



Bournheath Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th November 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 Truman and District Cllr Margaret Sherrey

In attendance:

Twenty-Three members of the public

Clerk: Angela Barnes

1. Apologies

Cllr Karen May, Cllr Stephen Westwood and County Cllr Shirley Webb

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor L Colley – item 11 a) ii (being a near neighbour of the applicant)

3. Dispensations requested

Councillor L Colley – item 11 a) ii – AGREED that Cllr Colley able to speak and vote

4. Public Participation / Question Time

It is noted that Mrs Banham recorded the meeting. Several members of the public spoke on item 11a ii and detailed their objections to the planning application. See below the AGREED comments to be submitted on behalf of BPC to BDC LPA.

5. County and District Reports

District Cllr Sherrey reported that many metal grids had been removed from roads throughout the area (Catshill, Client, Walton Hill and Romsley) causing a real danger to road users. Covert cameras had also been installed by BDC to deal with fly tipping.

No report from County Cllr Webb

6. Reports from Community associates

a) **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Cllr Guest reported strange behaviour in Fockbury Rd had been circulated on Facebook and residents had been urged to keep an eye out for a silver Passat. The incident turned out to be innocent but it was good to know that everyone was looking out for each other.

b) **Bournheath Village Community Centre (BVCC):** Cllr Colley reported that last week's coffee morning was well attended and the presentation was made to the photo competition winner, Mr John Caswell. A display on "Bygone Bournheath Trade" organised by Trevor Bott

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will take place on the 17th of November. Talks are taking place with two potential new users, one from Bromsgrove Recommended and the other for "Stay and Play" sessions. Colette Burke, a Hearing Nurse, will be speaking at the next coffee morning and advising residents on matters Ear and Hearing related. The BVCC AGM will be held on the 30th of November at 7.30pm and new committee members are needed. Cllr Guest added that he might be able to get the BVCC floor refurbished as a company were looking for sites for their trainees to gain experience.

- c) **Parish Footpaths:** Cllr Trueman reported 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 13/10/2021**

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

8. **The Chairman** asked the Clerk to remind residents that a short Remembrance Service would take place on Tuppenny Cake at 11am on Sunday 14th November 2021.

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

- a) A wreath had been purchased from the Royal British Legion for Sunday's service.
- b) The new bench had been ordered and delivery was scheduled for early December.
- c) Delivery of the new defibrillator was expected before the end of the year.
- d) Divisional funding of £850 had been obtained to cover the shortfall in Lengthsman funding. Reference item 10 b) October meeting.

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

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**.
- c) Council **AGREED** the payments as per list attached and cheques signed
- d) Budget setting for 2022/2023 was deferred until January meeting as much depended on the Lease

11. **Planning:**

a) **Planning Application 21/01587/FUL, 21 Dodford Road (revised)**

The Councillors refer to the previous application 21/00930/FUL which was refused and note the reasons.

This new application 21/01587/FUL appears to satisfy the 40% rule but there is concern that this new application along with the proposed CPL application 21/01586/CPL would be of a scale and mass that would unacceptably harm the openness of the Green Belt, more so than the previous application 21/00930/FUL. There appears to be no driveway to the garage/ancillary outbuilding, therefore no indication what materials would be used to aid rainwater runoff. There is no mention of services to that building.

Planning Application 21/01148/OUT, Primrose Nurseries, Fairfield Road

Councillors listened to the objections from the largest turnout of residents in many years, the 2 applicants and 21 objectors attended the meeting. One resident also submitted a planner's report, commissioned at his own expense, this shows the level of concern that residents have.

The report questions whether the entire site is "Brownfield", it is suggested that the Lawful Development Certificate (LDC) issued by the planning inspector in 2000 for a

commercial use, was limited to three buildings only. Does the whole of the site have a lawful B1 industrial use, as suggested in the application? It was a nursery and that would therefore be agricultural use. Other authorities have refused planning where it was formerly agricultural.

Many road-safety concerns:

- o Claypit Lane is not suitable for the construction lorries, for the most part it is single track, with passing places wide enough for two cars. The lane has no footpath and is frequently used by walkers and horse riders. Ponies are on the land adjacent to the proposed construction site driveway/entrance and the owners are worried for their animals' wellbeing.

- o Fairfield Road has no footpath near the proposed permanent entrance, new residents would be stepping onto the road just off the bend. Traffic using the village as a cut through often breaks the speed limit.

- o The proposed width of the on-site road is inadequate for delivery vehicles and waste collection. The collection point is suitable for the bungalow only, 10 -20 bins at the entrance would be very dangerous.

- o The site has inadequate parking, bare minimum for the occupants and nowhere for visitors, causing overflow onto Fairfield Road.

Residents have witnessed considerable rainwater runoff from the existing driveway. Councillors echo the comments of North Worcestershire Water Management: "if approved, there shall be no increase in runoff from the site compared to the pre-development situation up to the 1 in 100-year event plus 40% allowance for climate change. The drainage shall be implemented prior to the first use of the development and thereafter maintained."

In conclusion the Parish Council OBJECTS to this application

It would have a negative impact on the openness of the Green Belt, the number of properties would be too many for the site and large two storey houses totally inappropriate. Serious road-safety concerns. There are big developments nearby providing new homes for the Bromsgrove area, there is no proof of a strong need for housing in Bournheath, this green lung should be protected.

Planning Application 21/00291/FUL Replacement of garage and out houses with triple car garage. 3 Mount Road Fairfield Bromsgrove B61 9LN

Members reviewed the hand drawn plans and referred back to the application for details on the materials to be used. They have NO OBJECTION to this application.

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

12. Purchase of Lease for BVCC

After a brief discussion, the members agreed to hold a separate meeting in December to reach a final decision.

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 12/01/2022 at 7.30pm at Bournheath Village Community Centre

This meeting ended at 10:15pm.

Anthony Chairman

12/01/2022 Date

Agenda items 10 a, b & c

Bournheath Parish Council: bank reconciliation and budget comparison to 09/11/2021

See below

BANK RECONCILIATION as at 09/11/2021					
Opening balance at start of year	34,183.23		At Unity Trust Bank 09/11/2021		41,603.88
Add receipts	14,144.65				
	48,327.88				
Less payments	7,921.72		Less/add unrepresented		1,197.72
	40,406.16				40,406.16
				-0.00	
BUDGET COMPARISON					
To 09/11/2021					
	Budget 20/21		Rec'd to date		u/p's
Receipts					
Precept	10,680.00		10,680.00	300507	294.50
Funding - C Cllr S Webb			1,000.00	300509	367.90
Lengthsman	1,900.00		2,464.65	300512	50.00
Interest	-			300517	217.50
From reserves/other	22,000.00			300518	25.00
VAT refund	600.00		-	300519	242.82
	35,180.00		14,144.65		
Payments	Budget 20/21		Spent to date		
Salary	3,750.00		2,306.16		
Clerical expenses (travel)	50.00		16.20		
Admin includes election costs	1,745.00		175.07		
Hall hire	205.00		144.00		1,197.72
Chairman's allowance	100.00		25.00		
Subs	300.00		282.04		
Insurance	300.00		273.96		
Audit	230.00		85.00		
Training	800.00		-		
Lengthsman	2,500.00		2,758.40		
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		7,921.72		
V/R. No.	Name	Reason	Chq no.	Exp Total	
034	ND Williamson	Lengthsman, Oct 2021	300517	217.50	
035	Mrs A Barnes	Wreath	300518	25.00	
036	Mrs A Barnes	Salary, November 2021	300519	242.82	