



Environment & Highways Committee

Meeting held Thursday 2nd July 2009 7.30pm

Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane, Catshill

Members present	Cllrs –A Kelly, P Masters, Mrs M Owen, M Tingle, G Witcomb
In attendance	Clerk - Gill Lungley
Election of Chairman	It was agreed to elect Cllr M Shephard as Chairman (in his absence).
Election of Vice-Chairman	It was agreed to elect Cllr A Kelly as vice-chair. In the chairman's absence Cllr Kelly chaired the meeting.
Apologies for absence	Mrs G Blackmoor (annual leave)
Declarations of interest	None declared
Public Questions	No members of the public present.
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the meeting held 14/05/2009 were agreed and signed.
Agenda Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk updates on previous matters 2. Items for discussion at next meeting

To follow up:

1. Updates

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| a) Lengthsman work – members would be suggesting areas for the Lengthsman's attention; his work to be more closely monitored over the next few months with better liaison. The list of Lengthsman's duties to be posted to all members. | GL |
| b) Bus Shelter, Stourbridge Road – due to ongoing maintenance costs of refurbishing the existing shelter it had been suggested to BDC that they replace it instead with one of the old shelters from Bromsgrove Town Centre if possible. BDC are looking into this. If they have more than one spare shelter, could they replace other dilapidated shelters in the parish? | GL |
| c) New Bus Shelter – Meadow Road; costings for a new Queensbury shelter had been provided, including anti-graffiti coating. Clerk to seek further quotes. | GL |
| d) Ornamental Garden – a nearby nursery has offered to install with no charge to parish council but they would like to use it to advertise their services. BDC have been asked if advertising consent is required. Clerk to contact residents. Newsletter to state the parish council is looking to improve the area. | GL
AK |
| e) Car parking to rear of Spar, Golden Cross Lane – the landlord's agent has responded; the clerk is to reply requesting they install lighting as a safety measure for their customers. It was noted that the wall to the car park had graffiti on it. | GL |

- f) **Shelley Close MUGA lighting** – S Jones, WCC Lighting Engineer visited the site attended by GW and the clerk; he explained the lighting required would need to be of a better standard than would be provided via offshoot of sustrans route. Clerk to contact BDC, WCC councillor Mrs S Blagg and the Safety Partnership. GL
- g) **Braces Lane parking for Recreation Ground** – members had noted that the car park gates are locked causing worse conditions for road users as parked cars obstruct both the road and pavement. Clerk to contact BDC. GL
- h) **War Memorial maintenance** – clerk to seek quotes for tree-work. GL
- i) **Golden Cross Lane car parking** – to be followed up as previous meeting; also following site visit by PM and GW to ‘tidy up’ redundant street furniture at the A38 junction. GL
- j) **Ivy Gardens planting scheme** – the clerk is to contact CB-Mowers and refer to next meeting of the parish council (30/07/2009) GL
- k) **Flooding issues** – a recent Forum meeting was provided with information about a county-wide strategy regarding how flooding is to be dealt with. The Marlbrook watercourses coped with recent heavy rainfall (AK). An article to be included in next newsletter asking to be advised of problem spots and reminding riparian owners of their duties. AK
- l) **Muriel Davis Memorial Tree** – for next agenda GB
- m) **Daffodil bulb planting** – HPU have been asked to grant a licence to plant bulbs in the grass verge on the corner of A38 /Barley Mow Lane. Additional suggestion is to sow wild meadow flower seeds; clerk to liaise with BDC concerning the grass cutting schedule etc. GL

2. Items for discussion at next meeting

- a) Gravel finish under new notice board at Marlbrook.
- b) Lift-and-lay bollard at Tesco Express
- c) Pavement between Ivy PH car park and Gibb Lane
- d) Missing bollards between The Dock and Gibb Lane
- e) Signage for the Ornamental Garden / Parish Council sign
- f) Deliberate dumping of garden waste on brook bank alongside Brook Walk (off Church Rd)
- g) Overgrown hedge alongside Brook Walk

Date and time of next meeting It was agreed to meet Thursday 3rd September 2009 at 7.30pm.
This meeting ended at 9.05pm

Agreed as a true record of the meeting held 02/07/2009

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