



Bournheath Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th October 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, Cllr Karen May and Cllr Steve Westwood

In attendance:

Four members of the public

Clerk: Angela Barnes

1. Apologies

Cllr Peter Trueman, County Cllr Shirley Webb

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Dispensations requested

None

4. Public Participation / Question Time

Three members of the public spoke on item 11a and detailed their objections to the planning application. One spoke about the safety risks for both the vehicular and pedestrian access to the proposed property. One resident expressed concern of lack of privacy due to the elevated position of the site and another resident expressed concern that excavation work behind a boundary wall would have a detrimental effect.

5. County and District Reports

District Cllr May advised that due to staff shortages, BDC had taken the decision to suspend garden waste collection in order to maintain essential general waste collection services. Going forward there will be increased capacity, with three HGV drivers being trained.

Bromsgrove has the highest attainment in GCSE education in the county and a 90% attendance record.

With many ambulances sat outside hospitals, the council is working on enabling the service to drop patients and get back out to answer more calls.

County Cllr Webb confirmed in an email that the junction of Fairfield Road/Claypit Lane and Dodford Road did need patching and that she had chased Highways on this matter.

6. Reports from Community associates

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Chairman's initials

AWH

- a) **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Cllr Guest reported strange behaviour in Pepperwood. Harassment of a resident in Dodford Road by a Rouge Trader and sightings of men in a white van with false registration plates, taking metal items from the rear of properties.
 - b) **Bournheath Village Community Centre (BVCC):** Cllr Colley advised that the September coffee morning had been a success. That a presentation to the photographic competition winner is scheduled for 3rd November and a display on "Bygone Bournheath Trade" organised by Trevor Bott is planned for the 17th November coffee morning. Fire alarms and extinguishers have been serviced. Brickwork has still not been repaired above the windows. Dog training groups have stopped using the hall and Moo Music have given notice as not enough attendees to make the sessions viable. Members were asked to consider funding "Taster Sessions". Clerk was asked to contact Hayley Gwillam to see if anyone is looking for a hall to run classes from.
 - c) **Parish Footpaths:** Cllr Trueman sent an email to confirm that no progress had been made to resolve any of the issues reported to Worcs. County Council.
7. **To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 08/09/2021**
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of what took place and were signed by the Chairman.
 8. **The Chairman** had nothing to report.
 9. **Progress reports from the Clerk:**
 - a) Members confirmed their attendance at the upcoming coffee morning (16th October)
 - b) The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Lengthsman on the siting of the new bench.
 - c) The Clerk had met with an electrician at the BVCC to ensure installation was possible and a new defibrillator had been ordered.
 - d) **Any other items of correspondence:**
Councillors had been advised on emails received throughout the month. One being on Kite Mark Training – Good Employer, Cllr Colley said she would consider this.
The Clerk was asked to purchase a wreath from the Royal British Legion for 11/11.
 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 Clerk identified a future overspend on highway maintenance. Since the clearance of grips and gullies is fundamental, the Clerk was asked to seek Divisional funding to cover the shortfall.
 - c) Council **AGREED** the payments as per list attached and cheques signed
 11. **Planning:**
 - a) **Planning Application 21/00021/FUL, 42 Fairfield Rd.**
The Parish Councillors reviewed the revised application, along with the comments of other consultees and listened to residents' concerns at this week's parish council meeting.
This is still an overbearing structure, is disproportionate and sited too close to the adjacent cottage Number 36, the owners of which have concerns about the stability of the boundary wall should the ground behind it be excavated.
There are safety concerns over the proposed pedestrian access down onto a narrow road. This entrance would encourage visitors and deliveries to park and block the narrow road. The visibility from the already shared drive is limited, would three

properties using this narrow driveway be too much? There are already 4 cars & and camper van parked at the existing property, would the proposed parking be adequate for both properties?

Hedging and trees should be preserved on the site.

The Parish Council ask that the site is modelled by North Worcestershire Water Management and by Severn Trent before a decision is made.

b) **No Enforcement matters to consider.**

12. Purchase of Lease for BVCC

After a great deal of discussion, the members could not agree on a final decision. Instead, one final direct approach would be made to BDC.

13. Matters for consideration at next meeting

Members to email items to the Clerk.

14. Date and time of next meeting

A Parish Council Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10/11/2021 at 7.30pm at Bournheath Village Community Centre

This meeting ended at 10:15pm.

.....A. Hester..... Chairman

.....10/11/2021..... Date

Agenda items 10 a, b & c

Bournheath Parish Council: bank reconciliation and budget comparison to 13/10/2021

See below

BANK RECONCILIATION as at 13/10/2021					
Opening balance at start of year	34,183.23		At Unity Trust Bank 13/10/2021		37,834.24
Add receipts	8,436.75				
	42,619.98				
Less payments	7,436.40		Less/add unrepresented		2,650.66
	35,183.58				35,183.58
				-0.00	
BUDGET COMPARISON					
To 13/10/2021					
	Budget 20/21		Rec'd to date		u/p's
Receipts					
Precept	10,680.00		5,340.00	300507	294.50
Funding - C Cllr S Webb			1,000.00	300509	367.90
Lengthsman	1,900.00		2,096.75	300510	1,241.00
Interest	-			300511	72.00
From reserves/other	22,000.00			300512	50.00
VAT refund	600.00		-	300513	100.00
	35,180.00		8,436.75	300514	181.80
				300515	242.82
				300516	100.64
Payments	Budget 20/21		Spent to date		
Salary	3,750.00		2,063.34		
Clerical expenses (travel)	50.00		16.20		
Admin includes election costs	1,745.00		175.07		
Hall hire	205.00		144.00		2,650.66
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		2,540.90		
Projects	22,000.00		1,284.90		
Grants	1,500.00		150.00		
Highways	1,100.00		299.48		
VAT	600.00		121.51		
	35,180.00		7,436.40		

V/R. No.	Name	Reason	Chq no.	Exp Total
024	ND Williamson	Lengthsman, Sept 2021	300509	367.90
027	London Hearts	Defibrillator & Cabinet	300510	1,241.00
028	BVCC	Hall Hire Sep, Oct & Nov 2021	300511	72.00
029	Victim Support	Grant Funding	300512	50.00
030	Bromsgrove & Dist Citizens Adv	Grant Funding	300513	100.00
031	HMRC	PAYE second quarter	300514	181.80
032	Mrs A Barnes	Salary, September 2021	300515	242.82
033	Mrs A Barnes	St George Flag, Ink, Paper	300516	100.64