



Environment & Highways Committee

Meeting held Thursday 19th February 2009
7.30pm

Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane, Catshill

Members present	Cllrs – M Sheppard (Chair), Mrs G Blackmoor, A Kelly, P Masters, Mrs M Owen, Gordon Witcomb
In attendance	Clerk - Gill Lungley
Apologies for absence	Cllr M Tingle (family commitments)
Declarations of interest	None declared
Public Questions	Meeting adjourned to hear questions from the public; none present so meeting reconvened
Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk updates on previous matters 2. M5, junction 4 improvements 3. Parking on grass verge, 14 Golden Cross Lane 4. Report from Marlbrook Tip Monitoring Committee 5. Cottage Drive parking 6. Future meeting dates 7. Items for discussion at next meeting

	To follow up:
1. Updates	
a) Marlbrook Notice Board – currently in production.	GL
b) Lengthsman work – to end of January drains and gullies had been cleared in the west of the parish; footway sided out and debris cleared, drains cleared and signs cleaned in Woodrow Lane.	
c) Bus Shelter – Stourbridge Road, Neil Reed at BDC would be assessing works (and costs) required. (An aside: bus stop sign missing from A38 between Barley Mow Lane and Golden Cross Lane causing problems for bus users – reported to WCC)	GL
d) New Bus Shelter – Meadow Road; permission requested from WCC, no response to date.	GL
e) Dog waste bins – no response to date from BDC.	GL
f) Proposed Ornamental Garden A38/Braces Lane – no response yet from BDC regarding consent; B Wiggett requested to supply quote for the work to be done.	GL
g) Car parking to rear of Spar, Golden Cross Lane – leaseholders to contact land owners. It was noted that new footpath lighting had been installed to the east of the shop but had yet to be connected.	GL
h) Shelley Close play area lighting – no further progress advised from BDC.	GL
i) Braces Lane parking for Recreation Ground – no response yet from BDC.	GL
j) War Memorial maintenance – not yet progressed; Punch Taverns to be contacted to cut back overhanging branches. British Legion to be kept informed.	GL

2. M5, junction 4 improvements by Highways Agency (HA)

In late December HA had informed of roundabout improvement work, replacement lighting and resurfacing works to be carried out at M5 junction 4 until July 2009; Cllr Baker had written on behalf of this council and the HA's response was considered at this meeting. It was suggested a representative from the HA should attend a meeting to explain the improvements. Concern was expressed about the seemingly high number of accidents occurring at junction 4a of the M5.

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3. Grass Verge, Golden Cross Lane (no. 14)

The parking of cars has worn away the grass verge causing mud to be spread on the pavement which is hazardous to pedestrians. Suggestions to reduce the hazard included the installation of verge masters or 'keep off the grass' signs. It was agreed to obtain a quote for re-turfing the area before contacting the residents.

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4. Marlbrook Tip Monitoring Committee

Cllrs A Kelly and Mrs M Owen had attended this meeting at BDC on 11/02/09, report as attached. Planning permission for a club house is to be requested in due course; sheep are currently grazing on site. Major concern is the water coming off the site – it is thought the existing water course, which is obstructed in places, will be unable to cope with the amount of run-off creating flooding problems to householders downstream.

John Bailey (BDC) will be asked for advice and WCC asked if ok for Lengthsman to carry out stream clearance work. Also, Marlbrook Lane (north of the houses, near to culvert) is dangerous during icy weather due to overflow from shortened/unfinished ditch.

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5. Cottage Drive parking

It was agreed to install bollards (Glasdon 'Edgemaster' 20 bollard) on the grass verge fronting the Cottage Drive service road – installation costs to be ascertained and Glasdon to be asked for installation details. WCC to be notified.

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6. Future Meeting Dates

Future meetings of this committee were agreed for 02/04/2009 and 14/05/2009.

7. Items for discussion at next meeting

- a) Ivy Gardens and planting scheme
- b) Parish Paths Partnership (with WCC)

Date and time of next meeting It was agreed to meet Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 9.10pm

Agreed as a true record of the meeting held 19/02/2009

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