

Present : Cllrs G Witcomb, Mrs G Blackmoor (arrived \* due to prior commitments),  
D Carter, Mrs A Glendenning, A Kelly, M Knight, P Masters, Mrs M Owen,  
A Pugh, M Shephard, M Tingle

In attendance : County Councillor Mrs S Blagg  
District Councillors A Blagg, Dr G Lord  
Clerk: Mrs G Lungley

**Prior to the start** of the meeting all present stood for a minute's silence in memory of Craig Hodson-Walker, killed during an armed robbery on 9<sup>th</sup> January at the Fairfield Post Office.

09/001 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs P Baker (prior commitment) and Ms J Brown (work commitments)

00/002 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Carter – member of NWWA (agenda item 8i)  
Cllr Mrs M Owen – volunteer for Citizens Advice Bureau (agenda item 11)

09/003 Adjournment of Meeting

**Public Question Time** – see attached, page 4  
\*Cllr Mrs G Blackmoor arrived

09/004 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 27/11/2008 were approved and signed.

09/005 Chairman's Report

The report was circulated. It was agreed to write to Craig Hodson-Walker's family.

09/006 Correspondence

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

09/007 Questions from councillors

- a) Had there been any feedback to the request to the District Councillors for the Catshill ward to attend parish council meetings? Response: apologies for absence had been received from Coun. Mrs H Jones for this meeting; Coun R Smith had apologised in the past for non attendance.
- b) What was happening regarding Cllr Ms J Brown? Response: temporary (6 month) work commitment elsewhere meant Cllr Ms J Brown was unable to attend most parish council meetings; she has no objection to others taking on her newsletter and parish plan roles.
- c) Would any parish councillor be prepared to stand as community governor for Catshill First School?

09/008 Committee / Group / Representation Reports

- a) **Finance Committee:** minutes of meeting held 16/12/2008 circulated. It was reiterated that only a full parish council meeting would decide on whether to commission a Chain of Office.
- b) **Planning Committee:** Cllr D Carter - Meetings held 08/01/09 and 29/01/09 were summarised. Additionally there was concern about a house in Barley Mow Lane which was under going substantial modifications; clerk to advise planning authority.
- c) **Environment & Highways:** minutes of meetings held 15/12/08 and 22/01/08 circulated; the consultation on the District Draft Core Strategy ends 13/02/09. Additionally a dog-waste bin was requested for Milton Road, near to church.
- d) **Youth Group:** Cllr Mrs A Glendenning reported on attendance at the Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Members Reference Group meeting held 03/12/08. Date arranged for youth group meeting (Thursday 12/02/09).
- e) **Personnel/Staffing Committee:** minutes of the meeting held 19/01/09 circulated and actions noted.
- f) **Website & IT Support:** to meet 02/02/09 to progress purchase of a projector, sort out website related e-mail problems and update the website in light of the Freedom of Information publication scheme.
- g) **Parish Plan Group:** no progress to date.
- h) **Events Committee:** Cllr D Carter reported on the results of the Christmas window lights competition; the prizes had been sent to the three winners.
- i) **NWWA – informal meeting with parish council:** meeting held 14/01/09, notes circulated; another meeting to be held in due course.
- j) **Bromsgrove Area CALC meeting:** Cllr G Witcomb attended 03/12/08; presentations given on the Draft District Core Strategy and the proposed Worcestershire Health Trust.
- k) **PACT meeting 08/12/08:** report from CSO K Bowkett circulated; members were concerned that reports of anti-social behaviour were taken out of context.

- l) **Local Neighbourhood Partnerships feedback consultation 09/12/08:** Cllr Kelly's report circulated; concerns expressed about the validity of proceeding with the LNP's.
- m) **Bromsgrove District Parish Councils' Forum:** Cllr Witcomb reported on the meeting held 06/01/09, which included discussion on the new e-consultations for planning and certificates of lawfulness.

09/009 Parish Council Training

The finance module is to be delivered on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February; members were asked to complete a proforma provided by the trainer for that session.

09/010 Parish Council Newsletter

**It was agreed** all committee chairmen will submit information for the newsletter by the end of February; Cllr Kelly will produce a draft version for approval by members prior to printing.

09/011 Grant Request: Citizens Advice Bureau

**It was agreed** to delegate this request to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

09/012 Annual Parish Meeting

**It was agreed** to hold this year's annual meeting of the Parish on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009; to publicise and invite all local groups to talk about their activities.

09/013 Members' Register of Interests

The Clerk reported the Register was now complete.

09/014 Finance Report and bills for payment

The report as circulated, including bills for payment, was amended and noted. The budget figures would be revised to show income / outgoings for the year.

09/015 Items for consideration at next meeting not already mentioned + information

Information -

- o It was mentioned that the Ivy Cottage public house was now operating under new management; there were concerns that this and possibly other public houses in the area were under threat of closure due to the economic climate.

09/016 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 9.30pm

Signed..... Date.....  
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**Minute no. 09/003**

**Notes relating to the Open Forum / Public Question Time**

County Councillor Mrs S Blagg

In addition to the monthly report provided by Mrs Blagg, a Briefing Note showing information on costs associated to highways work in the parish was circulated and the meeting was advised:

- that the bus stop that had been knocked down on the A38 was to be replaced.
- There is to be a national appeal for a memorial to Craig Hodson-Walker.
- It may be more appropriate to approach the Community Safety Partnership for funding for the required lighting at Shelley Close MUGA.

The last item prompted some discussion concerning the perception of anti-social behaviour amongst young people in Catshill, not all of whom may live in the area.

District Councillor Dr G Lord

Proposals for the Marlbrook tip use as a golf-course were proceeding with the expectation of final lorry movements during the summer of this year, after which repair work will be carried out on the local roads. The County Council had helped to alleviate the flooding problems with the installation of a 900mm pipe under Marlbrook Lane and balancing pools.

Heavy planters had been requested for outside the Marlbrook Tesco shop, to replace the cones.

District Councillor A Blagg

With reference to the green waste bins; those residents who do not wish to pay for the green waste disposal service are being asked to retain their green bin for use in the future when the co-mingling waste service is introduced.

District Councillor Ms H Jones had sent apologies for absence at this meeting.