

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2023, 7.00PM AT BELBROUGHTON RECREATION GROUND**

PRESENT: Cllr. Allington, Cllr. Carter, Cllr. Danks, Cllr. Gibbs, Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Mabbett, Cllr. Nock, Cllr. Pawley and Cllr. Wilkes

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk – Ruth Mullett
There was sixteen members of the public in attendance.

377/23 – APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

Chairman adjourned the meeting for an ‘open surgery’ to enable residents to discuss any issues with their councillors and identify matters of concern relating to the agenda, this does not form part of the formal meeting.

The meeting re-opened.

378/23 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. Wilkes declared an Other Disclosable Interest on agenda item 10.1, Fairfield Villa due to their proximity to Fairfield Recreation Ground.

379/23 – DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. Wilkes requested a dispensation on agenda item 10.1, and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant this dispensation.

380/23 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2023, and the Chairman duly signed them.

381/23 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman’s Report

- The Chairman confirmed he had tried to locate the Commonwealth flags but to no avail. He has in his possession a Union Jack, Jubilee, and Red Ensign flag.
- He has had handed over three archive boxes relating to Little Bell Hall Pool to Cllr. Allington. Clerk to transfer the files from the PC to a memory stick for Cllr. Allington to research.
- Met with Cllr. Webb, Richard Cenci, Worcestershire County Council Highways Engineer and Headmaster of Fairfield First School to look at traffic issues in Fairfield. Cllr. Webb is to try and source a solution with Worcestershire County Council.

Planning Committee Meeting

The Chairman of the Planning Committee thanked Cllr. Danks for chairing the meeting. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2023 had been circulated and these were noted with no further comments.

Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2023 had been circulated and these were noted. Recommendations of the Finance Committee will be covered under minutes item 382.

382/23 – TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to:

- Agree payments made in February.
- To make available grants of up to £250.00 for each parish for Coronation events.
- To purchase two new Union Jack flags, one for each village.

383/23 – CLERK'S REPORT AND URGENT DECISIONS

It was agreed to place the Update on Fairfield Recreation Ground and the advertisement for a Maintenance Contractor in the parish magazine. The following month to do a piece on considerate parking.

384/23 – REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Danks – two stiles need repair in Wildmoor, Third Road and Mill Lane. Both have been reported to Cllr. Webb and County are ascertaining field ownership.

Cllr. Danks – The next Chadwick Lane Quarry Liaison Meeting will take place on 30th March 2023. Cllr. Danks to share the details with the Clerk to forward onto Councillors.

Cllr. Carter – The Parish Council is apparently registered on the Title Deeds with the Land Registry for Belbroughton Recreation Centre. Cllr. Pawley as a Trustee agreed to speak to the Committee and Clerk agreed to research the Council files.

Cllr. Nock – Bradford Lane from Bradford House to the school still needs clearing, Clerk to chase the Lengthsman.

Cllr. Pawley – Following a resident's complaint with regards overhanging branches, Cllr. Pawley, together with the Clerk met with the Tree Officer from Bromsgrove District Council. The Tree Officer advised that with permission we could lightly trim the overhanging branch. Clerk to seek permission from the Tree Officer as the trees are in a Conservation Area.

Cllr. Pawley – Confirmed we carry out a bi-annual Tree Inspection, Clerk to ascertain when the last one was carried out and if needed organise one.

Cllr. Pawley – Confirmed the pavements at Stoneybridge are on a waiting list with Highways and would be completed within two years.

Cllr. Pawley – The History Society Information Board has been installed on Belbroughton Village Green we are now just awaiting the installation of the heritage lantern.

Cllr. Wilkes – Has received a request from a resident for a pedestrian crossing to reach the two bus stops either end of Fairfield and will report to Cllr. Webb.

Cllr. Mabbett – The wooden public footpath sign at the entrance to Fairfield Recreation Ground is still missing.

Cllr. Mabbett – The hedges, Bournheath Road, Yew Tree Lane and Brook Crescent are in urgent need of cutting back. Cllr. Mabbett to report again to Cllr. Webb.

885/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.00pm at Fairfield First School.

386/22 – FAIRFIELD VILLA LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public are excluded from the meeting for the duration of the above item on the basis that the information disclosed will be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business transacted.

Background

Following a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council and Fairfield Villa a number of amendments from Fairfield Villa to the recommendations of the Parish Council were presented to the Finance Committee for consideration.

The following motion was put forward, proposed by Cllr. Wilkes, seconded by Cllr. Gibbs to be taken to Full Council. *“I propose that the Finance Committee recommend to Full Council that we take no further actions and conditions should not be revisited as any change would be detrimental to Fairfield residents.”* The vote on the motion was lost. Members voting FOR the motion: 1, Members voting AGAINST the motion 7, Members ABSTAINING in the vote on the motion : 1.

A further motion was tabled, proposed by Cllr. Mabbett and seconded by Cllr. Nock, *“In view of forthcoming information it was proposed that the Parish Council revisit our Notice of Intent to Offer a New Lease to Fairfield Villa.”* On being put to the vote the motion was AGREED unanimously. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Nock and Cllr. Mabbett to meet with Fairfield Villa to discuss the revised intentions.

The meeting closed at 22.12pm

To be agreed as a true record by Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council

Signed