

BROWN EDGE PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd. September 2019 at Brown Edge Village Hall, School Bank, Brown Edge, Stoke on Trent.

Present: Councillor P. Woodward. (Chair).

Councillors R. Corbett, N. Hargreaves, J. Sherratt, J. Shufflebotham, D. Spooner & P. Turner.

County Councillor K. Flunder.
District Councillor J. Porter.

Nine Members of the Public.

82:19. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Lea (Family) & S. Turner (Work).

83:19. Adjournment of Meeting for Public Participation.

A question was asked if there was any information on the planning consent for the land at Sytch Road. It was stated that the matter would be discussed later in the meeting as a confidential item. This drew a question as to why many things were discussed in this way. An explanation was given.

District Councillor Joe Porter informed the Council, that he had been appointed as Cabinet Member for Climate Change at Staffs Moorlands District Council. He asked if the Council could inform him of any projects in that area. It was agreed that the matter be on the agenda for the next meeting.

County Councillor Flunder reported that he had nothing much to report to the meeting but the project for the children crossing at Clay Lake would be going ahead.

84:19. Declarations of Interest.

Councillors Spooner declared an interest in matters pertaining to the Holly Bush.

85:19. Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th. August 2019 had been circulated and they were duly approved and signed as a true record.

86:19. Matters Arising.

Letters of thanks had been sent to resigning Chairman Alan Basnett thanking for his long service to the Council and also to Alan Adderley for his work on the play equipment.

Staffs. Moorlands District Council had been informed of the vacancy and the necessary notices had been published on the Council's web site and notice board. The matter would be discussed again at the next meeting.

There had been no further contact with Severn Trent about the problem with flooding in Sandy Lane so it would be approached for a detailed report.

A meeting would be arranged between the complainants and the owner of the land in Willfield Lane on the problem with the unregistered footpath over his land.

A further letter had been sent to the owner of the trees in St. Anne's Vale which need further trimming asking for more work to be done.

No further information was available with regard to the street nameplate for Church Road.

87:19. Other Matters for Discussion.

Councillor Corbett had offered his services to help with the Council's website. These were gratefully accepted.

With regard to a new regime for the Council being devoid of Committees, this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

County Councillor Flunder reported he had met with County Council representatives, on site regarding the potholes in Fiddlers Bank. It was reported that next day the main large pothole in Fiddlers Bank had been repaired but the remaining holes were not attended to as the vehicle could not traverse the road.

Damage to a manhole cover in Sytch Road was to be reported to Staffs. County Council.

A discussion took place on cars parking on grass verges in Breach Road which curtailed the mowing of the grass by the Council's contractor. It was agreed to take no action.

A complaint had been received regarding an overgrown public footpath below the allotment area in Tongue Lane, It was agreed to ask the Council's contractor to attend to the matter.

It also reported that a large tree at The Spout House, Sandy Lane appeared to be showing signs of infection. This to be reported to Staffs. Moorlands District Council's Tree Officer.

A collapsing stone wall adjacent to the pavement in Church Road was to be reported to the owners, Staffs. County Council.

88:19. Reports & Actions.

The Cemetery Recorder reported that there had been one scattering of ashes fee.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee Chairman had forwarded a report that contact had been made with AECOM and was now awaiting it to get back to inform us what was needed to be done.

89:19. Planning.

The following planning applications were discussed and it was agreed to forward no objections, subject to normal planning guidelines, to:

SMD/2019/0520 One & Half Storey Side Extension, Single Storey Rear Extension & Adding Porch to Front at 25 Lea Vista, High Lane, Brown Edge.

SMD/2019/0482 Proposed New Detached Dwelling within Domestic Curtilage at Fair View, Bank End, Brown Edge.

There were no objections to this application in principle but concern was expressed about the shared drive and availability of sufficient parking.

90:19. Finance.

The renewal Registration Fee had been sent to the Information Commission and a Certificate had been received.

The late payment of the 2018/2019 half invoice for the lengthsman scheme had been received.

The V.A.T. refund from 2018/2019 had been applied for.

Mention was made of the need to update the banking mandate with the Council's bank. The necessary forms would be obtained.

91:19 Orders for Payment.

It was agreed that the following items be paid:

Adrian J. Mason.	£ 80 – 00. Litter Picking Fee.
N & J Tree Services Ltd.	£ 743 – 60. Maintenance Contract – 6 th . Cut.

92:19. Correspondence.

An invitation to a Fun Shooting Day at Leek on 14th. September 2019, in aid of Chairman of Staffs. Moorlands District Council's Charity had been received.

A notice of a Review of Polling Stations in Staffs Moorlands had been received but there were no changes in Brown Edge.

93:19. Matters to be Discussed on Notice.

There were no Notices of Motion received.

94:19. Matters for the District Council.

There were no items for the District Council.

95:19. Matters for the County Council.

There were no items for the County Council.

96:19. Items to be raised at the Next Meeting.

Climate Change Projects.

Vacancy on the Council.

Street name plate in Church Road.

New Regime for the Parish Council Devoid of Committees.

Confidential items – Land at Sytch Road.

Holly Bush car park.

Clerk's & Cemetery Recorder's Salaries.

97:19. Items for the Website.

There were no items for the web site.

98:19. Confidential Items.

A report was given on investigations regarding the planning permission granted on land at Sytch Road, Brown Edge.

It was agreed to contact Sybil Ralphs, Leader of Staffs. Moorlands District Council to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter.

Mention was also made of the ongoing discussions with the Moorlands Council in relation to the Holly Bush car park project.

A review of the Clerk's and Cemetery Recorder's salaries was deferred until the next meeting.