

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

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

In attendance : County Councillor S Blagg, District Councillor A Blagg  
Clerk - Mrs G Lungley

10/001 Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs M Knight (business commitments), M Millward (annual leave), M Shephard (family commitments)

10/002 Declarations of Interest

Cllr G Blackmoor declared a personal interest in minute no. 10/007(a) below as the member of the parish council appointed to serve on the NWWA management committee.

10/003 Open Forum

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

10/004 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25/02/2010 were approved and signed.

10/005 Co-option of new member to represent the Catshill Village Ward

**It was agreed** to co-opt Frank Cook to the vacancy in the Catshill Village Ward and Cllr Cook duly joined the meeting; members agreed to the deferral of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which the Clerk would provide for signature within the next few days.

The remaining vacancy would be considered at the council's next meeting.

10/006 Chairman's report and correspondence received

The Chairman's report was circulated and discussed.

Correspondence received was listed and circulated; other correspondence included –

- From WCC information about the Lengthsman's scheme and allowance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Parish Conference at County Hall on 30/03/2010, 7pm – 9pm.

10/007 Reports from Committees etc.

- a) **Finance Committee:** meeting held 04/03/2010, minutes circulated. Cllr Baker spoke to this item and **it was agreed** as follows:
- .i) The Parish Council will grant to NWWA funding of £375 for the annual Catshill Fun Day to be held on 12 June 2010, to cover essential costs.
  - .ii) The Parish Council will provide funding to NWWA of up to £1,500 or 50% of the project cost, whichever is the lower, net of any other funding from elsewhere.
- b) **Planning Committee:** meeting held 11/03/2010, minutes circulated. The next meeting of this committee would be held on 01/04/2010.
- c) **Environment & Highways Committee:** Cllr Kelly spoke to this item and **it was agreed** as follows:
- .i) The Parish Council will purchase a new bus shelter to replace the District Council's shelter on the Crown Inn car park, adjacent to Stourbridge Road.
- It was reported that the gardening contractor to the Ivy Gardens would be planting up the flower beds at the end of May; plants not ready until then due to the late growing season.
- The planning enforcement officer had reported on the car washing business at the Crown Inn; enforcement action would be taken if it was still operating after Easter.
- d) **Newsletter :** the first issue of this year was currently being distributed; there was discussion about the timeliness of distribution. The next issue would be presented to the council's meeting in May with a view to being ready for distribution in mid/end June.
- e) **Forum on Community Involvement in Local Democracy** held 02/03/2010: this had been attended by Cllrs Kelly and Owen and the Clerk and included discussion on how to encourage the community's interest in local council work as part of an exercise by BDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- f) **NWWA:** Cllr G Blackmoor, report on meeting held 24/03/2010:
- BDC had carried out a safety inspection of the area;
  - Concerns relating to youths and alcohol abuse; the police have been asked to visit more often;
  - The Committee are keen to resurrect the Catshill Carnival;
  - There are two football teams who regularly use the field;
  - The Committee was re-elected en bloc;
  - The hire fees have been raised slightly;
  - NWWA is always grateful for the parish council's help;
  - Recently received a donation of play equipment from BDC.

10/008 Annual Parish Meeting, 15/04/2010

It was noted that the agenda would include a presentation on Climate Change by Cllr J Brown and the Chairman would use the opportunity to call a meeting of the Parish Plan group. Members would be asked to remain after the meeting to informally discuss the membership of council committees due to be re-appointed at the annual parish council meeting in May.

10/009 Parish Council meeting dates

The Clerk would ascertain the best day for parish council meetings at the Village Hall.

10/010 Catshill Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall management committee's AGM is scheduled for 28/04/2010; members of the parish council are invited to attend.

10/011 Finance report

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

10/012 Community Information

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the recent death of its first Chairman, Joy Bushby.

10/013 Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is to take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.30pm

This meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed.....  
Chairman of Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council

Date.....  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2010

## Appendix

### Minute no. 10/003 – Adjournment for Open Forum / Public Question Time

County Councillor Sheila Blagg (Woodvale Ward) : in addition to the written report had provided the following information-

- Resurfacing work had started on Golden Cross Lane pavements.
- Repair work had started on the footbridge over the stream off Church Road.
- It is believed that anti-social related funding would be targeted into The Dock.
- WCC cannot resurface that part of the Golden Cross Lane pavement that lies between the public car park and Wildmoor Lane because it is private land.

District Councillor Anthony Blagg (Marlbrook Ward):

- The Lengthsman scheme is a good idea.
- The Marlbrook Tip committee looks likely to continue because the landscaping work has not been finished due to the weather and the planning application was retracted.
- On behalf of another parish council within Cllr Blagg's county ward constituency he asked a question regarding street lighting / footpath lighting costs – the response was that since its inception in 1994 Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council have not arranged to install or maintain any such lighting and therefore have incurred no related costs.
- As a county councillor (Bromsgrove Central) Cllr A Blagg is the Cabinet Member for waste; Worcester City is the highest recycling area in the country and BDC will be starting their new recycling system on 06/04/2010.