

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

In attendance : Clerk - Mrs G Lungley

09/118 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs A Kelly, M Knight (work commitments), M Tingle, M Shephard (annual leave).

09/119 Declarations of Interest

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

09/120 Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned for Open Forum, comments as appended.  
A written report had been received from County Councillor Mrs S Blagg.  
Apologies had been received from District Councillor A Blagg

09/121 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 24/09/09 were approved and signed.

09/122 Chairman's Report

The report was circulated.

09/123 Communications received

The list of miscellaneous communications was circulated. Prior notification of items to discuss at the next meeting of this council includes:

- 1) allowances for parish councillors and
- 2) liaison with the Village Hall committee.

09/124 Councillors' Questions

These referred to :

- Stourbridge Road – narrow pavement by cemetery and parking on pavement outside Plough & Harrow; WCC Highways have been asked to investigate.
- Gibb Lane bus shelter – pavement is not wide enough to pass along when passengers are waiting for a bus, especially difficult with a push-chair; could the hedge be cut back?
- Cars are being parked on the grass verge at the top of Golden Cross Lane – can this be curtailed?

09/125 Reports from Committees etc.

a) **Planning Committee:** no meeting held during October.

Comment ('no comment') had been submitted via delegated power by the clerk regarding log no. 442 (B09/0755) - telecoms mast at the corner of Barley Mow Lane and Birmingham Road (A38). It was reported at this meeting that, with regard to radiation, there is sufficient scientific evidence to show such masts pose no risks to public health.

Joe Turner, the new Principal Planning Officer at BDC, would be invited to attend the next meeting of this council to provide information relating to BDC's planning function within the parish.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be Thursday 12/11/09 at 7.30pm; to include consideration of the plans for a Children's Centre at Catshill First School.

b) **Events Committee:** no meeting held during October.

Plans were in hand for the Halloween Bash to be held 31/10/09 at the Village Hall rather than on the Meadows playing field. Volunteers needed from 1.30pm to help set up the event and tidy up afterwards.

The newly established 'C and M Group' (the former Catshill Fellowship) now meets on Monday afternoons at the Village Hall under the guidance of Cllr Mrs A Glendenning with a view to becoming self-managed.

Preparations for the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial are in hand; marshalls will be required.

Judging of the best Christmas lit window will take place during Christmas week – arrangements yet to be confirmed.

c) **Youth Committee:** no progress to report

d) **Environment and Highways Committee:** meeting held 15/10/2009

**It was agreed** to request Bromsgrove District Council remove the existing dilapidated shelter on Stourbridge Road at their cost, to be replaced by a shelter installed and maintained by this Parish Council.

The tree stumps had been removed from either side of the War Memorial by a parish council working party; thanks would be sent to Mr Owen for his help and loan of equipment.

The licence for the proposed new bus shelter at Meadow Road had yet to be granted (delay due to requirement to consult with statutory undertakers).

The Catshill pet shop would be asked to take care of handing out the dog waste bags.

e) **Finance Committee** – meeting held 22/10/2009.

The budget had yet to be approved; the committee proposes a 5% increase in the precept and is to meet again on 19/11/09 to produce a budget for approval at the following full council meeting on 26/11/09.

f) **Meeting with NWWA (Meadow Playing Field)** – meeting held 01/10/09.

NWWA are seeking funding from a variety of sources for capital projects next year. It was suggested to appoint a member of the parish council to the NWWA management committee – details to be considered at the next parish council meeting.

g) **IT and Website:** Cllr Masters updated members on improvements to the website, including a page showing the names of The Fallen, as shown on the Catshill War Memorial.

09/126 Bromsgrove Parish Charter

**It was agreed** to devolve consideration of this to the Personnel/Staffing Committee, to meet at 7pm on 19/11/09.

09/127 Finance Report and bills for payment

The report as circulated was accepted.

09/128 Items for consideration at next meeting / community information

In addition to those already mentioned, it was agreed to revisit the comments provided at last year's *vox pop* in connection to the Parish Plan.

09/129 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is to take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm; with the presentation from BDC's Principal Planning Officer at 7pm to be confirmed

This meeting ended at 9.20pm

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

## Appendix

### Minute no. 09/120 – Adjournment for Public Question Time

#### County Councillor Mrs S Blagg :

- The next meeting of the Marlbrook Tip committee is to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at BDC offices.
- Tesco Express have agreed to install a new lift-and-lay bollard.
- Roadworks update – Golden Cross Lane and Meadow Road/Chadsgrove entrance are to be treated, whilst Woodrow Lane is to be slurry sealed.
- WCC Highways are aware of the parking and access difficulties being experienced at the Audi Garage, Marlbrook Gardens (off Birmingham Road, Lickey End Parish)
- A report is being investigated of stones being thrown at a property in The Dock, near to the clinic.

Mrs Blagg was questioned about the street lighting in Golden Cross Lane, some of which appears to have been replaced and the lights are now different colours, some still have concrete columns.

#### Mr Don Prust announced:

- he had approached Willowbrook Garden Centre to ask if they would take responsibility for the upkeep of the traffic island at Washingstocks (Stourbridge Road/Barnsley Hall estate);
- Big Band night to be held on 06/11/09 to raise funds for the Village Hall.