

Present : Cllrs G Witcomb (Chairman), P Baker, Mrs G Blackmoor, Mrs A Glendenning, A Kelly, M Knight, P Masters (Vice-chairman), Mrs M Owen, A Pugh, M Tingle

In attendance : Clerk: Mrs G Lungley

09/017 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Ms J Brown, D Carter (work commitments), M Shephard (family commitments)

00/018 Declarations of Interest None declared

09/019 Adjournment of Meeting

Public Question Time – apologies for absence had been received from County Councillor Mrs S Blagg and District Councillor Mrs H Jones. Mrs S Blagg had provided a written report.

09/020 Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 29/01/2009 were approved and signed.

09/021 Chairman's Report

The report was circulated. It was noted that WCC highway improvement works had started in Braces Lane; the delay was believed to be due to diversion of funding to deal with local flooding.

09/022 Correspondence

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

09/023 Questions from councillors

- a) Who was responsible for the pavement repairs concerning a raised manhole cover in Milton Road? Before and after photographs showed questionable competence; similar style of work in Marlbrook to deal with tree-root trip hazard had made situation worse. GL to forward to WCC.

09/024 Committee / Group / Representation Reports

- a) **Finance Committee:** meeting to be held 05/03/2009
- b) **Planning Committee:** next meeting to be held 12/03/2009. Concerns expressed regarding the Planning Inspector's decision to allow the appeal for change of use of 129 – 131 Golden Cross Lane from retail to restaurant/take-away.
- c) **Environment & Highways:** meeting held 19/02/09; minutes circulated prior to meeting. Comments were made about the highway improvements at Junction 4, M5 and suggestion to dualise the A38 between Marlbrook and Lydiate Ash. There is to be a site meeting 05/03/09 at the Meadow Road bus stop with WCC regarding siting of bus shelter.
- d) **Youth Group:** Cllr Mrs A Glendenning reported meeting arrangements.
- e) **Personnel/Staffing Committee:** Cllr P Baker is to check on future salaries and prepare a Health and Safety policy.
- f) **Website & IT Support:** meeting held 09/02/2009. The projector is to be available for community use in the village hall. The website has been updated and has a link to PACT. It was suggested the website could be advertised in the Catshill sub-post office via tv screen.
- g) **Parish Plan Group:** no progress to date.
- h) **Events Committee:** meeting to be held 12/03/2009.
- i) **Newsletter Working Party:** Cllr A Kelly asked for reports from committee chairs.
- j) **Training Report:** Certificates were presented to those members who had attended all four training modules (Cllrs Mrs A Glendenning, A Kelly, Mrs M Owen, G Witcomb).

09/025 Annual Parish Meeting

The annual meeting of parishioners is to be held 23/04/2009; it was agreed to write to all local voluntary groups to invite them to attend and provide updates on their work, and advertise the event as widely as possible.

09/026 Bromsgrove District Independent Remuneration Panel

The annual report had been received from the District Independent Remuneration Panel concerning allowances to be paid to councillors for carrying out their duties and expenses.

It was agreed to note the panel's recommendations but to continue not to pay any allowances to members, only travel expenses for travel outside the parish on council business and to continue to pay the historic Chairman's Allowance.

09/027 Standing Orders review

It was agreed to delegate the review of Standing Orders to Cllrs A Kelly, M Tingle and the Clerk.

09/028 Finance Report and bills for payment

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

09/029 Items for consideration at next meeting not already mentioned + information

Information -

- It was believed the tree planted in memory of Mrs M Davis was not thriving.
- Primrose Choir Spring Concert to be held 21/03/2009 at Catshill Methodist Church.
- County Council elections 04/06/2009; a briefing session for prospective candidates and election agents is to be held 30/03/2009 at Bromsgrove District Council's Committee Room at 6pm.

09/030 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 26th March 2009