

Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council held at The Jubilee Room Belbroughton Recreation Centre 4th November 2019.

Present: Cllrs. J Boswell, S Danks, A Homer, A Hood, G Ingram, A Mabbett, R Morgan, S Nock, S Patchell and, S Pawley. Clerk J Farrell. 4 members of the public.

327/19 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. B Allington and G Parsons.
Apologies had also been received from County Cllrs. S Webb and K May.

The meeting adjourned, with Standing Orders suspended, for: 'Open Surgery' to listen to members of the public identifying matters of concern relating to the evening's agenda or any other issues.

The meeting re-opened.

328/19 Declarations of Interest Cllr. Mabbett declared 'An Other Discloseable Interest' in agenda item 8 as his wife was a governor of the Fairfield First School.

329/19 Dispensations Cllr. Mabbett requested a Dispensation to remain in the meeting, speak and vote to agenda item 8. Council approved the request and the dispensation was granted.

330/19 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting of 7th October 2019.
The Chairman signed the minute book.

331/19 Reports

Chairman's report: Cllr. Morgan referred to his circulated note on Council conduct and trusted that future meetings would be held in a robust but disciplined and respectful manner.

Planning Committee report: Council noted the minutes of the Committee meeting held 21st October 2019.

Financial Committee report: Council noted the minutes of the Committee meeting held 21st October 2019.

Clerk's Report:

1. Following a complaint from a resident a board and fly posting notices have been removed from the bus shelter opposite the Swan P.H. on Stourbridge Rd. Fairfield. (The Council had not been approached by anyone seeking permission to put up adverts in the bus shelter).
2. Notice board – Belbroughton: R.S.McColls would be happy for their ageing boards to be replaced by two new ones, with the Parish Council using one of these.
Cllr. Pawley & the clerk are seeking costings for the new boards.
3. Footpath: Bel. Rec. – Primary School. Mud accumulation – Path assessed 30th Oct. by W.C.C. Countryside Service who feel best solution is for a tree root to be removed which takes out a baffle and would reduce standing water. That area should then be re-surfaced, and a gully put in on one side to further assist water to run off. Monthly checks advised to remove any build up of mud. I will seek quotes for the root removal etc. W.C.C. do not have funds for what they see as not being a major problem. The clerk will get quotes.
4. Fly tipping on tenanted Council farmland off Madeley Rd. has been removed using Wyre Forest D.C. as contractors. Farm tenants are to be reminded of responsibilities.
5. Little Bell Hall Pool – three warning signs advising of 'Area of Deep Mud and Silt' have been purchased and will be delivered to Nigel Williamson who will install.

6. Christmas lights: The Green, Belbroughton – these have been tested and are good to go for switch on which will be 1st December.
7. **Future Meetings:**
 - a. The Green, Belbroughton Working Group 6.30 pm Thurs. 14th November Jubilee Room Bel. Rec. Centre.
 - b. Worcs. Calc. A.G.M. 6.30pm Weds. 20th November County Hall Worcester.
 - c. Pinches Phase 4 quarry ‘operator’s architects proposals Open Day’ 12.00pm – 7.30pm Fri. 22nd November - Bournheath Village Hall (Community Hall) Claypit Lane.
 - d. Fairfield Villa F.C. 7.00pm Weds. 27th November. F.V.F.C. Clubhouse – Cllrs. Ingram and Mabbett will be attending along with the clerk.

County and District Cllrs.: No reports.

332/19 Council Budget and Precept 2020/21

- a. Council approved the budget recommendation from the Finance Committee.
- b. Council approved an unchanged Precept of £65,000 for the year commencing 1st April 2020. Council noted that it could re-visit these decisions at the January Council should there have been unexpected cost issues arising between this Council and the January Council.

333/19 Meetings

- a. Council agreed the 2020 dates and venues for the Council, Planning and Finance Committee meetings. These would follow the existing monthly 1st and 3rd Mondays pattern excepting August when there would be no meetings.
 - b. Council agreed to host the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 29th April and that this would be held in the Belbroughton Church Hall.
- Action:** the clerk to book venues and place the schedule onto the website.

334/19 Planning Application (Regulation 3) Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992.

Application Ref: 19/000035/REG3 **Applicant:** Worcestershire County Council

Proposal: Three Classroom extension, demolition of temporary double mobile, new car park and Change of Use from Agriculture to Educational for two adjacent fields.

Location: Fairfield First School, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield, B61 9LZ.

Council agreed its response to the consultation: “The Parish Council agrees with the Planning Application in principle, but with the proviso, and prior to any approval, that the Worcestershire County Council takes all required steps in order to mitigate the impact of the proposed expansion of the school on the local community and all road users in the vicinity of the school. Specifically, the health and safety of the school children in respect of traffic movements requires to be addressed with imposed traffic management measures. In conjunction we would also wish consideration be given to addressing the resultant increase in air pollution arising from traffic movements in the vicinity of the school and the impact this would have on children generally and specifically asthma sufferers.”

335/19 Parish Contractors

Council noted an initial report from the Working Group.

It deferred considering changes to work schedules and monitoring process to a future Council and requested that the Working Group reported again with specific recommendations.

336/19 Little Bell Hall Pool - Refill

Council noted information from the 'North Worcestershire Water Management' regarding processes required for considering refilling of the pool.

Council agreed to ascertain the costs of employing appropriate engineers to assess both the viability of the dam structure and works involved to undertake the refilling process.

Action: the clerk to seek quotes and refer these to the Working Group.

337/19 County Council Planning Application (New Amended Plans.)

Application Ref: 17/000028/CM

Applicant: Mortar and Screed Company Limited

Proposal: The operation of a mortar batching plant, erection of associated silo storage units and aggregate bins and vehicle repairs workshop (part-retrospective).

Location: The Quarry, Sandy Lane, Wildmoor, Bromsgrove.

Following consideration of the 'New Amended Plans' Council agreed that its prior reply dated 3rd September on the application need not be amended.

Action: The clerk to advise W.C.C.

338/19 Bromsgrove District Plan Review Update & Call for Sites Consultation

Council noted that Cllrs. Morgan and Nock had attended a District Council briefing on the 'Plan Review' consultation at Parkside, Bromsgrove and noted their comments which included advising that the process would take circa 18 months and any sites presented would need to be in existing 'sustainable communities' and close to good transport links.

Council agreed that it would not make a response to the consultation.

339/19 West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner draft Rural Crime Strategy- Consultation

Council agreed that a response requesting a more visible police presence should be submitted.

Action: The chairman and clerk would compose the response.

340/19 CCTV High St. Belbroughton

Council noted the initial investigations on installation of a scheme and agreed to continue assessment of logistics and costs involved.

It deferred a decision on whether to install a scheme to a future Council.

Action: Cllrs. Allington, Morgan and Pawley with the clerk to progress.

341/19 Councillors' items

Cllr. Pawley requested that the Lengthsman tidy the footway from the Belbroughton War memorial to the Belbroughton Church.

Action: The clerk to instruct the Lengthsman.

Cllr. Pawley advised that the Belbroughton Recreation Centre had been approached by the Talbot P.H to host a commercial beer festival which The Talbot would run. This was being currently being considered by the 'Rec' committee and it was likely that the Parish Council would be asked for its opinion on the event taking place.

Cllr. Boswell questioned whether an unlit streetlight outside the medical centre in The Glebe, Belbroughton had been repaired.

Action: the clerk would chase W.C.C. / Prysmian, whom had been instructed to investigate.

Cllr. Danks advised that speeding in Top Road, Wildmoor is excessive.

Action: the clerk would contact the Safer Roads Partnership and request they obtain data and set up a speed check.

Cllr. Mabbett requested that the Chair of the County Council was written to regarding outstanding traffic calming matters the County were to have implemented in Fairfield.

Action: The clerk to contact W.C.C.

The meeting was closed at 9.31pm

Signed Chairman

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