

## CATSHILL AND NORTH MARLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Council Meeting held at Catshill Village Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs G F Witcomb (Chairman), P Masters, A Pugh, D Carter, M B Shephard, A Glendenning, M Knight, G E Blackmoor, M Tingle and P J Baker.

#### 151/07 Apologies

Cllr J Brown.

#### 152/07 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Carter declared an interest as a member of the North West Ward Association.

#### 153/07 Public Participation

Mr D Prust asked for support of the Big band Night on 2/5.

He also asked about progress regarding the retaining wall next to the flats on Stourbridge Road. It was reported that a meeting was due with the owners on 30/4.

#### 154/07 District and County Councillors' reports

Apologies received from District councillors Lord, Blagg, Smith and Jones.

County Councillor Sheila Blagg reports on the following

- 1 Investigating lighting on the alley way connecting Lingfield walk with Golden Cross Lane
- 2 New yellow lines being painted outside Tesco. Possibility of bungalow next to the shop being used for parking
- 3 Request for Parish Council priorities for highways needed for November. A panel comprising all councillors has been formed for determining decisions

#### 155/07 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th February 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were accepted as a true record.

#### 156/07 Finance Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2008 were approved subject to it being notes that the only outgoing for the previous month had been the litter-picker's salary.

#### 157/07 Personnel Committee

Cllr Baker reports on the progress and actions taken and proposed for recruitment of a new clerk. It was hoped to make an appointment in time for the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 158/07 Planning Committee

Five applications had been considered at the meeting held on 24th April. Minutes would be presented to the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 159/07 Environment & Highways Group

The notes of the meeting held on 17/37/08 were agreed with the following updates:

- 1 Item 4 had been delivered.
- 2 Cllr Baker reported that a plaque had been purchased for Muriel Davies' tree in the cemetery. This would be installed as soon as possible.
- 3 County Councillor Sheila Blagg agreed to look at reports that herbicide was being used on grassed areas and the general poor maintenance of grassed areas and verges.

#### 160/07 Youth Initiative Group

There had been no meeting but Cllr Pugh reported the following:

- Tour of the village planned especially the play area on Milton Road

- Talk to youngsters using the facility
- Investigate further applications for grants and recruitment of adult helpers/organisers

161/07 Parish Plans Group

The notes of the meeting held on 17/4/08 were approved.

In Cllr Browns' absence, Cllr Masters reports that Cllr Brown would produce a concept plan to be discussed at the next meeting.

Jill Bate had agreed to continue to be a member of the Group.

Notices of meetings to be put up on the notice boards to encourage further membership of the Group.

162/07 Website and IT Group

Cllr Masters reported that he had been in contact with SMIS (the site developers) to do a brief update and to discuss further work outstanding.

163/07 Catshill Fun Day

It was agreed a £500 budget for the Parish Council's presence. The following was reported:

- A marquee had been arranged via Cllr Blackmoor
- A general leaflet about the Parish Council would be prepared
- The concept Parish Plan would be on display
- A newsletter would be produced beforehand and on display
- Energy resource packs would be available as well as other public service leaflets
- Goody bags to be considered

164/07 Office Tenancy

The Chairman reported that the final draft had been agreed and was with the solicitors. When complete he and the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee would sign.

The Chairman and Cllr cater would arrange refurbishing of the office.

165/07 Fun Day

The event would be on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

166/07 Councillors' Training

On hold pending appointment of the new clerk.

167/07 Correspondence

Letter on waste consultation. Chairman to respond

168/07 Future agenda items

None reported.

169/07 Date and Venue of the next Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be held at the Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

170/07 The meeting ended at 21:15

Chairman.....

Date:.....