

## Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council held at The Fairfield First School on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

**Present:** Cllrs. B Allington, J Boswell, A Homer, Dr R Morgan, S Nock and, G Parsons.  
County Cllr. K May. District Cllrs. K May and M Sherrey.  
Clerk J Farrell. 13 members of the public.

### 172/19 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. A Hood, A Mabbett and S Pawley.  
Apologies had also been received from County Cllr. S Webb.

The meeting adjourned, with Standing Orders suspended, for:

- a. An 'Open Discussion' with Worcestershire County Council chief executive Mr Paul Robinson.
- b. 'Open Surgery' to listen to members of the public identifying matters of concern relating to the evening's agenda or any other issues.

The meeting re-opened.

**173/19 Declarations of Interest** None.      **174/19 Dispensations** None.

### 175/19 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.  
The Chairman then signed the minute book.

### 176/19 Reports

#### *Chairman's report:*

Cllr. Morgan: The Chairman thanks Mr Robinson for attending and noted his comment that he would be happy to come to future events.

*Planning Committee report:* Council noted the draft minutes of the committee meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

*Financial Committee report:* Council noted the draft minutes of the committee meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

#### *Clerk's Report:*

1. **Fairfield Rec Ground** – Playarea repairs – Wicksteeds' contractors replaced the surface 31<sup>st</sup> May but had an issue with two of the four replacement swing seats due to incorrect components being supplied. We await a date for the new parts to be delivered and the seats installed.
2. **Wildmoor Residents Association:** A reminder that the Association's A.G.M. is 7.30pm 5<sup>th</sup> June at Fairfield Village Hall – John Campion, the West Mercia Crime Commissioner is the guest speaker.
3. **Fairfield Rec Ground** Car park extension. Meeting set up for members by B.D.C. Cllr. K May for 3.00pm 18<sup>th</sup> June with Ruth Bamford BDC to discuss the P.C.'s desire to extend the carpark.
4. **Drayton Rd. Belne Brook** Meeting set for 4.00pm 10<sup>th</sup> June with the contractor & members to agree the detail of the second phase of tidying of the area in and around the stream.
5. **Giant Hogweed** – We had reports of two instances of this evasive plant and both landowners after being contacted had agreed to treat appropriately to stop the growth.

6. **W.C.C.** is preparing a new **Minerals Local Plan**. They consulted on the Fourth Stage. Consultation version of the Minerals Local Plan and on a proposed new site selection methodology for a separate Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan Document from 17th December 2018 to 8th February 2019.

A Response Document setting out the comments received and initial officer responses to them has been published and is available on the WCC website at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals). All responses received up to the close of the consultation on 8th February 2019 have been included, and late responses received by 15th February 2019 have also been included in this document.

**Next steps – Minerals Local Plan**

All comments received have been considered and amendments will be made to the relevant documents as necessary.

A Publication Version of the Minerals Local Plan will be considered by Worcestershire County Council's cabinet in June 2019 and Full Council in July 2019. If approved by Full Council, consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012) (as amended) will be undertaken in order to allow representations to be made under Regulation 20. This consultation is expected to take place during August and September 2019.

The Minerals Local Plan will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

**Next steps – Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan Document**

The site selection methodology, amended as necessary to address the issues raised in consultation comments, will be applied to all of the sites which have been proposed in response to the Second Stage Consultation on the Minerals Local Plan, the four subsequent calls for sites, and the additional site put forward in response to this consultation.

The sites which have been proposed can be viewed on the interactive Mineral Sites DPD mapping tool on the Mineral Site Allocations DPD page at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/minerals).

Consultation on a draft of the Mineral Site Allocations Development Plan Document is expected to be undertaken in the second half of 2020.

*District Cllrs. Report:*

Cllrs. May and Sherrey had observed alleged noise disruption from premises in Belbroughton and due process was taking place regarding the site involved.

Cllr. Sherrey advised plastic garden pots can now be put into recycling, although not black coloured pots. She advised of assistance to parish council for litter picks.

She advised that North Bromsgrove School was a P.F.I. funded school with the ongoing costs implications.

Cllr. May advised that her aim as newly elected leader of the District Council was to make Bromsgrove town sustainable. Key was availability of affordable housing for skilled people which Bromsgrove was fortunate to have an excellent supply of.

Meetings are to be held with the C.C.G. seeking to produce a formula for requiring adequate health service provision when more housing is built.

*County Cllrs. Report:* Cllr. May reiterated the clerk's report regarding the Minerals Local Plan, commenting that currently, 5.8 years 'minerals supply' is held, but the county should have 10 years supply so a further call for sites will occur in due course.

There are financial challenges again in the County's budget and an examination of how services are delivered is taking place.

Adult and Social care: programmes rolling out across supermarkets informing people of the costs of services. In Bromsgrove 28% of population is aged over 64 years. 16% is under 18. And the group between 30 and 39 years old comprise the largest group leaving the area possibly due to the inability to buy a house.

County is examining options for partnership working and shared services to get best value for council tax payers. A new company is now set up for delivering 'Childrens Services' including education.

#### **177/19 Internal Audit**

Council noted the previously circulated internal auditor's report compiled by Mr John Benner Chartered Management Accountant, and agreed that it was an entirely satisfactory report. Council passed a vote of thanks to the clerk for his work on managing the finances of the Council.

#### **178/19 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19**

Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 and the signing of that part of the 'Return'.

#### **179/19 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19**

Council approved the Accounting statements for 2018/19 and the signing of that part of the 'Return'.

#### **180/19 Litter Picks**

Council approved making available its litter pick sticks and 'Hi Viz' jackets at their own risk to local voluntary groups for free hire. The Council will organising further litter picks itself although the next date was not confirmed at this meeting.

**Action:** the clerk will inform via the parish magazine.

#### **181/19 Traffic Calming – Belbroughton**

Council approved requesting that the County Council arranges for enforcement of the 'HGV' weight limits prevalent on roads in Belbroughton.

**Action:** The clerk to contact the W.C.C. chief executive and the C.Cllr. requesting enforcement.

#### **182/19 Land Development**

Council noted the concerns of residents highlighted recently both on social media and verbally at this and prior Council meetings over possible local housing developments.

Council confirmed that to prevent members having predetermined views, thus precluding them from future meetings discussing actual applications and, in the absence of any planning applications being submitted to it by the District Council, neither it nor its members could at this stage comment on possible developments.

**183/19 Council's Annual Report**

Council agreed that the format should remain as for the 2018 report, the Chairman requested members advise him of any specific content desired and he with the clerk would produce a draft report for approval by the July Council.

**184/19 Councillors' Items**

Cllr. Allington raised the issue of badly parked vehicles in Yew Tree Avenue, Belbroughton obstructing emergency vehicles.

**Action:** the clerk to contact W.C.C. Highways to assess if any parking restrictions were justified.

**The meeting was closed at 9.29pm**

Signed ..... Chairman

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