

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023, 7.00PM AT BELBROUGHTON RECREATION CENTRE**

PRESENT: Cllr. Allington, Cllr. E Davies, Cllr. S Davies, Cllr. Gibbs, Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Mabbett, Cllr. Nock and Cllr. Pawley

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

400/23 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. Nock as Chairman who duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

401/23 – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. Mabbett as Vice Chairman.

402/23 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Morris and Cllr. Wilkes and reasons for absence approved by all Councillors.

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.

403/23 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

404/23 – DISPENSATIONS

None.

405/23 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2023, and the Chairman duly signed them.

405/23 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman’s Report – The Chairman confirmed he had been elected District Councillor for the Belbroughton and Romsley Ward, together with Cllr May.

Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes had been circulated.

Finance Committee Meeting

April's Finance Committee had been cancelled so no report.

406/23 – PARISH COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

Council noted the following policies and procedures and approved their adoption for the Council year:

Standing Orders, Scheme of Delegation, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Complaints Procedure, Freedom of Information Policy, Press and Media Policy, Filming and Recording Procedures, and Data Protection Policy (GDPR), Equality-Diversity Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Publications Scheme and Death of National Figure Procedures.

407/23 - MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- a. Council agreed Cllr. Mabbett, Cllr. S. Davies, Cllr. Gibbs, Cllr. Pawley and Cllr. Wilkes to be members of the Finance Committee.
Council agreed Cllr. Pawley, Cllr. Allington, Cllr. E. Davies and Cllr. Knight to be members of the Planning Committee.
Council agreed Cllr. Allington, Cllr. Knight and Cllr. Nock be members of the Agricultural Holdings Committee.
The Chairmen of the Committees would be appointed by the said Committees at their first meetings.
- b. Council approved the following Working Groups:
Traffic Calming – Cllr. Mabbett
Little Bell Hall Pool – Cllr. Allington, Cllr. Nock and Cllr. Pawley
Local Quarries – Sydney Danks
Membership to outside bodies were confirmed as:
Belbroughton Recreation Centre – Cllr. Pawley
Fairfield Community Shop and Post Office Working Group – Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. Wilkes

408/23 – RISK ASSESSMENT

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Risk Assessment Procedure for 2023/23.

409/23 – GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

As the Parish Council adheres to all the requirements it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the General Power of Competence.

410/23 – TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in April 2023.

411/23 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

Cllr. May – gave her apologies.

Cllr. Nock - confirmed that both Cllr. May and himself had been elected as District Councillors to represent Belbroughton and Romsley Ward. Cllr. May was the only member to increase her number

of votes since the last election and received more votes than any other candidate. Cllr. Nock received the second largest number of votes.

412 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S

Cllr. Webb

- Will be attending a quarry meeting next week to discuss the imminent new application.
- Stourbridge Road has been sided out.
- Has met and discussed parking issues in Fairfield with Cllr. Wilkes.
- Cllr Mabbett asked if there was any change in the schedule for clearing gutters/verges to make sure they are kept clear. Cllr. Webb to report back on the schedule dates.

423/23 – CLERK’S REPORT AND URGENT DECISIONS

- Clerk to advertise the Belbroughton vacancies in the Parish Magazine.
- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to sign-up to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW) Civility and Respect Pledge.
- To was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Cllr. Morris and Cllr. Wilkes to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office outside of the meeting, witnessed by the Clerk.

424/23 – REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Allington – bus shelter Woodgate Way plywood needs replacing – Clerk to instruct Maintenance.

Cllr. Pawley – The History Society will be unveiling the new information sign on Belbroughton Green on Saturday 20th May from 2.00pm if councillors would like to attend.

Cllr. Pawley – the Recreation Ground Committee have confirmed that the Social Eats event organised for August will not be taking place.

Cllr. Pawley – there has been a spate of vandalism and graffiti at Belbroughton Recreation Ground and the Committee will be extending the CCTV and will be posting on social media that the area is being recorded.

Cllr. Knight – the waste ground at Pinchers Close near the garages. The fencing has been replaced but the old fencing has not been taken way and there is some fly tipping. Clerk to report to Cllr. May.

Cllr. Knight – the de-fib pads at the Talbot need replacing. Clerk confirmed she had ordered and installed new ones. Cllr. Pawley confirmed she would monitor the defibrillator.

Cllr. Knight – confirmed that vehicle theft is very high, and we need more Police presence.

Cllr. Mabbett – confirmed that the Coronation Weekend in Fairfield went very well, the village hall was packed out and volunteers attended for the Big Help on the Sunday and started to tidy the Millennium Garden. It is hoped that this will be carried out next weekend.

425/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 12th June 2023, 7.00pm at Fairfield First School.

The meeting closed at 20.35pm

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

Signed