

**Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton and Fairfield Annual Parish Council
held by video conference on 7th June 2021.**

Present: Parish Council

Councillors:

B Allington,
J Boswell,
S Danks,
A Hood,
G Ingram,
A Mabbett,
Dr R Morgan,
S Nock;
S Patchell

Clerk: J Farrell
Cheryl Powell
(observing).

District Council

Councillors:

K May
S Webb

Public

There were 5 members
of public in attendance

144/21 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pawley and Cllr Hood

The meeting adjourned, with Standing Orders suspended, for: 'Open Surgery' to listen to members of the public identifying matters of concern relating to the evening's agenda or any other issues.

145/21 Declarations of Interest None.

146/21 Dispensations None requested.

147/21 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the Council Meeting of 10th May 2021.

148/21 Proposed Quarry at Pinches 4

Rick Bright and Andy Morris ('Bright Associates') presented proposals for the agent applications regarding the Proposed Quarry at Pinches 4 Wildmoor. This presentation included the plans outlines for the extraction of sand and gravel and subsequent infilling with inert waste to achieve full restoration.

Council received the presentation whilst reviewing plans of the proposed works offered by Bright Associates.

ACTION: Mr. Morris provide the council with copies of the ground water quality on a quarterly basis.

A restoration Plan (involving consultation with residents) of the area is provided.

149/21 Reports – For Information

- **Chairman’s Report**

There were no issues reported to Full Council

- **Planning Committee**

Council noted the draft minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2021.

Councillor Danks raised the issue of the Architect’s proposed renovation to Belham Cottages, a listed building in a conservation area. Councillor Danks stated if major works are to be carried out on a listed building the outline proposal would involve a conversation between the conservation officer, planning officer and architect. The architect in this case had noted ***not yet consulted planning authority***. Councillor Danks reminded Council of their duties as a Planning Committee, requesting his comments were observed by Full Council in this instance.

There were no other issues reported at this meeting.

- **Finance Committee**

Council noted the draft minutes of the meeting held 17th May 2021. There were no other issues reported at this meeting.

- **Clerk’s report**

The Clerk had circulated a report to Councillors prior to this meeting and discussed:

- The application from The Deli for its lease to be extended, correspondence with the Council’s Lawyers will be drafted in due course.
- Drainage works at Fairfield Recreation Ground has been carried out by Kelbec Civils
- A working group has been convened to review the lease renewal for Fairfield Villa
- External Auditors have the AGAR report for review and sign off
- Council decided that it would continue to hold Committee and Council meetings via video conference during June and July. This policy would be reviewed by the Chairman at the end of June with a view to resuming face to face meetings later in the year.
- Verge markers will be placed on the corner of Bourne Heath and Brooke Road to encourage traffic calming in the area.

- **County and District Councillors**

Councillor May noted her appointment as Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing at the County Council.

Councillor Webb reported the TRO Consultation is due to end on 23rd June (this refers to the speed reduction efforts to the Stoneybridge Island)

There were no other issues reported to Full Council

150/21 Governance

The Parish approved the Council's Asset Register, Insurance Policy, Risk Statement and Risk Appendix, agreeing all documentation as valid up to 2022.

Councillor May confirmed Councillor Ian Hardiman as the new Chairman for Planning and Regulatory Services

151/21 The Green, Belbroughton

a. Councillor Patchell provided progress on the improvements schedule of the Village Green. Councillor Allington noted grass clipping had been left by Greenways. The Council requested the Clerk review the specification, reminding Greenways of their responsibilities.

b. The Council considered a resident's request for a water feature on the site. Council has taken the residents view into account but because the consultation has closed there is little else the Council can do to progress this further and will therefore, vote against this request

152/21 Access lane to the Fairfield First School

Council noted the issues that have arisen concerning access to the lane with view to taking further consideration of risk, access and rights to the area at a separate meeting to be convened on the 12th June 2021.

153/21 Capital and Minor Grants

Due to the pandemic, Council decided to extend the application deadline to the 1st September 2021.

154/21 Council's Annual Report

The Chairman requested the Clerk arrange dates in the diary to agree the format and the release date of the Annual Report.

155/21 Councillors' Items

Councillor Patchell noted

- A bench outside Church House has collapsed and a decision would need to be made to either to remove or replace the bench. It was noted that ownership of the bench would need to be established before a decision can be made.
- A sign post located in a field beyond the recreational ground has rotted and fallen down. Councillor Patchell requested the Clerk to ask Paul Hardcastle to investigate the sign, repairing as appropriate.
- Regarding the previous discussion around the grass cutting schedule, the Greenway Contract will need to be reviewed in October.

The meeting closed at 21:09