

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

In attendance : Clerk - Mrs G Lungley

09/090 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from A Pugh and M Tingle (work commitments).

09/091 Declarations of Interest

As per attendance book – Cllr Carter declared an interest regarding NWWA

09/092 Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned for Open Forum, comments as appended.
County Councillor Mrs S Blagg's written report had been received prior to the meeting.

09/093 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25/06/09 were approved and signed.

09/094 Chairman's Report

The report was circulated.

09/095 Communications received

The list of various communications was circulated.

09/096 Councillors' Questions

Could WorcsCALC be asked to find out if other parish councils are concerned about the principal councils' policy regarding the use of weedkiller around trees, lamp-posts, signposts etc?

09/097 Reports from Committees etc.

- a) **Environment & Highways Committee:** meeting held 02/07/2009.

It was agreed to purchase a Malvern prunus for the Muriel Davies memorial.

- b) **Youth Committee:** meeting held 16/07/2009. Cllr Mrs A Glendenning provided an update on the proposed Youth PACT – which may be held at the Middle School later this year. The Youth Club has appointed a new youth leader. Funding has been made available within the county to encourage inter-generational volunteering.

- c) **Events Committee:** meeting held 16/07/2009.

It was agreed to provide funding of £2,500 for this year's Scout Bonfire at the Meadows on 31st October in return for the gate takings.

It was agreed to support the Halloween Bash youth-event on 31/10/09 at the Meadows.

A request for permission to close the Stourbridge Road and Meadow Road for the duration of the Remembrance Day Service on 08/11/09 had been submitted to BDC. Cllr Baker stated he would be willing to liaise with all parties to co-ordinate.

- d) **IT and Website:** as updated by Cllr P Masters

- e) **Planning Committee:** meeting held 30/07/2009. The recent notifications of planning applications were reviewed. The impact of the planning application proposing 154 new dwellings on land off Perryfields Road was briefly discussed and will be viewed in more detail at the next meeting of this committee.

09/098 Identity Badges

It was agreed to purchase identity badges for each parish councillor

09/099 County Councillor Mrs S Blagg

It was agreed to write to Mrs S Blagg offering congratulations on her recent appointment as Chair of West Mercia Policy Authority

09/100 Council Training Requirements

Members agreed on the requirement for training in planning matters and chairmanship; also to contact neighbouring parish councils.

09/101 Finance Report and bills for payment

The report as circulated was accepted.

The Chairman reported that the Clerk was making use of the Lone-Worker protection service.

09/102 Items for consideration at next meeting / community information

- There is a problem with leylandii trees on Stourbridge Road outside no. 208 on a service road opposite the Plough and Harrow ph.
- The Chairman had received that evening notification of Cllr A Pugh's resignation in writing. BDC would be notified of the casual vacancy that had arisen and the appropriate public notices would be displayed. In the event that a by-election is not called then the parish council can co-opt.
- The continued absence of another parish councillor was cause for concern.

09/103 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to take place on Thursday 24th September 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 24th September 2009

Appendix

Minute no. 09/092 – Adjournment for Public Question Time

- County Councillor Mrs S Blagg : a written report was circulated. Additionally there were ongoing issues regarding:
 - Resurfacing /repairs to potholes, roads and pavements.
 - The crossing of the pavement by vehicles from The Dock to Gibb Lane was being investigated.
 - Flooding issues are on the list for investigation; there is a telephone hot-line number available to be used only in emergencies.
 - The new lighting in the village is part of the county-wide lighting improvement scheme, aiming to replace old lighting columns such as those in Golden Cross Lane that are attached to telegraph poles.
 - PACT progress meeting – possible date 04/08/09 at 7pm.
- District Councillor A Blagg :
 - Regarding a question about rumours that the car park at the Braces Lane recreation ground was to be extended could not illuminate the subject any further.
 - The hedge on the corner of Redland Close/Braces Lane had previously been cut by the District Council but they now state it is the responsibility of the householder to cut it.
 - BDC are hoping to make efficiency savings by sharing service delivery with Redditch Borough Council; it is proposed to share the Chief Executive Officer.
- Member of the public : areas of common ground in The Dock are not being cared for; weeds are growing up the telegraph pole in the middle of the road and emergency lighting is being obscured.