

**CATSHILL AND NORTH MARLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010, 7.30PM  
CATSHILL VILLAGE HALL, GOLDEN CROSS LANE, CATSHILL**

Present : Cllrs A Kelly (Vice-Chairman), P Baker, G Blackmoor, J Brown, P Masters, M Owen, M Shephard  
M Tingle

In attendance : Clerk - Mrs G Lungley

09/160 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs G Witcomb (Chairman) and M Millward (annual leave), M Knight (business commitments)

09/161 Declarations of Interest

No member declared any personal or personal and prejudicial interest.

09/162 Open Forum

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

09/163 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28/01/2010 were approved and signed.

09/164 Notification of resignation of Cllr D Carter and update on vacancies

Cllr D Carter had resigned from the Parish Council; the casual vacancy statutory period of notification would end on 02/03/2010. All members were agreed in their thanks for his considerable contribution to the Parish Council during his membership.

The notification period relating to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr A Glendenning had expired with no call for a by-election and the Parish Council is therefore now able to co-opt a replacement. Posters advertising the vacancies would be circulated to local groups and meeting places, and a message would be included on the website.

09/165 Communications received

The list of miscellaneous communications was circulated: recently received items included-

- Bromsgrove & Redditch – Core Strategies consultation on Redditch Growth
- Bromsgrove & Redditch Corporate Management Team contact details
- Cancellation of briefing on the new Code of Conduct, planned for 01/03/10

09/166 Reports from Committees etc.

- a) **Planning Committee:** meeting held 11/02/2010, minutes circulated.
- b) **Events Committee:** meeting held 11/02/2010, minutes circulated.

**Members agreed** to the amalgamation of the Events Committee and Youth Committee.

- c) **IT and Website:** members were asked to confirm their e-mail addresses for contact via the website.
- d) **Marlbrook Tip Monitoring Committee:** meeting held 11/02/2010, report circulated. Some work was to be undertaken relating to unsightly construction work and to correct possible flooding; the watercourse and flooding issues would be monitored.

The owners were hopeful of completion of the site this year although the planning application for a club house had been withdrawn.

- e) **Climate Change Workshop:** held 16/02/2010 at BDC. Verbal report provided by Cllr Kelly. Cllr J Brown offered to give a short presentation on Climate Change at a future meeting.
- f) **Youth Concerns:** meeting held 17/02/2010 at Catshill Scout Hut. Verbal report provided by Cllr Kelly; encouraging signs show a need has been recognised and that all parties involved are working together to try to achieve the same goals.

09/167 BDC Draft Policy 'Sports and Leisure Services and Facilities Access for Trans-people'

**It was agreed** to provide comment as suggested by Cllr Baker.

09/168 Adoption of newly revised Standing Orders

**It was agreed** to adopt the draft format subject to revision at the next meeting of the Parish Council which is to start at 7pm to allow a half-hour specifically to go over the subject.

09/169 Request to install Youth Notice Board in Ivy Memorial Gardens

The Senior Community Safety Project Officer (BDC) had asked if a notice board for Young People could be installed at the Ivy Memorial Gardens. **It was agreed** to accede to this request and to point out that a notice board at the Meadows playing field may be more accessible and more used.

09/170 Finance report

The latest finance update was circulated and the bill payments as advised by the Clerk were accepted and signed.

It was noted that the Chairman had yet to be paid the annual Chairman's Allowance, and this would be referred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

09/171 Community Information

- Community Forum at BDC 02/03/03 at 6.30pm, involvement in Local Democracy
- WCC were running Adult Leisure classes, information via Clerk
- Concerns about use of The Crown Inn car park for a car-washing business, the Environmental Services and Planning Enforcement had been notified
- Presenting 'Those Magnificent Men', Shindig are to be appearing at Catshill Methodist Church on 27/03/2010
- The Twinning Association is to present an Edith Piaf evening

09/172 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is to take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm; members are expected to attend from 7pm to review Standing Orders.

This meeting ended at 9.10pm

Signed..... Date.....  
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Appendix**

**Minute no. 09/162 – Adjournment for Open Forum / Public Question Time**

County Councillor Mrs S Blagg : in addition to the written report had provided the following information-

- Problems with pot-holes should be referred via The Hub
- The Youth Activities Grant had been allocated to Catshill Middle School
- Marlbrook Tip – it appears the application for a club house had been refused due to problems over car parking allocation

Mr Dale Carter

As Chairman of Royal British Legion, Lickey End Branch Mr Carter advised of a St George's Day dance to be held on 23/04/2010, tickets costing £10 each including a light buffet.

As an ex-parish councillor Mr Carter conveyed his disappointment and upset at the outcome of the recent Standards Committee meeting.