

**Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council held at the Jubilee Room
Belbroughton Recreation Centre 7th August 2017.**

Present: Cllrs. J Bradley (Chairman), S Boss, J Boswell, A Hood, G Ingram, A Mabbett, P Margetts, Dr R Morgan, S Nock, S Pawley and, C Scurrrell.
County Cllr. K May, District Cllr. C Allen-Jones.
12 members of the public also attended.

241/17 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. T Jones, S MacDonald and, G Parsons. Apologies were also received from County Cllr. Shirley Webb and District Cllr. M Sherrey. Clerk – J Farrell on annual leave.

242/17 Agenda – Council approved a motion to move agenda item 8 (Velo B’ham) to the penultimate item of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned, with Standing Orders suspended, for the ‘Open Surgery’ and also to listen to members of the public identifying matters of concern relating to the evening’s agenda.

The meeting re-opened.

243/17 Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Bradley, Boss, Margetts and Pawley declared ‘Other Disclosable Interests’ in respect of agenda item 8 (Velo B’ham).

244/17 Dispensations - Council approved Cllrs. Bradley, Boss, Margetts and Pawley remaining in the meeting and, speaking and voting during agenda item 8 (Velo B’ham).

245/17 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting of 3rd July 2017 and the Chairman signed the minute book.

Cllr. Boswell thanked the council for the good wishes sent to her following her recent surgery and in response to her receipt of the M.B.E.

246/17 Reports

Chairman’s report: No report.

Planning Committee report: Council noted the minutes of the Committee held 17th July 2017.

Finance Committee report: Council noted the minutes of the Committee held 17th July 2017.

Clerk’s Report: No report due to the clerk being on annual leave, attending his daughter’s wedding: Council sent him best wishes for the day, and to the happy couple for a long and happy marriage.

The Chairman advised in his absence:

The Parish Council’s Annual Return had been signed off by external auditors Grant Thornton without comment.

The Parish Council’s lawyers were still to receive the Developer’s agreement document regarding the Green Belbroughton

County Cllr. Karen May

Cllr. May reported on her work on behalf of the local area.

District Cllr. Chris Allen-Jones No report.

247/17 Presentation – Glebe Fields Belbroughton Development.

District Cllr. Chris Allen-Jones left the meeting for the presentation since he was a member of the District Planning Committee which would consider any future planning application for the development.

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Nick Carr, Operations Director and Dan O'Donnell of Rosconn Group gave a short presentation on behalf of Worcester Diocese regarding the proposed development on Glebe Fields, Belbroughton. Current proposals were for 9 three- or four-bedroom houses for the open market, with no "affordable" homes but they sought initial views from the community at this early stage.

They were not in a position to answer financial questions. A number of views were put forward on the nature of the proposed development.

However, in the light of advice from District Councillor Karen May that the prospective developers should have first contacted the District Council re this development prior to addressing the residents of Belbroughton the Parish Council took no decisions.

248/17 Finance

- A) The Council approved the allocation of capital and minor grants as per the Finance Committee recommendations.
Action: the clerk to inform the beneficiaries.
- B) Chairman of Finance Committee requested councillors to bring forward suggestions a.s.a.p. for expenditure that they wish to be considered for inclusion in the budget for the next financial year. These would be considered at meetings in September and October.

249/17 Fairfield Recreation Ground – Car Park

Council noted that the District Council's planning officer has requested more information regarding the planning application for the extension proposal before it can be considered.

Action: Cllr. Mabbett and the clerk will work to provide the required information to BDC.

250/17 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Morgan thanked members of the Working Group for their hard work in collating the data from the recent parish survey – summary data for both wards were circulated to council members. The Working Group will further analyse the data and will report on the pros and cons of progressing with development of a Neighbourhood Plan for discussion by the Council, probably in October.

District Cllr. May suggested that development of a Neighbourhood Plan would be advantageous to the parish, especially given proposals for development.

The Council thanked the Working Group for their work.

251/17 Little Bell Hall Pool and Dam

Cllr. Morgan elaborated on the report recently produced by the Working Group. Residents expressed differing views of the future of the Pool and Council decided that a full discussion regarding the future of the pool should be scheduled for the September Council, since the report had been circulated at short notice.

252/17 Fairfield Villa Football Club

Council approved forming a liaison group for future discussions between the Parish Council and Fairfield Villa. The group members are Cllrs. Scurrall, Jones, Ingram and Pawley.

Council agreed that an agenda for the meetings must be agreed prior to the meetings.

Action: the clerk to inform the football club.

253/17 Velo B’ham

The Chairman updated the council on recent communication from W.C.C. and, C.S.M. Active Ltd the promoters of the event,

County Cllr. May reported on her efforts at County Council to ensure that the inconvenience caused by road closures will be as limited as possible. Despite being “minded” to make the relevant Traffic Orders, the County Council is still open to comments from members of the public and other bodies prior to making its final decision re road closures shortly.

The Council approved writing to the County Council immediately to re-iterate its objections regarding the Velo event. Any further contact with C.S.M. over access and other issues would be for individual residents to pursue.

Council agreed that councillors and residents should gather evidence of any disruption and danger caused during the event in order that this can be used to prevent problems at future events, as part of the prospective review of whether there should be such events.

Council agreed that local businesses could be contacted after the event in order to discover the financial impact of the event on their trade.

Council decided not to support the letters and press releases prepared by a local resident.

Action: the chairman would write to the County Council.

254/17 Councillors Items

Council approved that a letter be sent to all the Council’s tenant farmers to remind them of their responsibilities regarding the maintenance of the hedges on their plots.

Action: the clerk to include with the Sept. 2017 rent invoice letters.

The Council was informed that a statutory noise abatement notice has been served on some members of the Belbroughton Church Hall Management Committee.

Cllr. Ingram noted that some of the Parish Council’s physical assets were in poor condition and Council agreed that a more formal regime of regular checks should be initiated.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Margetts for taking the meeting’s minutes.

The Meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.

Signed Chairman.