

Present : Cllrs G Witcomb (Chairman), P Baker, Mrs G Blackmoor, Ms J Brown, D Carter,
Mrs A Glendenning, A Kelly, P Masters, M Tingle

In attendance : Clerk - Mrs G Lungley

09/104 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs M Knight (work commitments), M Owen (family commitments), M Shephard (annual leave).

09/105 Declarations of Interest

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

09/106 Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned for Open Forum, comments as appended.

County Councillor Mrs S Blagg sent apologies, her written report had been received prior to the meeting; apologies had also been received from District Councillors Dr G Lord and Ms H Jones.

09/107 Co-option of member to Catshill Village Ward

It was agreed to co-opt Mrs Margaret Millward to the position of parish councillor for the Catshill Village Ward.

Mrs Millward was unable to be present at this meeting and the Clerk would ensure forwarding of the relevant forms relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.

It was agreed to write to ex-Cllr Alan Pugh to record members' thanks for his efforts on the council over the last two years.

09/108 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 30/07/09 were amended as below, approved and signed.

Amendment min no. 09/102 should state house no. 308 not 208 Stourbridge Road.

09/109 Chairman's Report

The report was circulated. Also the new Chairman's Chain of Office was shown to all members. The Chairman thanked the efforts of members to re-establish the Fellowship Club.

09/110 Communications received

The list of miscellaneous communications was circulated.

09/111 Councillors' Questions

Stourbridge Road: the pavement on the west side of the road, outside the cemetery - between the Plough and Harrow to the north and the houses to the south – has been reduced in width by bank slippage. Can something be done to rectify this?

09/112 Reports from Committees etc.

- a) **Planning Committee:** meetings held 30/07/2009, 13/08/2009 and 24/09/2008 – minutes circulated and verbal report provided for the latest meeting.
- b) **Events Committee:** meetings held 6/08/2009 and 07/09/2009 – review of meetings including concerns about the extent of newsletter distribution; initial meeting of the Fellowship Club; marshals required for Remembrance Sunday to help with the road closures approved by BDC; help required for the 65th VE Day event.
- c) **Youth Committee:** meeting held 03/09/2009 – summary provided and comment on the recent meeting of the Crime and Disorder Prevention group including the news that anti-social behaviour had reduced over the summer and 'boxercise' was the latest activity of interest to the youth but a suitable venue is required.
- d) **Environment and Highways Committee:** meeting held 03/09/2009

It was agreed to accept Garrick's quotation for supply and installation of Meadow Road bus shelter if within 5% of the original quote.
- e) **Bromsgrove Area WorcsCALC** – meeting held 02/09/2009 and **Parish Forum** – meeting held 22/09/2009 both attended by Chairman and clerk. The presentation at the forum concerning Older People would be circulated to all members; the amended parish/district charter would also be circulated to all prior to meeting of the Staffing Committee. BDC has a new planning enforcement officer who is keen to attend parish council meetings – it was agreed to ask him to attend the next meeting of this council.
- f) **Catshill and Marlbrook PACT:** meeting held 14/09/2009. There were no urgent issues. It was agreed to request a mobile traffic speed warning flasher for use in the parish.
- g) **Finance Committee:** meeting held 17/09/2009 – the council's finances were reviewed. The annual audit had been completed with the external auditor providing an unqualified opinion and relevant notices published; thanks extended to the clerk.

h) **IT and Website:** the website has been updated and is to include a link to 'warmerworcestershire'.

09/113 Red BT Telephone Kiosk, Old Birmingham Road

The parish councils were being offered the opportunity to take over decommissioned red kiosks for £1. The kiosk on Old Birmingham Road was immediately adjacent to this parish and members were invited to comment on its future.

It was agreed to neither approve nor disapprove of Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council's decision regarding the red telephone kiosk on Old Birmingham Road.

09/114 Annual Parish Meeting, 2010

It was agreed to hold next year's Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 15th April.

09/115 Finance Report and bills for payment

The report as circulated was accepted.

09/116 Items for consideration at next meeting / community information

None

09/117 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to take place on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 7.30pm.

This meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 29th October 2009

Appendix

Minute no. 09/106 – Adjournment for Public Question Time

District Councillor A Blagg :

- A request was being processed for disabled, on-street residential parking.
- Disabled access to the Village Meadow recreation ground was being considered.
- Youth-related anti-social behaviour was being monitored via the Crime and Disorder Partnership.
- Each county councillor has money for supporting health related projects.
- The Help the Heroes event at Hindlip Hall made £40,000.
- WCC is facing reductions regarding its budget.
- Bromsgrove DC and Redditch Borough Council are now working together with one management team to provide efficiencies of service.

Following a question regarding funding for setting up a youth PACT, it was stated that the effectiveness of the PACT meetings is being reviewed throughout the region.

Mr Don Prust

Regarding the Catshill Village Hall, the car park is to be augmented and resurfaced with the possibility of a new gate.

The vegetation alongside the brookside path off Church Road needed attention.