

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council held at the Fairfield First School 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.**

**Present:** Cllrs. J Bradley (Chairman), S Boss, A Hood, G Ingram, T Jones, S MacDonald, A Mabbett, Dr R Morgan, S Nock, G Parsons, S Pawley and, C Scurrrell.

County Cllr. K May, District Cllr. M Sherrey.

In attendance: J Farrell Clerk. 21 members of the public also attended.

**199/17 Apologies** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. J Boswell and P Margetts. Apologies were also received from County Cllr. Shirley Webb and District Cllr. C. Allen-Jones.

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.

**200/17 Declarations of Interest** None. **201/17 Dispensations** None.

### **202/17 Minutes**

Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and the Chairman signed the minute book.

### **203/17 Reports**

*Chairman’s report:* The Chairman proposed that congratulations be recorded upon the awarding of the M.B.E. to Cllr. Janice Boswell and also to thank her for her efforts and hard work in the community.

Council approved.

*Planning Committee report:* Council noted the minutes of the committee held 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

*Finance Committee report:* Council noted the minutes of the committee held 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

*Clerk’s Report:*

1. The Green Belbroughton - Council legal advisors – M.F.G. solicitors have at last a draft agreement for consideration with the lawyers acting for the developer. Moving slowly, but certainly by September we expect to have a refreshed document to assess and hopefully complete.
2. Fairfield Stores – the application to register the freehold site as a Community Asset has been sent to Bromsgrove District Council.
3. The Planning application for the carpark extension at Fairfield Recreation Ground has been submitted to the District Council planning dept.
4. Two applications for funds under the BDC New Homes Bonus Scheme have been submitted for assistance with the proposed carpark extension and in the minor category, traffic calming measures in Belbroughton. They will be considered 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July respectively at B.D.C. and require Council representation to assist the assessing panel with questions it may have on the applications.
5. Various traffic stats are coming through from C.Cllr. Shirley Webb – these are with Fairfield cllrs. for assessment.
6. The ‘Nash Lane’ Belbroughton road name sign has been repainted by James Callaghan.
7. Severn Trent have acknowledged the 2 water leaks – Hartle Lane Belbroughton and at Sandy Lane Wildmoor and will be assessing repairs required this week.

8. The District Council have yet to replace the dog waste bin on Stourbridge Rd Fairfield, the posts for the missing road name sign in Yew Tree Lane Fairfield nor have they noted the request for additional litter bins in Fairfield. We are chasing.

9. The Grants Working Group met 29<sup>th</sup> June to consider applications received and will report its decisions to the next Finance Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

10. The County Council has apologised for the delay in processing claims under the 'Lengthsman Scheme' which is due to the implementation of their new finance system.

11. The Citizens Advice Bureau – Bromsgrove – have written to thank the Council for its £300 donation.

#### *County Cllr. Karen May*

1. She advised that she was the portfolio holder in charge of investigating instances of building cladding in the county. 228 buildings have been identified as having a form of cladding – but not necessarily the aluminum composite cladding at Grenfell Tower. 178 of these are schools of which 2 are residential. Schools will be prioritized for checks. If any risk materials are found the instruction will be to remove it regardless of costs involved.
2. She had attended 48 meetings in her first month as councillor.
3. She is involved in looking at financial budgets and medium term planning of finances. She advised the 2018 budget should be in the public domain by January 2018.

#### **204/17 Presentations**

- a. Mr Ed Dursley - Works and Events Notification Manager, Network Control at Worcs. County Council advised members of the history and the present position concerning the Velo Birmingham cycling event. He then took questions from councillors, the County Cllr. , the District Cllr. and, members of the public.
- b. The presentation from Mrs Benbow on behalf of Belbroughton Recreation Centre was deferred until agenda item 7 was considered.

#### **205/17 Velo Birmingham 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Council noted the presentation from Mr Dursley but felt that there remained many uncertainties. It further noted and agreed with the request from C.Cllr. K.May that residents should send in their objections and enquiries via e mail to Velo Birmingham copying herself and Mr Dursley.

Contact details would be available on the Parish Council website.

Cllr May advised she would be 'walking' the route with representatives of Velo Birmingham on 12<sup>th</sup> July and that representatives from the Parish Council would be welcome to attend.

Council noted that Mr Dursley had advised that the final decisions on road closures would be taken following a report being compiled for the Director of Services W.C.C. on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

The Council agreed to write again to the County Council confirming its objection in principle to the event using roads in the parish area as it had still not received satisfactory answers to questions concerning the impact on local people. While it thanked Mr Dursley for some additional information this though did not answer the questions in any detail. Council would also seek an updating meeting before 24<sup>th</sup> July with CSM Ltd to address outstanding issues.

Council approved issuing a press release outlining its position and concerns. This would be drawn up by the Chairman and the clerk.

**206/17 Presentation from Belbroughton Recreation Centre.**

Mrs Benbow detailed the application for Parish Council funding of £20,000 towards the purchase and installation of new playground equipment in the grounds of the Recreation Centre. She then took questions from councillors.

**207/17 Belbroughton Recreation Centre**

Council deferred a decision until a future Council on the request for £20,000 funds for the new playground wishing to have more time to consider the presentation and also to await further requested statistical information from the applicants regarding the demographics of the expected user groups of the facilities. The Council would also need to assess the levels of usage of its reserve funds for other projects designed to assist the community alongside this particular proposal.

**208/17 Council's Annual Report**

The chairman advised that the report was not ready and Council agreed that it would delay the production of the report anyway until during August to enable it to convey up to date information regarding the 'Velo Birmingham' cycling event and also the initial analysis of the recent parish opinion survey.

It was agreed that the content of the report would be compiled by the Chairman and Committee Chairmen plus input from Cllr. Morgan on the parish opinion survey. When ready it would be circulated to members.

**209/17 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr. Morgan advised that the Working Group were in process of collating the responses and hoped to have a report for August Council.

**210/17 Little Bell Hall Pool**

Due to time constraints this item was deferred until a future Council.

**211/17 Fairfield Villa Football Club**

- a. This item was deferred to a future Council due to time constraints.
- b. Council approved the use of the ground on 22<sup>nd</sup> July for the Paddy Eades Memorial match with a proviso that the railings are erected the day before the game and taken down the day after.

**212/17 Giant hogweed**

Council noted that there was a probable incidence of the plant in Belbroughton. It approved contacting the land owner and requesting that the plants are suitably destroyed and removed. Should the Council need to act itself, with the agreement of the landowner since it has no legal powers, a sum of up to £500 was agreed to cover contractors costs for the actions taken.

North Worcestershire Water Management and the Countryside Service would be also be contacted requesting their officers act if they have the powers to do so.

**213/17 Councillors Items**

Cllr. Pawley advised that representations would be needed at the District Council New Homes Bonus panel meeting. Cllrs Jones and Hood would attend on 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July respectively as the sponsoring Cllrs. Pawley and Mabbett were unavailable.

Cllr. Hood advised that a road sign in Quantry Lane required attention – C.Cllr. May advised that she would ensure that it was repaired.

Cllr. Hood advised that damage had occurred at a fence on Madeley Rd – the Lengthsman would assess repairs required.

Cllr. Hood advised that a flower box would be welcomed at the Five Ways junction, Bell Heath. A future Council to consider.

Cllr. MacDonald noted that the Nash Lane road name sign had been repainted and requested that the contractor James Callaghan was thanked.

Cllr Macdonald sought an update on the provision by the District Council of a road name sign for 'Galtons Lane' and by the County Council road markings on Dordale Rd. - C.Cllr. May would chase both of these matters.

Cllr. MacDonald questioned availability of road works information which no longer appeared to be made available by the County Council. C.Cllr May advised that she would arrange for distribution to re-commence, the information is now being released fortnightly. The website, roadworks.org gives current and future works information.

Cllr. Pawley reminded Council of the community event taking place on the afternoon of on 9<sup>th</sup> July in Belbroughton.

**The Meeting was closed at 10.50 p.m.**

Signed ..... Chairman.

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