

Present : Cllrs P Baker, Mrs G Blackmoor, D Carter, Mrs A Glendenning, A Kelly,
M Knight, Mrs M Owen, A Pugh, M Shepherd, M Tingle (arrived *)

In attendance : Clerk: Mrs G Lungley

08/082 Election of Chairman

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, **it was agreed** Cllr A Pugh would chair the meeting.

08/083 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Witcomb (Chairman) (holiday), P Masters (Vice-Chairman) and Ms J Brown (work commitments)

08/084 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Carter – member of NWWA

08/085 Adjournment of Meeting

Public Question Time – see attached, page 29

*Cllr M Tingle arrived

08/086 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 30/10/2008 were approved and signed.

08/087 Correspondence

Items received as per list previously circulated were available to view at the meeting.

08/088 Questions from councillors

No questions were put forward.

08/089 Committee / Group / Representation Reports

- a) **Finance Committee:** Cllr P Baker - Meeting held 18/11/2008 included justification for proposal of precept and acceptance of the budget for 2009/10. There was interest in the suggestion of a chairman's chain of office and it was agreed that any decision would be taken by the full council, not the committee.

- b) **Planning Committee:** Cllr D Carter - Meeting held 27/11/08 – summarised the committee meeting held immediately prior to this council meeting, including review of the two applications notified and that an appeal had been lodged by the applicant requesting change of use to the premises at 129 – 131 Golden Cross Lane. A response had been provided to the WCC's consultation on the Waste Core Strategy. The current equipment for viewing plans in the committee meeting was inadequate – BDC would be appraised.
- c) **Environment & Highways:** Cllr M Tingle - Meeting held 17/11/08; matters discussed included the intention to install a new notice board at Marlbrook and to consider the parish's needs regarding bus shelters.

Incidental matters – Cllr M Tingle reported that BDC would remove unwanted green bins and he would provide the contact number. Cllr P Baker reported that water-course related issues could be dealt with by BDC's John Bailey; Cllr A Pugh reported on recent flooding in Green Lane after moderate rainfall.

- d) **Youth Group:** Cllr Mrs A Glendenning – to attend the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Members Reference Group meeting on 03/12/08.
- e) **Personnel:** nothing further to report as yet.
- f) **Website & IT Support:** Members were asked to check their e-mail link from the website was working; all agreed Cllr P Masters was doing a good job on the website.
- g) **Parish Plan Group:** Cllr Ms J Brown had provided an update to the Open Days held in September; there was now uncertainty as to future progress and it was agreed to contact Cllr Ms J Brown to agree a way forward.
- h) **Events Committee:** Cllr D Carter – Meeting held 12/11/08; the bonfire event had gone well (at this meeting it was reported there had been 2 incidents requiring first-aid to the eyes due to wind-blown bonfire ash); it had been suggested to include the production of a newsletter under the remit of this committee, subject to agreement.
- i) **NWWA – informal meeting with parish council :** Cllr D Carter – both parties look forward to future progress.
- j) **District Standards Committee:** Cllr P Masters had attended a recent seminar.
- k) **BDC Strategic Review in a Changing Housing Climate:** Seminars held 26/11/08 attended by Cllrs P Baker, A Kelly, Mrs M Owen; report issued by Cllr A Kelly. Comments included awareness of lack of sufficient smaller (1 or 2-bed) homes for the ageing community over the next 18 years; BDC lacks power of enforcement regarding home use; grant aid is available but few people access it or are aware of it.

08/090 Precept for 2009/10

It was agreed to set the precept for the financial year ending 31/03/2010 at £20,312 and the request would be submitted to BDC to collect on this council's behalf.

08/091 Parish Council Newsletter

Members agreed that a supported individual would be better placed to progress this rather than a committee and the Clerk would take this forward via Cllr Ms J Brown and Cllr A Kelly.

08/092 Local Neighbourhood Partnerships – follow-up meeting

Cllr A Kelly would attend this meeting to be held 09/12/08 at BDC on behalf of this council; if unable to attend, Cllr G Blackmoor would attend in his place.

08/093 Members' Register of Interests

The Clerk reported on the current situation and was asked to consult the Monitoring Officer.

08/094 Consultation regarding changes to the Code of Conduct for members and employees

It was agreed members would provide individual comment.

08/095 Finance Report and bills for payment

The report as circulated, including bills for payment, was noted.

08/096 Items for consideration at next meeting not already mentioned + information

To move forward with support for The Meadow/NWWA

Information - the clerk advised:

- Temporary Road Closure, Marlbrook Lane for 3 weeks from 12/01/2009.

Request made to the Clerk to number each agenda page for future meetings.

08/097 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 29th January 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 9.17pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council

Date.....
29th January 2009

Minute no. 08/085

Notes relating to the Open Forum / Public Question Time

Mr Don Prust

Mr Prust reminded the meeting of the Christmas Capers at the Village Hall, and the Village Hall was organising a children's Christmas Party on 14/12/08, 11.00am – 1.30pm. Christmas Trees are being provided for the Village Hall by Singletons Garden Centre and also by Fockbury Mill.

Apologies for absence from this meeting had been received from County Councillor Mrs S Blagg whose written report was circulated to all members.

Apologies for absence had been received from District Councillor R Smith.

Apologies for absence on behalf of District Councillors A Blagg and Dr G Lord had also been received.

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