

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023, 7.00PM AT FAIRFIELD FIRST SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllr. E Davies, Cllr. S Davies, Cllr. Hardeman, Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Mabbett, Cllr. Morris, Cllr. Nock, Cllr. Standing and Cllr. Wilkes,

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk – Ruth Mullett
There was 6 members of the public in attendance.

Prior to commencement of the meeting there was a minute's silence as a mark of respect following the sad passing of Nigel Williamson, the Parish Council Lengthsman. Thoughts and condolences to his family at this sad time.

479/23 – APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Allington, Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. Pawley 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.

480/23 – CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt Ian Sadler as a Parish Councillor for the Belbroughton Ward. Cllr. Sadler duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

481/23 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

482/23 – DISPENSATIONS

None.

483/23 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023 with one minor amendment to remove Cllr. Wilkes from being present.

484/23 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

District Cllr. May

- Cllr. May expressed her condolences to Nigel Williamson's family on their sad loss.
- Bromsgrove District Council have a £788,000 budget deficit due to Officer salary increases but are committed to maintaining frontline services.
- The utilities box has been removed from opposite The Talbot in Belbroughton.

- Cllr. Mabbett confirmed there was a lot of gutters in Bromsgrove District with detritus in them. Cllr. May confirmed that the gutters are inspected annually and that the Bromsgrove Place Team are regularly attending to all gutters as well as arranging road sweepers.

485/23 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S

Cllr. May

- A meeting has been arranged for 15th November 2023 with Bromsgrove District Council Tree Officer to see what impact the quarry extension would have the trees with a Tree Preservation Order on them.
- Worcestershire County Council has a £18m budget deficit.
- Clerk asked whether there was an update on whether the Lengthsman/maintenance could be provided with a Tip Pass. Cllr. May confirmed she was still pushing this issue with Cabinet.

Cllr. Webb

- Confirmed that the Chairman of the Fairfield Residents Association gave an excellent presentation on the proposed Wildmoor Quarry application and thanked residents for their excellent background work.
- Still awaiting the downloading of data from the VAS sign at Stourbridge Road/Top Road.

486/23 – REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman’s Report – nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report – Finance Committee Chairman confirmed that we would be in the process of starting an Agricultural Tenants Rent Review. Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for 18th November 2023 and Cllr. Knight confirmed she would also attend.

487/23 – COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllr. Hardeman confirmed she was still awaiting information about the scheme. But had circulated on social media information on a Police and Crime Commissioner’s meeting and asked that residents concerned with speeding should attend.

488/23 – SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Due to the Parish Council receiving some complaints from residents relating to the Scarecrow Festival, Cllr. Standing gave an overview of the event and explained the primary purpose of the event was to raise money for the village and bring residents together. Following the event, £57,000.00 has been awarded to local causes.

489/23 – DE-FIB AT QUANTRY LANE

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt Blue K6 telephone box at Quantry Lane and install a de-fib. Cllr. May confirmed that Worcestershire County Council Public Health would help with funding towards this project.

490/23 – PINCHES (4) QUARRY, WILDMOOR LANE, WILDMOOR

To consider submission of further information in respect of the Environmental Statement relating to the following planning application: -

Application Ref:	19/000056/CM
Grid Ref:	(E) 397694 (N) 275686
Applicant:	Mr Timmins
Proposal:	Extraction of sand and gravel and subsequent infilling with inert waste to achieve full restoration
Location:	Pinches (4) Quarry, Wildmoor Lane, Wildmoor,

It was agreed to set up a Working Party consisting of Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Mabbett and Cllr. Standing to formulate a draft response to this application to bring back to Full Council. District Cllr. Webb agreed to ask for an extension of time to submit the Council's response.

Cllr. Nock arrived at 8.05pm after giving his apology due to attendance at Bromsgrove District Council Planning Committee.

491/23 – WEBSITE

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for the Parish Council to upgrade to a new website. Two quotations had been received, it was asked that testimonies be obtained to back-up the quotation and to arrange for a third quote.

492/23 – TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

It was agreed to hold a December meeting and for councillors to let Clerk know items for the agenda. At present topics will be Wildmoor Quarry, traffic management, whether the Parish Council wishes to reaffirm its decision not to sell parish council land or allow mineral extraction and correspondence from the Clerk.

493/23 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report.

494/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4th December 2023, 7.00pm at Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.10.

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

Signed