



## Bournheath Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 7.30pm

Bournheath Village Community Centre,  
Claypit Lane, Bournheath

**Councillors present** Karen May (Chairman), Stuart Hall (vice-Chairman), Keith Drew, B Lodge, C Marshall,  
S Westwood

**In attendance** District Councillor, Woodvale Ward, Brian Lewis  
Clerk: Gill Lungley

**14/10/01 Apologies**  
Cllr H Feeney

**14/10/02 Declarations of interest**  
None

**14/10/03 Dispensations**  
None requested

**14/10/04 Public Participation / Question Time**  
None

**14/10/05 County Councillor and District Councillor Reports**

Sheila Blagg was unable to attend but had provided a written report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

B Lewis initiated discussion on the recent Taylor Wimpey consultation to develop land off Perryfields Road, Sidemoor in order to build 1200 new homes and ancillary buildings which would introduce a large increase in traffic into the area. It was believed that Dodford with Grafton PC had expressed similar concerns and the two Chairmen are likely to meet to discuss a joint response and proposals to reduce the traffic impact on local roads.

Coun Lewis declared it would be inappropriate to use the District Council ward members' fund of £1155 towards speed reduction measures (as requested at the PACT meeting on 13/10/2014) and that he would instead be happy to put some of it towards the Parish Council's new notice board (now installed) or failing that, then towards the planned defibrillator.

Coun Lewis warned of post being stolen from accessible mail/letter boxes, leading to identity theft and possible fraud.

**14/10/06 Parish Footpath Warden / Lengthsman / Neighbourhood Watch Reports**

June Maw, PPW had no new information to report.

A request was made for the PPW to comment on the situation at footpath no. 510, adjacent to 77 Fairfield Road; the footpath is passable but the tree canopy can be viewed as overpowering and a possible nuisance to neighbouring property.

With regard to the newly installed gate between Bournheath playing field and the public footpath no. 507, it was reported that six residents had submitted evidence to the district council stating the access had never been denied in over twenty years.

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Bryan Hewett had sent apologies for non-attendance and that following the PACT meeting held on 13/10/14 he had requested SmartWater application forms. Notes on the PACT meeting had been circulated and it was expected that the next PACT meeting would be at Fairfield.

- 14/10/07 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held 02/09/2014**  
The minutes of the council meeting held 02/09/2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place and signed.
- 14/10/08 Chairman's Report: Cllr K May**
- Is to meet with WCC Highways Liaison officer to review the recent road works and aftermath, to include site checks on road signs that need repair.
  - The street lamps along Fairfield Road that have not been working since Western Power road works are expected to be repaired by 07/1/14.
  - A road sign to deter HGV's has been installed at the entrance to Claypit Lane from Stourbridge Road
  - Police have been alerted to check for HGV's on local roads
  - A new lollipop-style 30mph sign has been installed at the junction of Rocky Lane with Stourbridge Road but is incorrect as it states national speed limit on the alternate side where it is actually also 30mph; WCC attention has been drawn to this.
  - Keen to pursue community speed awareness opportunities via the Safety Partnership
  - The Bromsgrove Area CALC committee meeting had asked for comment on the suggestion that it holds two CALC meetings each year and two parish/district forums per year – members were in favour of this. Additionally members were notified that CALC area committee had organised a meeting with Sajid Javid MP on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm. Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning Services had been invited to attend the next area committee meeting, 10/12/2014 and questions were requested in advance of the meeting.
- 14/10/09 Progress reports from the Clerk:**
- a) Lengthsman report: NW continues to do well in the role and is to be asked to change the VAS battery.
  - b) Stourbridge Road lay-by – no update on proposal to reduce the height of the trees
  - c) Bench seats on playing field have been re-painted
  - d) Parish newsletter is to be updated and issued for December.
  - e) New dwelling in Bournheath - Field Barn, Wildmoor Lane - is in Belbroughton CP; the electoral register is to be amended
  - f) Community-use defibrillator – BT are consulting (90 days) following parish council's application to adopt the kiosk in Dodford Road; a representative of West Midlands Ambulance Service has been invited to discuss the purchase and training
  - g) First-Aid Training – a date is to be set on a Friday evening for a training opportunity at Bournheath Village Community Centre to be offered to the community
  - h) Health Chats training for community volunteers; attended by the Clerk 16/10/14
  - i) New notice board at 5-Ways has been installed
  - j) Polling station review circulated to members; BVCC continues as the local polling station
  - k) Severn Trent investigation work – Severn Trent Water have sent a customer care letter to residents within catchment area
  - l) Spring flowering bulbs have been purchased and in process of being planted. There was discussion about the cost of planting and a maximum price was agreed; the Clerk would check with the Lengthsman scheme to see if they would cover the cost of planting.
  - m) All members are to check the highways salt/grit bins for adequate stock levels.
  - n) North Bromsgrove High School had invited representatives to attend the World War 1 re-dedication ceremony to be held 11/11/2014, commemorating ex-students who fought and gave their lives in the Great War.
- Items carried forward: village hall signposting (to be followed up); outdoor exercise equipment; training for first-aid. Correspondence listed separately.
- 14/10/10 Wildmoor Report –**  
No report provided

**14/10/11 Bournheath Village Community Centre Report – Cllr K Drew**

The management committee had held a successful Quiz Night recently and will be hosting a new children's Halloween venture on 31/10/2014. The Christmas Fayre is booked for 06/12/14 and so the hall decoration will take place by 30/11/14.

**It was agreed** to provide an indoor Christmas tree for BVCC (to be arranged via Cllr S Hall).

Plans for the annual Carol Singing were discussed and agreed; the event would be held at BVCC – outside if weather permitting or inside if not – and outdoor Christmas lights would be sourced (PC members and BVCC to supply and arrange). Blackwell Concert band would assist with music.

Lease negotiations are proceeding slowly.

The management committees' AGM will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm.

Members were asked to consider how to deal with cars that are parked in front of the gate which prevents the gate from being locked at the stated time. It was agreed that a 'no parking in front of this notice' notice would be requested for the gate to the playing field.

**14/10/12 Councillors' Reports**

- a) Cllr C Marshall - Residents' Welcome Pack in progress.
- b) Cllr S Hall – the new notice board has been installed near the 5-Ways junction.
- c) Cllr S Hall – new spring bulbs have been purchased and the Lengthsman scheme is to be asked to support the planting of them in the parish.

**14/10/13 Planning**

- a) There were no new applications to consider or responses to report.
- b) Information about New Permitted Development Rights would be circulated to members; this clarifies Government's plans for a 3-tier planning system that allows 1) small scale alterations through the use of permitted development, 2) prior approval rights for development requiring consideration of specific issues and 3) planning permission for other and larger scale developments.

**14/10/14 Bournheath's Annual Carol Singing**

Arrangements would be confirmed at the next meeting.

**14/10/15 To consider replacement of the council's union flag**

The Clerk would obtain a quote to replace the current flag.

**14/10/16 To note BDC's decision for dealing with the DCLG precept support grant funding**

Despite DCLG's intention that the grant was to be used to ease the burden on the precept due to changes to the calculation of benefits and council tax, BDC have decided to keep the funds and divide it between each ward member to spend within each ward, subject to BDC policy.

**It was agreed** to seek the Ward Member's support for the new notice board, or the installation of a defibrillator (as per minute no. 14/10/05 above)

**14/10/17 Finance**

- a) The Clerk had circulated an update on the council's current financial situation prior to the meeting and the payments as per schedule below were agreed.
- b) Registration with the Information Commission has been renewed.
- c) The meeting scheduled for 25/11/2014 will consider budget for 2-15/16.

**14/10/18 Items for next agenda and for general consideration**

- Speed reduction measures (waste bin 30mph stickers)
- Lamp post above Doctor's Hill culvert is leaning forward (culvert is eroding underneath)

- Update on gate between Bournheath playing field and public right of way

**14/10/19 Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 25/11/2014, 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 22:20pm.

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**Chairman, Bournheath Parish Council**

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**Date**

Payment Schedule, October 2014

V no	Name and reason	Income	Chq no.	Exp Total
022	HMRC - 2nd quarter PAYE/NI		300170	131.20
R3	WCC - lengthsman repayment	312.60		
R4	Bank interest	9.46		
023	Salary - September		s/o	279.98
R5	Bromsgrove DC - 2nd half-precept	5,344.50		
024	Lengthsman, September		300171	375.38
025	Greenbarnes - notice board		300172	1,277.65
026	Lengthsman, October		300173	229.32
027	Salary - October		s/o	279.98