



Bournheath Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 7.30pm  
Bournheath Village Community Centre,  
Claypit Lane, Bournheath

- Councillors present** Karen May (Chairman), Stuart Hall (Vice-chairman), John Cross, Keith Drew, Brian Lodge, Carolyn Marshall, Stephen Westwood
- In attendance** BDC Belbroughton & Romsley ward representative: Margaret Sherrey  
Neighbourhood Watch representative: Bryan Hewett  
Wildmoor representative: Surinder Sidhu  
Clerk: Gill Lungley
- Visiting speaker** David Rischmiller, Rural and Business Crime Co-ordinator  
North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership
- 15/07/01 Apologies**  
None
- 15/07/02 Declarations of interest**  
None declared
- 15/07/03 Dispensations requested**  
Cllr K Drew submitted a dispensation relating to an Other Disclosable Interest in his role as Chairman of the Bournheath Village Community Centre management committee, requesting to be allowed to stay in the meeting, speak and vote on matters relating to BVCC.  
Members agreed this would be in the best interest of the community and voted in favour of the dispensation.
- 15/07/04 Public Participation / Question Time**  
**David Rischmiller:** the Rural and Business Crime Co-ordinator works with the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership in a role established following criticism of the way police deal with rural issues. One of the concerns that DR hopes to address is the non-reporting of rural crime and loss of confidence in the police.
- 15/07/05 County Councillor and District councillor reports**  
**Sheila Blagg,** Worcestershire County Council member for Woodvale Division, was unable to attend but had provided a report that was circulated to members.  
**Coun Margaret Sherrey,** BDC's Belbroughton and Romsley ward reported on concerns relating to –
  - Crime Commissioner's Panel reports crime is down, but perhaps this could be due to the non-reporting of crimes;
  - trafficking of vulnerable people in the country;
  - the treatment of young repeat offenders who may have low-level mental health issues;
  - better news on retail investment in Bromsgrove town centre.
- 15/07/06 Reports from Community associates**
  - a) **Parish Paths Warden:** Cllr S Westwood has volunteered for this role and is to be inducted by the PPW co-ordinator from County Hall.
  - b) **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Bryan Hewett had not been made aware of any incidents (apart from being made aware this evening of theft of domestic heating oil from a number of houses in Dodford). BH wished to highlight the availability of SmartWater at the

reduced price of £15 per kit – anyone interested is to contact BH.

- c) **Wildmoor Residents:** Surinder Sidhu reported that littering along Wildmoor Lane is a constant blight, however it would appear that the site manager at Wildmoor Quarry should be carrying out a litter pick every Friday.
- d) **Bournheath Village Community Centre:** Cllr K Drew reported: -
- that the old occupational licences have expired and have been replaced with a new agreement, terms and conditions.;
  - that a number of contractors have been approached to quote for improvements under a phased works programme;
  - is to look at a variety of funding sources to support the works;
  - is hoping to make progress on matters relating to the building's leasehold, but is frustrated by delay between BVCC solicitors and BDC legal department and hoped Coun Sherrey could make enquiries on BVCC behalf;
  - with regard to the annual Party in the Park, the management committee were keen to keep the event local at low cost to the community.

**15/07/07 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held 30/06/2015**

The minutes of the meeting held 30/06/2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place and signed.

**15/07/08 Chairman's Report**

Cllr May reported on undertakings since the last meeting:

- with Cllr C Marshall had attended the meeting on 10/07/2015 with the Environment Agency, members of Belbroughton PC, Wildmoor Residents Association, Worcestershire County Council to discuss the application by Ballast Phoenix to site an Incinerator Bottom Ash treatment plant next to the Veolia landfill site off Sandy Lane (Fairfield). The EA reported their "minded to" decision is to approve the application. This was clearly a disappointment to the parish councils and residents despite the EA's justification for their decision. The application is now to be considered by WCC. The clerk was asked to notify the planning consultant and Secretary of State of the current situation. There is to be a drop-in session at Fairfield Village Hall and it is hoped that all residents will respond to the consultation in due course. Members discussed the need to alert residents.

**15/07/09 Progress reports from the Clerk:**

1. **Parish Lengthsman** – continues to maintain ditches and verges etc and will report on any concerns. Members asked for the playing field pedestrian gate access to be cleared of nettles and for the vegetation around the Mount Road flower box to be cut back. It was noted that the hedge at the bottom of Parish Hill (Belbroughton Parish) had been trimmed.
2. **Defibrillator** The defibrillator and cabinet had been delivered and due to be installed by GJH Electrician that day with help from the parish Lengthsman, but the work had taken longer than expected and will be finalised next week. The equipment then needs to be registered with the West Midlands Ambulance Service, who will provide the access code in the event of an emergency 999 call. There is also a spare key kept inside an associated key-safe in the event of a power cut.
3. **Residents' Welcome Pack** This has been completed and copies printed in-house for members. Changes were suggested including information relating to making sure waste collection bins were ready for collection by 7am, that the Methodist Chapel was closing, the dates of parish council meetings. To include a rider that all was 'subject to change'.
4. **Bournheath Chapel** BDC had asked about the extent of use of Bournheath Chapel following the parish council's request to include it on the Community Asset List.
5. **Community Asset List** Item carried forward.

6. **New telephone number** The parish council now has its own mobile phone, the number is 07594 024625.

Items carried forward: outdoor exercise equipment, Community Speed Watch, Neighbourhood Planning

**Items of correspondence**

- Weekly updates from Police and Crime Commissioner
- Weekly updates from County Association of Local Councils
- Weekly District-wide planning lists and County-wide road works lists
- Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan: Call for Sites, Resources and Infrastructure, and Consultation on Background Evidence. (It was noted that the county may already be meeting the 7-year bank of sand supplies in which case the site identified at Fairfield would not be required).

**15/07/10 Planning**

- a) No new planning applications have been notified.
- b) The decision to grant planning permission to the application below was noted.  
15/0498, Meadow View Wildmoor Lane B61 0RQ  
Construction of new brick pillars and a sliding metal/timber gate
- c) The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from planning enforcement regarding the apparent encroachment into the Green Belt of a property in Valley Road.

**15/07/11 Local Council Award Scheme – Action Plan for the Year**

- **Neighbourhood Plan** Members agreed to defer this until the situation at Bromsgrove DC is known regarding the district local plan.
- **Saturday Coffee Mornings** Cllr C Marshall is to arrange events around 1) Defibrillator awareness and first aid training, 2) Neighbourhood Watch, local police and security.
- **Community/PACT meetings** The Clerk is to arrange, preferably for a Thursday evening.
- **Working with BVCC** It was suggested that although the current management committee was working well, the continuation of the committee depended on the goodwill of the volunteers standing for election/re-election every year. It could be a possibility that BVCC was not so well supported in the future in which case the question was asked whether the parish council would consider providing greater support at that time. In response the comment was made that although the two bodies work well together they should remain separate; additionally membership of the management committee could be supported by each of the user groups. The matter is to be reconsidered after the BVCC AGM on 26/11/2015.

**15/07/12 Notice board use policy**

Members were concerned at the use of parish notice boards for advertising and commercial purposes.

**It was agreed** to post only parish council-related information in the parish notice boards; the board outside the village hall is shared with BVCC who will display notices supporting hall hirers and allow the board inside the hall to be used for commercial-style notices.

**15/07/13 Environmental Matters**

- a) Complaint of dog-fouling, Parish Hill near 5-Ways; it would appear a domestic fence is to be installed by the concerned resident.
- b) Bench replacement at Tuppenny Cake (Valley Road end) – to be considered in February 2016.
- c) Grass cutting at the playing field has been affected by a change to the cutting procedure in that 2 teams attend, not always at the same time, one to cut main field the other to cut the perimeter.

