

Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council held at the Jubilee Room, Belbroughton Recreation Centre Monday 1st August 2016.

Present: Cllrs. J Bradley, A Hood, G Ingram, T Jones, S MacDonald, P Margetts, R Morgan, S Nock, G Parsons, S Pawley, D Roberts and, C Scurrall. In attendance: J Farrell Clerk. 6 members of the public also attended.

The meeting was opened by the vice-chairman Cllr. C Scurrall.

240/16 Apologies - Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllrs Boswell and Mabbett.

241/16 Election of Chairman

Cllr. James Bradley was nominated by Cllr. A Hood and seconded by Cllr. R Morgan and was duly elected Chairman of the Parish Council and then signed the Declaration of Office and Undertaking to observe The Code of Conduct.

The Meeting was then adjourned for an 'Open Surgery' period for members of the public to discuss issues with the Council.

The meeting was then re-opened.

242/16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Jones declared an 'Other Discloseable Interest' in agenda item 8 as he was a member of the Belbroughton History Society.

243/16 Dispensations: None requested.

244/16 Minutes

Council approved the following addition to the draft minutes of 4th July 2016 and then approved those minutes:-

Minute 219/16 addition to sentence No.2 – "The tenants rent deposit would be returned less arrears of rent of £300.40."

245/16 Reports

Planning Committee: Council noted the minutes of the committee meeting on 18th July 2016.

Finance Committee: Council noted the minutes of the committee meeting of 18th July 2016.

Clerk's Report:

1. Logo competition. Three designs had been submitted to the Council which the September Council will consider.
2. Road traffic accident - Bell Heath crossroads – a repaired or new display board is required - Council insurers have been informed and may pay out max of £500 less the standard excess of £250. Cllr. Hood is investigating costs of a replacement, 2 quotes are needed and September Council will consider actions to replace and the likely additional costs incurred.
3. Defibrillator – training is arranged with a Rob Underwood for Sat 3rd September 10.00am and Thurs 8th September 7.00pm. The Council 1st September should consider amount of the donation for his services. He is hoping to get a stall at the Scarecrow weekend.
4. Fairfield Cllrs and 3 Belbroughton Cllrs attended the recent PACT (People and Communities Together) meeting at Fairfield Village Hall. W.C.C. and the Police have agreed to investigate further various traffic calming initiatives.

5. Receipt of the Parish Council's letter of objection to the Veolia ES Ltd planning application has been acknowledged by WCC.
6. The Green Belbroughton. The council lawyers have now have reassurance from the developer's lawyers that they do hold funds to cover the accrued legal costs. The Developer has raised further questions over the drainage costings working and MFG are currently looking at these. They will revert to the PC shortly.

246/16 Committees

New Cllr. G Ingram was appointed to the Finance Committee in place of Cllr P Margetts. The September Council would review the member appointed as the representative to the Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

247/16 Grants

Cllrs. Jones, Ingram, Pawley and Roberts left the meeting.

Cllr. Bradley detailed the grant applicants as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Council approved by seven votes in favour and one abstention to the following Capital Grants:

Belbroughton First Steps Nursery	£1,000	Redevelop gardens / play area.
Fairfield Village Hall	£1,000	Replacement lighting
Belbroughton Rec. Centre	£1,000	Basketball Court
Belbroughton Cricket Club	£1,000	Refurbishment of pavilion

The application from 'The Friends of Breach House' was deemed withdrawn since the organisation had e mailed the council to inform it that their proposed purchase of a vehicle had been dropped. The organisation had a smaller request for a separate capital item that Council referred back to the next Finance Committee to consider and to report back to full Council.

Council approved the following Minor Grants

Fairfield Welcome Club	£250	Entertainment and trips out.
Fairfield Community Association	£200	Publicity – Floral Fairfield initiative.
Belbroughton History Society	£150	Archiving project
Fairfield Social Club	£200	Entertainments

248/16 Little Bell Hall Pool

Cllrs. Jones, Ingram, Pawley and Roberts re-joined the meeting.

Council noted that a report had been received earlier in the day from the structural engineer. However it had been too soon to assess this and therefore Council deferred any further actions excepting to set up a Working Group of Cllrs. Hood, Margetts, Morgan, Nock and, Roberts. This working group would assess the report and seek further detailed information from the surveyor by inviting him to visit the group. Council requested a report back to the September Council. Council approved if required £250 towards covering costs incurred on further meetings with the surveyor.

249/16 Fairfield Defibrillator

Council deferred a decision on the purchase of a defibrillator. Cllr. Ingram would investigate the logistics and costs of providing a unit for the village and would also clarify the position with the availability of the present unit at the football club.

58.

250/16 Council's Annual Report

Council noted the draft report and requested that the clerk circulate the final version which Cllrs. would read and advise the clerk of any further minor amendment requests within the coming few days. The document would then be sent to the printers with the aim of the copies being available for distribution by 15th August.

251/16 Inconsiderate Parking

Council deferred consideration of a letter template to issue to drivers since the sponsoring councillor was absent from the meeting.

252/16 Councillor Items

Council agreed to consider this item ahead of agenda item 13.

Cllr. Scurrell announced his resignation as Vice- Chairman.

Cllr. MacDonald requested that a future Council considers the provision of extra funding for works to improve footpaths.

Cllr. Roberts requested that the Parish Room, Belbroughton site has its hedges trimmed.

Action: the clerk would contact Greenaways.

Cllr Roberts requested that a future Council considers re-pointing work and other necessary maintenance on the Parish Room structure.

Cllr. Morgan advised that the 'Communication Working Group' would meet at 6.45 pm on 5th September prior to the Council meeting.

Cllr. Parsons requested that a future council considers the release of funds to support the County Council with the costs of a pedestrian crossing on Stourbridge Rd. Fairfield.

Cllr. Hood advised that an Agricultural Holdings Committee 'farmwalk' would be arranged in the next two weeks.

Cllr. Ingram requested that a future council considered the installation of a dog waste bin in Pepperwood Close, Fairfield.

Cllr. Ingram requested that a future council considers the provision of a further grit bin for a site in Fairfield.

Cllr. Ingram requested that a future Council considers the position regarding the footpath flooding alleviation works at the recreation ground.

Cllr. Nock left the meeting.

253/16 Parish Room Belbroughton

Council agreed to exclude the public from this item due to the commercially sensitive matters being considered.

Council acknowledged the recommendations of the 'working Group' who had considered the applications for the vacant tenancy at the Parish Room. Council approved that the Working Group should now meet with the preferred applicant as soon as possible to discuss the application and the council approved proposed terms of the lease. This meeting may include a minimum of two of the five members of the Working Group.

The Meeting was closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed Chairman