



## Environment & Highways Committee

Meeting held Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 7.30pm

Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane, Catshill

<b>Members present</b>	Cllrs – M Shephard (Chair), Mrs G Blackmoor, A Kelly, P Masters, Mrs M Owen, G Witcomb
<b>In attendance</b>	Clerk - Gill Lungley
<b>Apologies for absence</b>	M Tingle (work commitments)
<b>Declarations of interest</b>	None declared
<b>Public Questions</b>	Meeting adjourned to hear questions from the public; none present so meeting reconvened
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk updates on previous matters</li> <li>2. Replacement for memorial tree to Muriel Davis</li> <li>3. Planting of daffodil bulbs</li> <li>4. Items for discussion at next meeting</li> </ol>

To follow up:

### 1. Updates

- a) **Lengthsman work** – GW had met the Lengthsman to discuss monitoring the water courses, especially Green Lane through to Golden Cross Lane; L'sman will monitor water flow and advise if blocked (he is not contracted to clear the streams), he will keep highways gullies, channels and grips etc. clear. Other work required includes attention to channel in Greenslade Crescent and siding out in Golden Cross Lane. GL
- b) **Bus Shelter** – costings not yet provided via Neil Reed (BDC); committee suggest bricking up the rear windows and possibly replace in entirety depending on costs of refurb. Idea of cost of replacement shelter to be advised via next item (c). GL
- c) **New Bus Shelter** – Meadow Road; Queensbury rep to call on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May to ascertain requirements and provide costings. GL
- d) **Ornamental Garden** – to seek sponsorship from nearby nursery/nurseries and advise residents of plans. Suggestion put forward that this may also be a good site for a Christmas tree. GL
- e) **Car parking to rear of Spar, Golden Cross Lane** – members believe the problems of graffiti and shady dealings are not improving. Clerk to write again to landlord etc. GL
- f) **Shelley Close MUGA lighting** – BDC advise they are awaiting feedback from having installed floodlighting at Sidemoor MUGA; members are not keen for a grand project that includes floodlighting at the Shelley Close site, but would simply like some illumination of the site when it's dark. WCC (Highways Lighting) to be asked to assist via Sustrans route lighting. GL
- g) **Braces Lane parking for Recreation Ground** – Joanne Hall, BDC had visited the ground during football matches and planned some cost-free improvements that she would monitor and provide feedback September/October.

- h) **War Memorial maintenance** – clerk to seek quotes for tree-work; to remove the conifers nearest to the memorial and reduce the height of the other. Also to find out cost of surgery to the overhanging willow and advise Punch Taverns of intention to carry out the work and pass on the bill. GL
- i) **Golden Cross Lane car parking** – suggestion was made to tarmac over the majority of the grass verges on the north side of Golden Cross Lane (between Methodist Church and A38) due to their muddy /non-existent appearance but to leave some grass around the few trees. WCC Highways to be contacted. GL
- j) **Manhole repair off Milton Road footway** – completed satisfactorily. closed
- k) **Cottage Drive car parking** – WCC Highways had informed resident that no more curb masters would be installed. closed
- l) **Ivy Gardens planting scheme** – GB to contact C-B Mowers. GB
- m) **Flooding issues** – concerns that from September there will be more water in the local system due to the diversion of water from the new reservoir at Alvechurch Highway. Flash flooding during summer is a possibility.

**2. Replacement Memorial Tree to Muriel Davis**

It was suggested a replacement tree such as red may, red acer or rowan should be planted; also a new plaque was required. GB to investigate. GB

**3. Planting of daffodil bulbs**

Suggested planting bulbs in the grass verge on the corner of A38 and Barley Mow Lane; best during Autumn and Scouts would be asked to help out. GL to source bulbs. GL

**4. Items for discussion at next meeting**

- a) Clerk to pursue gravel finish under new notice board at Marlbrook. GL
- b) Parking outside Tesco, Marlbrook – existing bollards do not achieve any purpose – suggest installation of a lift-and-lay bollard.

CLlr Kelly was thanked for the photographs he provided for the meeting.

**Date and time of next meeting**      It was agreed to meet Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm.

**This meeting ended at 9.25pm**

Agreed as a true record of the meeting held 14/05/2009

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 Chairman, Environment & Highways Committee  
 Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council