

**Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council held at the Jubilee Room
Belbroughton Recreation Centre 4th September 2017.**

Present: Cllrs. J Bradley (Chairman), T Jones, A Mabbett, S Pawley and, C Scurrall.

Clerk: J Farrell.

County Cllr. K May and 3 members of the public.

265/17 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. S Boss, J Boswell, A Hood, S MacDonald, P Margetts, Dr R Morgan and S Nock.

No apologies had been received from Cllr. G Parsons.

Apologies were also received from County Cllr. Shirley Webb, District Cllrs. C Allen-Jones and M Sherrey.

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.

266/17 Declarations of Interest - None. **267/17 Dispensations** - None.

268/17 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting of 7th August 2017 and the Chairman signed the minute book.

269/17 Reports

Chairman’s report: No report.

Agricultural Holdings Committee report: Council noted the minutes of the Committee held 7th August 2017.

Clerk’s Report:

1. The two applications for funds from the District Council’s New Homes Bonus fund have been rejected:
Carpark extension: The Panel did not believe that this would have a material impact on car parking in the locality. Belbroughton road entrances: The Panel felt the works could be funded from the PCs own resources.
2. In accordance with the Finance Committee decision on 17th July the August payments were considered and approved by Cllrs. Bradley and Morgan on 25th August and the said members signed the cheques.
3. Cllr. Morgan and the clerk met with Cllr. Jon Boddendam of Cleobury Town council 29th August to compare processes on work on Neighbourhood Planning. The Working Group will comment on this session when producing their updating report to the October Council.
4. The Green Belbroughton – No further contact from the Developers to the PC’s legal team.
5. The new Fairfield notice board has been received and erected outside the village hall.
6. Fairfield Rec Ground C/Park : BDC planners have currently rejected the planning application advising that they may however consider maximum of 6 spaces. The P.C. had applied for 10. *C.Cllr. May advised the Council to seek assistance of District Cllr. M Sherrey to garner support for the initial application.*
7. The next area Calc. meeting takes place on Weds 13th Sept B.D.C. Parkside 6.30pm.
8. The Fairfield Community Association has thanked the Parish Council for the Minor Grant of £350.

County Cllr. Karen May

Cllr. May advised that she would be attending the meeting at the District Council on 5th Sept discussing the current situations at the local quarries.

The final County Council 'Viewpoint' discussion groups, which to date had been attended by 1400 people, would be held in Droitwich 5th Sept.

During 25-27th Sept. the County Cllrs. will be discussing the the proposed 2018/19 budget. She advised that the Gov't Revenue Support Grant will have been cut by 54%.

She advised that there were currently 800 children in care and the number was growing by 60 a year.

She advised that during the Scarecrow Weekend she was arranging for the police to undertake surveillance to assess activities on the day since after previous events there had been spikes in crime possibly a result of criminals visiting the area during 'Scarecrow' to 'case the joint'.

270/17 Ram Ally Tree

Council noted that there are local residents who were minded not to have a replacement tree for the felled diseased lime, the preference being for a bench. Cllr. Margetts had advised that he would be seeking confirmation that this was also the wish of the Cound family and thus Council deferred the matter to the October Council.

271/17 Velo Birmingham

Council noted that the traffic orders had been made by the County Council.

The Chairman invited C.Cllr May to comment on the event.

Cllr. May advised that she will be available on the day of the event to take telephone calls from cllrs. to discuss issues that may arise.

She acknowledged that she and other County Council members had received a lengthy letter signed by 20 Belbroughton residents and it was being assessed by the County's legal officers.

The County Council had not now committed to future years events, but would carry out a detailed review of this year prior to considering further involvement.

She was concerned at the removal of local vehicles from closed roads to a private carpark where security and insurance issues needed to be addressed.

Council thanked C. Cllr. May for her significant endeavours during the recent months.

Council confirmed its commitment to requesting feedback from residents and businesses to assist with a post mortem into the event.

Council noted that it had not received a response from the County Council to its August letter of objection to the traffic orders.

Council also noted that the organisers CSM Ltd had now taken some steps to mitigate the impact on the village for example access for staff and health visitors to Breach House Residential care home but, it still considered that the overall impact would be unacceptable.

272/17 Fairfield Recreation Ground

Council approved the purchase and installation of a replacement gate at the recreation ground for a cost of up to £500.

273/17 Communication

Council declined to purchase any display roller banners.

274/17 Finance

Council noted Cllr. Mabbett, Chair of Finance’s request that councillors supply himself or the clerk with items of desired capital expenditure for consideration by the budget Working Group during October.

Council noted that Severn Trent may have funds available to assist with costs of ‘reclaiming’ footpaths that will have become overgrown due to their inaccessibility during the ‘Birmingham Resilience Project’ works.

275/17 Councillors Items

Cllr. Pawley requested that a future Council considers traffic calming in Belbroughton High St. following a road traffic accident damaging a property.

Cllr. Pawley requested that a future Council considers works to eliminate damp by reducing an earthen bank sited against a property adjacent to The Green Belbroughton.

Cllr. Pawley requested that a future Council considers signage being placed in the villages directing people to the locations of the defibrillators.

Cllr. Mabbett requested that a future Council considers again the size of the carpark extension to Fairfield Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Mabbett requested that a future Council considers the future of the bus routes through Fairfield.

Cllr. Mabbett requested that a future Council considers the future of the Fairfield Post Office and shop availability.

Cllr. Mabbett advised that he had met (17/8) with W.C.C. Highways R. Clewer and C.Cllr. Shirley Webb to assess the provision of dropped kerbs and general further traffic calming measures in Fairfield. While some solutions were proffered there had been no formal response yet from the County.

Action: the clerk will chase Cllr. Webb for the response.

Cllr. Mabbett confirmed the new notice board was in place outside the village hall, and he would be taking over responsibility for displaying the council notices.

Cllr. Mabbett advised that local residents will look after the ‘planters’ at the entrances to Fairfield and the Finance Committee would consider a budget for the costs of supplying plants.

Cllr. Mabbett advised that a number of residents remained concerned at the traffic caused by the football club activities. Council noted that there was due to be a meeting, date to be agreed, with the club to assess any issues.

The Meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed Chairman.