AGENDA

Birlingham Parish Council

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To Members of Birlingham Parish Council
You are duly required to attend the next meeting to be held on
Wednesday 19 November 2014
Villlage Hall
7.45pm

Welcome

Present

Apologies for absence

1) Declarations of Interest

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

(Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items)

2) Minutes of the previous meeting

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 and minutes to be approved. Note: July 2014 supermarket mentioned is Waitrose not Sainsbury – to amend.

3) Democratic Opening

4) Progress Reports

a. Footpath Warden
b. District Councillor (if not present request written report)
c. County Councillor (if not present request written report)
d. Clerk

5) Planning

a. Report on outstanding planning applications:

Application Number : W/14/02287/PP
Location : Cherry Trees, Eckington Road, Birlingham WR10 3DA
1st floor extension over garage

Application Number : W/14/02266/CU
Location : The Old Stables, Upper End, Birlingham, WR10 3AA
Change of use from offices and workshop/lab and stable/ garage to 2 no. dwellings.

Application Number : W/14/01881/OU
Location : Land surrounding and including 1 and 2, Avon Bank, Upton Road, Defford
Outline application for the creation of a residential development comprising of 63 units

b. Applications granted/refused
c. Application references with the coding starting and ending: "GPD...." appearing on Weekly Lists (15/10). There is no requirement for parish/town councils to make a comment on this type of application. This is because they are not classed as a planning applications only a notification. The criteria the applicant/agent needs to fulfil is what is set out within The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Order 2014.

6) Financial Matters

a. Bank balance

b. The Accounts for 2014/2015

c. Receipts –
£110.00 – Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman (July)
£80.00 – Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman (August)
£2,499.00 – Wychavon District Council - Precept

Payments –
110.00 – Lengthsman July
£80.00 – Lengthsman August
£125.00 - HM Revenue & Customs (July, August, September)
£500.00 - Clerk
£25.00 - Expenses

d. Future payments
£125.00 – HM Revenue & Customs – Due end of December (Oct, Nov, Dec)
£75.00 – Lengthsman (September)
Poppy wreaths (£48.63 estimate GAVE6 last year) Can we give to Chris on behalf of British Legion?
£180.00 – Lengthsman (October)

e. Budget
To commence with discussion on level of balances it is appropriate for the Council to hold (previously the bank balance not equal to the tree and litter pick balances).
Question - Increase by 5% – as previously resolved ?
Included discussion–

- *Website annual invoice*
- *Clerks pay, PAYE and expenses – quarterly payments as per financial year and in line with RTI*
- *Village hall contribution*
- *Charities*
- *Car allowance – 40 pence per mile (Adoption of Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (previously discussed on Scrutiny Panel) consider increases*
- *Insurance due in May*
- *mower*
- *tree budget from litter pick includes Annual Tree Forum – Tree Warden Budget*
- *plane tree budget*
- *Elections*

f. Precept - application to be returned by 16 January 2015

7) Birlingham Cricket Club request for funding
New Homes Bonus application received. Advert to residents for consultation/support. Agreement to submit to WDC.

8) Neighbourhood Plans*

9) Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

10) Closure and next meeting on 21 January at 7.45pm

Clerk
November 2014

* To the residents of Birlingham form Birlingham Parish Council
For many years communities were encouraged to produce their individual Parish Plans and Parish Design Statements. These allowed residents to express their views on the nature and location of housing developments and service provision in their parish and were accepted by local councils as a consideration in their forward planning.
The Government, as part of its localism policy, has strengthened the ability of communities to influence their local environment by the introduction of Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans are now in effect superseded.
The essentials of Neighbourhood Plans are:

- They allow residents to influence the location, design and dispersion of new housing, provision of infrastructure, green space etc
- They have legal status and planners and developers must take them into account.
- Groups of parishes can work together to produce plans for a defined area.
- Once a plan is accepted the parish can benefit from a 25% share of the new Community Infrastructure Levy.

Completion of a Neighbourhood Plan requires the full co-operation and involvement of the community and is a lengthy process. Most parishes find it necessary to employ consultants and only limited financial support is available from public funds.
A number of parishes in Worcestershire are preparing plans and Birlingham Parish Council is keen to promote the process in the village.
We are therefore asking for volunteers who would be ready to undertake this work under the guidance of the Parish Council.
Would anyone who would like to join the planning team please contact the Parish Clerk, June Hiden, by writing to Lamorna Broadway Road, Birlingham WR10 3AF or emailing Birlingham_clerk@yahoo.co.uk