135,042.77
	Less unrepresented payments		260.00
			134,782.77
	Plus unrepresented receipts		0.00
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		134,782.77
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	A = B Checks out OK		

November Payments Report – Authorised 16 November 2020

November Payments List				
Voucher	Description	Net	VAT	Total
115	Landline and Broadband	37.50	7.50	45.00
116	Grass Cutting	232.41	46.48	278.89
118	Cut grass on footpath edge	88.00	17.60	105.60
119	Pollinator site - ground prep	150.00	30.00	180.00
121	Annual governance accountability return	400.00	80.00	480.00
123	Supply and fit streetlamp shield	125.00	25.00	150.00
125	Christmas Lighting Hire	2,487.77	497.55	2,985.32
114	Pension contributions	173.52	0.00	173.52
117	Outdoor Parish Caretaker	450.00	0.00	450.00
120	Lengthsman Work	150.00	0.00	150.00
122	Grant award	500.00	0.00	500.00
124	Annual Membership	36.00	0.00	36.00
126	Salary	1,411.70	0.00	1,411.70
		6,241.90	704.13	6,946.03






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Final Audit Report

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