

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

In attendance : Clerk - Mrs G Lungley

Note: Neither Cllrs P Baker nor Mrs G Blackmoor were present for the first two items and rejoined the meeting half-way through Open Forum prior to minute no. 09/081.

09/078 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from D Carter (annual leave), M Shephard, A Pugh (family commitments). Apologies had also been received by the Clerk from Cllrs Ms J Brown and M Tingle (work commitments) but not put to the meeting due to an oversight.

09/079 Declarations of Interest As per attendance book – none declared

09/080 Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned for Open Forum. County Councillor Mrs S Blagg was present, report as attached. District Cllr A Blagg sent apologies for absence due to other civic duties.

09/081 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 28/05/09 approved and signed.

09/082 Chairman's Report

The report was circulated. The suggestion of a "Pensioners' Day" was discussed; to be forwarded to Events Committee.

09/083 Communications received

The list of various communications was circulated.

09/084 Councillors' Questions

Questions related to the Lengthsman's work and the state of the Ivy Gardens.

09/085 Reports from Committees etc.

- a) **Planning Committee:** the last meeting (04/06/2009) had been inquorate; comments had therefore been submitted by the clerk via delegated powers following full consultation with all members and were reported to this meeting.
- b) **Events Committee:** as per the meeting held 11/06/2009; the Fun Day was well attended, a full debrief would be held at the next meeting of this committee on 16/07/2009. Reports for the summer newsletter were required by 30/06/2009.
- c) **Finance Committee:** as per meeting held 18/06/2009. An alloy blank was circulated and members agreed to the style of the Chairman's Chain of Office, to be ordered in parish council colours.
- d) **IT and Website:** a calendar has been added to the parish council's website, and the logo has been enhanced; further information is to be added including committee terms of reference and membership. There was discussion on how to increase the use of the website.
- e) **Youth Group and PACT report:** the PACT meeting was held 15/06/2009 and heard of several instances of youth misbehaviour; discussion followed on the situation as viewed by members. It was hoped a Youth PACT could be instigated and this would be followed up at the PACT review meeting on 07/07/2009.

Other PACT issues included fears of lack of police action regarding alleged drug dealing and speeding traffic in Golden Cross Lane.

- f) **Bromsgrove District CALC:** meeting held 03/06/2009, attended by the Chairman and Clerk; mainly procedural but included a request from the Standards Committee for parish council protocol regarding the reporting of a parish councillor to the Standards Committee.
- g) **Bromsgrove District Forum:** meeting held 23/06/2009, attended by the Chairman and Clerk. Two main items discussed – the Charter, for which a working party has been set up, and flooding within the district to which the spokesman for the joint county-wide scrutiny group made a presentation.

09/086 Youth Group

It was agreed to alter the status of the Youth Group to that of a committee.

09/087 Finance Report and bills for payment

The report as circulated was accepted.

09/088 Items for consideration at next meeting / community information

- Catshill First School Fete is to be held 26/06/2009
- Bromsgrove Twinning Association Event to be held 26/06/2009 in town centre
- Parish Councillors to be provided with identity badges

- Concern about absent councillor for a period of longer than 6 months
- Armed Services Day – an event had been held at BDC but no notification had been circulated about it.

09/089 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to take place on Thursday 30th July 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 9.15pm

Signed..... Date.....
 Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 30th July 2009

Appendix

Minute no. 09/080 – Adjournment for Public Question Time

- County Councillor Mrs S Blagg : a written report was circulated. Additionally the County Council is to spend extra on pavement repairs and Mrs Blagg asked to be advised of the worst pavements in the area that needed work (pavements in the pipeline already include Woodrow, Meadow Road, Golden Cross Lane, Gibb Lane and Old Birmingham Road).

Mrs Blagg had met with the police regarding the anti-social behaviour in the parish, who were very helpful in recognising there is a problem.

- Member of the public : road repairs are needed in Milton Road and The Dock. Also cars are being driven across the pavement from The Dock onto Gibb Road/Barley Mow Lane by avoiding the bollards; this seems more prevalent at school arrival and departure times.