



Bournheath Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 14th July 2021, 7.30pm

Held at Bournheath Village Community Centre

Councillors present:

Cllr Andrew Hewston (Chairman), Cllr Louise Colley (Vice Chairman), Cllr Sara Ffoulkes, Cllr Matthew Guest and Cllr Peter Trueman

In attendance:

No members of the public

Clerk: Angela Barnes

1. Apologies

Cllr Karen May, Cllr Steve Westwood, County Cllr Shirley Webb

2. Declarations of interest

The Chairman declared an interest in item 11a

3. Dispensations requested

All members in attendance, regarding item 11a

4. Public Participation / Question Time

None

5. County and District

County Councillor Shirley Webb did not submit a report

District Councillor Karen May submitted a report. See appendix below

6. Reports from Community associates

- a) **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Once again some residents have had mail taken from their roadside post box
- b) **Bournheath Village Community Centre (BVCC):** Cllr Colley advised that the community table tennis sessions will be restarting in July and will be held at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Due to increasing Covid numbers the return of the community coffee mornings will be delayed. Many hirers do not operate during the school holidays. New hirers are welcome.
- c) **Parish Footpaths:** Councillors acknowledged the email received from a Dodford resident, regarding the footpath near the entrance to Bumble Hole Foods.

Bournheath Parish Council Minutes

Chairman's initials

AmH

7. **To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 09/06/2021**

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place and were signed by the Chairman.

8. **The Chairman** reported an approach from Severn Trent. The company would like to plant some trees. BDC would need to agree to this. He wished the owners of the Fockbury Lane café and alpaca farm every success with their new venture.

9. **Progress reports from the Clerk:**

- a) The play equipment is due to be painted very soon. Still no response from BDC about the fencing. The Councillors considered part funding the fence.
- b) New volunteers are needed for the Emergence Plan. The Chairman agreed to ask C Burke if she would fill the position of nurse.

c) **Any other items of correspondence:**

Councillor Matthew Guest presented an excellent feasibility study on internet connectivity for the BVCC. Members thanked him for his research and agreed to defer any decision until BVCC is fully operational again. Councillor Colley said that BVCC committee would discuss at their next meeting.

The sign on Dordale Road has fallen down again. The Clerk to contact R Clewer (Highways) and County Cllr S Webb.

Councillors had been advised on emails received throughout the month.

10. **Finance:**

- a) The meeting was advised of the current financial position as per bank reconciliation, copy attached, was **APPROVED**.
- b) A review of the current budget and spend to date was carried out, copy attached, was **APPROVED**. The members **AGREED** to purchase a new bench for 5 ways. The Lengthsman to move the existing bench to Tuppenny Cake.
- c) Council **AGREED** the payments as per list attached and cheques signed

11. **Planning:**

a) **The following application was considered: -**

21/00904/FUL – Bumble Hole Foods, Bumble Hole Lane

No impact on neighbours. Installation would reduce energy supply from the national grid by 20%. Since planning permission is only required because the applicant is looking to maximise the roof space and everyone should be looking to use greener energy, the council members support the application and have no objection.

- b) **Enforcement matters to consider.** A question was raised about the alpaca farm on Claypit Lane. The Clerk was asked to check when the temporary permission expires.

12. **Defibrillator**

Members **AGREED** to purchase a second defibrillator, to be located outside the village hall. The Clerk was asked to seek divisional funding from County Cllr Shirley Webb.

13. **Purchase of Lease for BVCC**

Cllr Sara Ffoulkes reported back on the meeting that was held with BDC 06/07/2021. In attendance was Cllrs Ffoulkes and Trueman, the BPC Clerk and Jackie Boreham from BDC. Points raised: indemnity regarding the fencing, ownership of access, PC own the gate, BVCC operate the opening and closing, security issues and insurance, usage is 90% BVCC, hirers rightly expect priority use of the car park, informal agreement has worked for more than 50 years. The meeting appeared to go well, JB seemed amenable to joint access but said it would be her boss's decision. The following week she advised that joint access was not possible.

The Clerk to seek reason from BDC and to speak to Highways about obtaining an alternative access from Claypit Lane.

14. Matters for consideration at next meeting

Members to email the Clerk with suggestions.

15. Date and time of next meeting

A Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 08/09/2021 at 7.30pm at Bournheath Village Community Centre

This meeting ended at 9.28pm.

.....A. Houghton..... Chairman

.....8/9/21..... Date

Agenda item 5

Bromsgrove District Council is now required to meet in person for public meetings due to the end of the Government legislation enabling remote public meetings. The first public meeting, which was the Annual Meeting of the Council, took place on 19th May. At that meeting Councillor Rod Laight was re-elected as the Chairman of Bromsgrove District Council for the forthcoming municipal year. I am delighted that Councillor Laight was re-elected. This will enable him to carry out more of a public role and promote his chosen charity, The Primrose Hospice in Bromsgrove. I am also delighted that Councillor Andrew Beaumont was re-elected as the Vice Chairman of the Council.

The Demand Respond Transport initiative, which will be known as the Bromsgrove On Demand ("BOD") buses, will be launched on 19th July. This is a hugely innovative scheme designed to address the modern-day issues of integrated public transport. This scheme will be introduced initially from the railway station in Bromsgrove, but I am pushing to roll it out across the whole of the District including our rural areas. The impact, if successful will be huge, reducing congestion, pollution and allowing people of all ages to easily get where they need to go without relying on others or the car.

The former Council House in Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove is in the process of being demolished. The proposal is that this site will be used for housing including the provision of properties for social rent, shared ownership and a small number are to be sold on the open market. This will be subject to a future planning application. Homes England have supported Bromsgrove District Council with grant funding for this project.

Agenda items 10 a, b & c

Bournheath Parish Council: bank reconciliation and budget comparison to 13/07/2021

See below

BANK RECONCILIATION as at 13/07/2021					
Opening balance at start of year	34,183.23		At Unity Trust Bank 13/07/2021		38,118.20
Add receipts	6,502.25				
	40,685.48				
Less payments	3,469.60		Less/add unrepresented		902.32
	37,215.88				37,215.88
				-0.00	
BUDGET COMPARISON					
To 13/07/2021					
	<u>Budget 20/21</u>		<u>Rec'd to date</u>		<u>u/p's</u>
Receipts					
Precept	10,680.00		5,340.00	300501	362.50
Funding - Compensation				300502	242.82
Lengthsman	1,900.00		1,162.25	300503	297.00
Interest	-				
From reserves/other	22,000.00				
VAT refund	600.00		-		
	35,180.00		6,502.25		
Payments	<u>Budget 20/21</u>		<u>Spent to date</u>		
Salary	3,750.00		1,153.08		
Clerical expenses (travel)	50.00		16.20		
Admin includes election costs	1,745.00		82.10		
Hall hire	205.00		72.00		902.32
Chairman's allowance	100.00		-		
Subs	300.00		282.04		
Insurance	300.00		273.96		
Audit	230.00		85.00		
Training	800.00		-		
Lengthsman	2,500.00		1,101.00		
Projects	22,000.00		-		
Grants	1,500.00		-		
Highways	1,100.00		299.48		
VAT	600.00		104.74		
	35,180.00		3,469.60		

V/R. No.	Name	Reason	Chq no.	Exp Total
015	ND Williamson	Lengthsman, June 2021	300501	362.50
016	Mrs A Barnes	Salary, July 2021	300502	242.82
017	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog Waste Bags 10 boxes	300503	297.00