Birlingham Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022

In Birlingham Village Hall

Councillors:

Councillor Aston, Byrne, Cook, Griffin, Luff and Yates.

Welcome – The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Michael Porter tendered apologies, due to his household having Covid and this was accepted. Apologies were tendered by County Councillor Adrian Hardman and District Councillor Ron Davis. Apologies from Footpath Warden Bruce Hayward, Lengthsman Carl Brassington, Tree Warden Rupert Keys and Clerk June Hiden.

There is no internet connection in the hall at this time and therefore no facility to video conference for absentees.

2. Declaration 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.
d) Written requests for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the Clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.
e) Dispensation forms have been received from all Councillors for the term of office ended May 2024.

Interests were declared by Councillor Cook regarding items with reference to the Jubilee Committee.

Note: 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. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2022, a copy of which has been circulated to all Councillors, was agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

Democratic Opening

The meeting was adjourned for public question time. There was nothing to report.

4. Progress Reports

a) Footpath Warden:

Nothing to report. The Warden has been asked to look at a fallen tree near Swan's Neck and will do so shortly.

b) Tree Warden:

"Following Storm Eunice, we seem to have got away lightly, however the usual culprits such as Elm have fallen again adjacent to the cricket pitch.

I would suggest that a regular inspection is taken place by the landowner and possibly some thinning out. It is also recommended that ivy strangling any trees in and around the village should be removed.

Ivy will siphon resources (water and nutrients) from the surrounding soil to support its own growth, taking those resources away from your trees. Ivy covering your tree trunk means that a tree's trunk flare and anchoring roots can't be easily evaluated for safety.

Huge thanks to Carl for his fantastic job of clearing any trees and brash from the highways during the stormy days! It was also noted that some of the debris has been cleared away. Maybe at some point more work needs to be done in tidying up the verges of tree debris to make the village a little tidier upon entering from Upper End.

I am happy to help with tractor/trailer and put any burnable foliage in our field. Maybe get a team of 6 volunteers together one Saturday morning?

Jubilee Wood….

The newly planted trees are regularly inspected and those that have been checked all seem to be budding up nicely, so lets hope that continues.

I have also noticed that Severn Trent Water drive around the large puddle and therefore over the trees.

The puddle needs filling in with rubble, so this does not happen."

The Chairman also advised that he would be in touch with the landowner of Jubilee Wood to advise that there is a large pothole in the track in the wood that needs to be filled in.

c) District Councillor:

i. Whilst the coronavirus restrictions have all been removed the virus is still very active in Wychavon. The numbers are falling but we are still above the Worcestershire and England average. 35- to 59-year-olds are seeing the highest infection rates. So, caution is still required! For more information go to:- www.wychavon.gov.uk/coronavirus

ii. Wychavon have set up a website for Ukraine to try and pull the various appeals for donations going into one place. www.wychavon.gov.uk/support-for-Ukraine

iii. The Boundary Commission is still ongoing and hopefully I think they have given up on breaking up the Eckington Ward.

iv. If you require any more information on the Jubilee celebrations or anything else regarding the Parish, please email me.

Kind regards to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all next meeting.

d) County Councillor:

i. The County Council passed its budget last month which sees council tax rise by 3.9% but this does fully fund the pressures in adult social care and children social care this year manly because the CCG is willing to divert some funding into adult social care and some 3.5 million pounds to take pressure off the Worcestershire acute hospital which is still in a very bad way.
ii. I am sure you will have noticed that the numbers in hospital with C 19 have risen quite considerably over the past month to over 100 so we are back to three wards but mercifully we have still have very low numbers in the IC unit.
iii. I am sorry that the roundels were done in such a slap dash way and understand from Barry that we are going to come out and redo them again in the summer. I'm afraid to

say we have stopped doing red entrance boxes partly because they are very expensive to do and as you saw with the one in Birlingham it seems to have an effect on the tarmac underneath and then you have to replace it.

e) Clerk - See ***Appendix 1***

Information from the Lengthsman is included. To note there is quite a lot of fallen tree debris around the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask Carl to clear the mistletoe on the roadside by the Court House following the recent strong winds. Councillor Luff to liaise with the Court House owner to ensure they have no objections. Clerk to action.

5. Planning

a) Planning applications pending: - none

b) Applications granted: - none

c) Enforcement: - none

6. Financial Matters

a) The Accounts for 2021/2022

i. Bank balance (current) is £8,693.81 as at 23 February 2022. Business saving balance is £7,790.79 as at 9 February 2022.

ii. Receipts –

i. £200.00 – Birlingham Jubilee Grant refund
ii. £367.50 – Worcestershire County Council
(Lengthsman October 2021/ £157.50 and November 2021/ £210.00)

iii. Payments: –

i. £210.00 – Lengthsman November 2021
No claim/worksheet for December 2021
There remains £452.50 of the WCC budget left to use.
ii. £104.26 – Clerk's expenses (October, November, December)
iii. £600.00 – Clerk's pay (October, November, December)
iv. £40.00 – Information Commissioner Office (ICO) has been receipted

b) Payments for consideration –

i. £250.00 – Worcestershire County Councillor Grant – Cuppa & Chat
Received grant 'Vital Social Care' May 2020
ii. £75.00 – Lengthsman January 2022
iii. £135.00 – Lengthsman February 2022
iv. £20.00 – Birlingham Village Hall March 2022 meeting
v. £150.00 – PAYE – (January, February, March)
vi. £600.00 – Clerk's pay (January, February, March)
vii. £104.30 – Clerk's expenses (January, February, March)
Note: 2p difference to correct the previous quarter shortage
The Clerk will be asked to draw down the salary and expenses payments before year end
viii. BVH charges for Ordinary meeting dates (7pm to 9pm)- not advised of any increases. Continue to book on a bi-monthly basis and be invoiced likewise.

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Future payments were approved at the March meeting with the BVH hire at whatever the amount in case of increase.

c) Lengthsman's Scheme – 2022/2023 Annual Agreement was received on 9 March 2022. A signed copy has been returned by the Clerk to Worcestershire County Council. Budget cover for period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 increases funding to £2,047.17. (Increase of £267.00 on previous years)

Lengthsman has been updated and given next financial year invoices and timesheets. Carl has no plans to increase his rate although he may have to add a mileage charge to other parishes if the fuel keeps escalating. This will not apply to Birlingham.

Carl is happy to continue as Lengthsman. Councillors' thanked Carl for his work.

d) Councillors' Divisional Fund – request from Art and Craft Group for Tuesday gatherings for social wellbeing £200.00. Parish Council to administer.

e) Printer – asset which has broken down / defective and no longer covered by warranty. It was agreed that the Parish Council would reimburse any reasonable costs the Clerk may have incurred.

7. Millennium Bench and Groundworks

The work on the Millennium bench is now almost complete and has turned into a labour of love, only possible because the carpenter has been giving his time for free and for which the Parish Council are very grateful. The carpenter thinks he needs a further 20 – 30 work hours for the works to be completed. The carpenter has been to site. He has looked at the location and to assess the area inside will make a gate in the bench.

Rupert Keys has started the groundworks around the time capsule and it is hoped the bench will be installed before the end of March.

The carpenter does not wish for any for recognition of his works. He is also willing to come back and look after it.

Councillor Maxine Cook will write an article for the Bystander as a way of acknowledgement and gratitude.

8. Roads and Flooding

Berwick Lane

The Clerk is still trying to get Severn Trent Water to deal with the leak in Berwick Lane. As previously reported, despite the Highways Project Team installing a new drain in Berwick Lane, the work did not fix the leak. Severn Trent Water were asked to revisit the problem and it has now been established that the old pipework is causing the problem not being correctly sealed off.

The Manor House

The work carried out to address the problem of water running across the road near the Manor House (stable field) was thought to have fixed the problem. However, water is starting to run again and Severn Trent Water are being chased to inspect it further.

9. Full Fibre Broadband (Fibre to the Premise – FTTP)

The Chairman gave a follow-up report to the previous discussions with Worcestershire County Council. The Parish Council have been told that Airband has now agreed to include Birlingham in its rollout of full fibre broadband, Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) to Eckington and Bredon. This project now needs to be approved by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The timescales are extremely tight as the cut-off for Gigabit Voucher Schemes is 8 April. If DCMS approve the scheme in time, the Parish Council will then need to initiate the project with Airband by placing an order for one of the properties on the connection list. This will be handled by Councillor Steven Byrne. The Parish Council is continuing to push the contact at Worcestershire County Council to try and ensure that the process is completed before the cut-off.

10. Telephone Kiosk

The telephone kiosk needs urgent restoration.

Councillor Maxine Cook has found a company that specialises in kiosk restoration works which has been quoted at £3,550. If successful, the box will be removed from site for approximately 10 weeks while it is restored.

County Councillor Hardman reported:

"In regard to the telephone box project account, I can't fund anything this year but from 1 April I would be willing to come up with a third of the cost from my local members fund and I suppose that would probably go up to 50% but I was unclear as to what path they were getting to actually taking in the end."

Councillor Hardman to be thanked for his offer on funding.

The Jubilee Committee have previously been asked to discuss and find funding for this work. Money would also come from the Council's project fund.

The Parish Council agreed that they would also approach the Bystander Committee to see if any donation could be made. Councillor Aston agreed to take this forward at their next meeting.

Councillor Terry Griffin reminded of the VAT claim if applicable.

Councillor Cook to liaise and progress.

11. Litter Bins / Dog Bins

The Clerk met with the Street Scene and Amenities Officer on 24 January 2022. The representative from Wychavon District Councill was potentially promoting dog bins for the village but at a much higher cost. As previously reported, the Parish Council has included funding for three additional litter bins in its 2022/23 precept. Wychavon District Council, who empty the bins, have now approved the proposed locations, which are the junction of Broadway Road with Grange Road (by the post box), the top of Sherpool Lane (junction of Broadway Road with the metal gate) and the junction of Shorthill with Church Street, as these are areas popular with dog walkers and most suitable to the local authority.

Clerk to action for commencement in the next financial year.

12. Speed Advisories

The existing 30/40mph roundels located near the entrance to Birlingham Nurseries have now been remarked. Two of the new roundels that were added in Upper End have already started to wear away at the edges and these will also be remarked later in the year when the surface is dry.

13. Annual Parish Meeting in May

The Annual Parish meeting in May was agreed to be held on the same day as the ordinary meeting due to Platinum Jubilee celebrations shortly afterwards and it being a 4-day week.

This will take place in the village hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18 May 2022 prior to the Parish Council meeting.

14. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee celebrations take place from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June 2022. Steve Morris from the Jubilee Committee is co-ordinating village activities to celebrate the occasion and the next meeting of volunteers is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday 28 March in the Village Hall. The Parish Council has agreed to support the activities in any way it can, noting that the dates fall in half-term week and several members are away on holiday.

15. New Homes Bonus – war memorial

Nothing further to report currently.

16. Councillors' reports and items for next agenda

Ukraine

Councillor Julia Luff led discussions on ways in which the Parish Council could support refugees and families fleeing from the war in Ukraine and in particular any that become resident in Birlingham. There are several initiatives being considered by village organisations and it was agreed that any support offered should be co-ordinated. Councillor Luff agreed to send an email of support to Revills on behalf of the Parish Council.

17. Closure and date of next ordinary meeting - with nothing further to discuss the meeting closed at 8.10pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be held in Birlingham Village Hall. Clerk to book hall.

Signed: ..... Councillor Ian Yates, Chairman

Date: ……

Appendix 1 – Clerk's Report (commencing with Lengthsman report)

Lengthsman Report

UPPER END

Hills Cottage

Reference Number 1185794 - 15 January

Depression by Hills Cottage has been reported to Highways. Here the road was excavated which is now quite a thump as you drive over.

Reply from Highways 3 February - Thank you for your enquiry we have inspected the site and have raised a four-week order

Parsons Pleck

Reference Number 1191643 – 24 January

Gully full at Parsons Pleck

Reply from Highways 3 February - Thank you for your enquiry we have inspected the site and have raised a four-week order

Old Dairy

Reference Number 1191649 – 24 January

Gully full

Reply from Highways 3 February - Thank you for your enquiry we have inspected the site and have raised a four-week order

LOWER END

Broadway Road

Reference Number 1230639 - 15 March 2022

Dislodged manhole on corner adjacent to Jim's Field

LANTRA qualification

Carl confirmed that his qualification is still current and lasts for 5 years.

Lower End

Tree

4 March 2022

Mark Smith has removed a limb from the cherry tree in Lower End.

Clerk repots the overgrown shrubbery – off Meadow Lane

Reference number 1225099

Reply from Highways - All enquiries are prioritised based upon the information provided. We will investigate all reported issues within 28 working days.

Upper End

5 Day Notice - Road Closure - Birlingham - Wychavon District - 1189658

21 January - Arrives the afternoon 'after' the closure is in place

New roundels, drainage

21 January **–** Barry Barnes

"Just to keep you informed an emergency road closure for today at The Avenue, Birlingham, to repaint the failed 30mph roundel".

Redstar

"Sorry to come back again but thought that just to cover us, I would update what was happening our end.

We have been and put out our signs and having spoken to the contractors, they hope to be finished by 2.30pm today.

However, Jack Brown (who drives a small box van) stopped to ask one of the residents for directions as the road was closed and received just a mouthful of abuse!

Thought I needed to put this on record as we are doing what we can, but with no notice we haven't been able to make alternative arrangements.

I have phoned Highways and after 3 ½ minutes of just pressing either 1 or 3 or 4 etc, I got through to an answerphone saying no one was available and I had to leave a message.

I have reported the closure on the website, only to receive the standard acknowledgement that I should get a response to my query within 28 day!

I just hope they let the lorries through although I believe there could be some disgruntled villagers. The problem is that I don't have any other options at the moment, except for the action I have already taken."

Sign on junction 27 February 2022 - The sign has been replaced. Barry Barnes has been thanked for his assistance in this matter.

Fly tipping

New Barn Road

6 March reported by Councillor Porter

Church Street

24 February - at 19.30 on Thursday 24 February.

A large pile of leylandii cuttings and tree branches were tipped from a transit tipper vehicle.

CCTV footage shows the incident and Red Star Growers CCTV shows the vehicle travelled from the lower end of the village.

Unfortunately, we cannot identify the registration plate although it may be possible that the forensics can identify the sign writing on the side.

I want to encourage the rural crime team to move forward with this as they seem to come to a stop when they find out it's a member of 'the caravan club'.

As this vehicle drove all the way around the village to get to Church Street and then headed up Broadway Road to depart, do you know if anyone living around the village may have CCTV that could assist us identify this vehicle?

Clerk has made several enquires with residents in Lower End and Church Street as well as informing Councillors. There has been no success with any further information.

Wychavon Parish Games

6 March 2022 from Sue Collins, Secretary Wychavon Parish Games Association letter:-

Note to go in Birlingham News

> *"Having been unable to run the Parish Games for the last 2 years because of the pandemic, we are now all systems go for this year.*
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> *The Games are a series of fifteen events, which are competed for by residents of the various parishes within Wychavon. Events are: Angling; Bell Boating; Bowls; Crib; Cross Country; Ladies' Darts, Men's Darts; Dominoes; Men's Five-a-Side; Petanque; Pool; Ladies' Rounders; Skittles, Junior and Senior Table Tennis. As you can see, there is something for everyone, and participants enjoy visiting clubs, pubs and village halls in other parts of the District. Many Parishes start by entering just one event and then enter more in the following year. No Parish is too small to take part; Wick, with under 500 on the electoral roll, always enter the majority of events. The entry fee for this year will be discussed at the AGM in April. This is paid by the Parish Council.*
>
> *We would love to see Birlingham back in the Games.*
>
> *In the meantime, I would ask you please to ensure that this letter is taken to your next Parish Council meeting. You can also contact me directly at any time for further information. Packs of rules and*

an entry form will be sent out to Parish organisers within the next few weeks. To save costs, these are only routinely sent out to those Parishes who took part last year. However, we would be more than happy to send one to your Parish if you wish – just let me know".

Extracts of interest

Birlingham **News 268 – 26 January**

This packed edition of Birlingham News demonstrates that life is slowly returning to normal in the village. Over the next few weeks you can enjoy the Burns Night Supper, Cuppa & Chat, Bulb Teas and Bulb Sunday, with the Platinum Jubilee weekend to look forward to in June.

In this issue:

1. Burns Night Supper, Saturday 29th January
2. Cuppa & Chat, Wednesday 2nd February
3. Bulb Teas, Saturday 5th – Sunday 27th February
4. St James' Church Services – February
5. Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June
6. St James' Church News
7. Flowers in St James' Church
8. Help for NHS Staff
9. Parish Council Report

Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June

Steve Morris writes:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated during an extended bank holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd June until Sunday 5th June. Queen Elizabeth II is the longest-reigning monarch in British history, reaching an unprecedented 70 years on the throne in just over a week's time (on Sunday 6th February).

During the Diamond Jubilee ten years ago, over 60 villagers helped spread the load of organising a series of events and it is hoped that a similar effort can be made this time.

The Jubilee Committee plan to call an open meeting towards the end of February, to which everyone in the village can come along and decide what events we should hold to mark this special occasion. However, before setting a date for the meeting we want to make sure that everyone is happy to come along to the Village Hall, now that we seem to be past the worst of the pandemic, and what precautions you would like us to take.

Please let us know by the end of this month whether you would be willing to join an open meeting and whether you would like to be involved in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, by emailing us at news@birlingham.org.

Birlingham **News 269 – 9 February**

The date for the first Platinum Jubilee meeting has been set: Tuesday 8th March. It's time to start planning our celebrations. See below for details.

For a trial period we are going to be publishing personal ads in Birlingham News, which we have

not been able to do until now. The first ad is printed at the end of this email, along with details of how to submit one. We welcome your comments on this new feature.

In this issue:

1. Pershore Volunteer Roadshow, Friday 18th February
2. Free Firewood available to villagers, Saturday 19th February
3. Eckington Road Closure, Sunday 20th – Sunday 27th February
4. Free Bike-Marking Drop-in Sessions, Friday 25th February
5. Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Tuesday 8th March
6. Village Hall Committee
7. Friends of St James'
8. Bystander Archives on the Village Website

Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Tuesday 8th March

Steve Morris writes:

The start of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations began last Sunday, 6th February, when Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning monarch in British history, reached an unprecedented 70 years on the throne. The occasion was marked in the village by a three-volley gun salute at Birlingham Gun Club.

The main celebrations will take place during an extended bank holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd June until Sunday 5th June. With only four months until that weekend, it is time for the village to start thinking about what sort of events we would like.

The Jubilee Committee will be hosting an open meeting on Tuesday 8th March, to which everyone in the village is invited. A glass of wine or a soft drink, plus a few nibbles, will be available to aid the thought process.

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm and the aim will be to complete it within an hour. Refreshments will be available from 7.15pm.

Please come along if you would like to be involved in some way, no matter how small, or have some suggestions for jubilee activities. If you are unable to make that date but would like to be involved or to be kept informed, please let us know at news@birlingham.org.

Birlingham **News 270 – 23 February**

Ten years after the first *Birlingham News* email was sent out, we are experimenting with a new online format, which is now available at www.birlingham.org/village/bn/bn270.pdf. Details below.

In this issue:

1. Birlingham News Online
2. Bulb Teas, Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th February
3. Cuppa & Chat, Wednesday 2nd March
4. St James' Church Services – March
5. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Meeting, Tuesday 8th March
6. Free Bike-Marking Drop-in Sessions, Friday 25th February
7. Free Firewood
8. Eckington Road Closure – POSTPONED
9. Be Seen at Night

Birlingham News Online

Ten years ago this week the first *Birlingham News* was despatched. The initial aim was to get limited information out quickly, as and when needed. *Birlingham News* has since grown and become a regular publication, thanks to the contributions of many people within and outside the village.

At the start, a very simple format was chosen. Broadband was slow in the village, people had antiquated systems (some still do!) and some email systems could not cope with anything beyond straight text. So, this format ensured that everyone would be able to read the information.

Now that many people have fast access to the internet on their phones, tablets and laptops, the Jubilee Committee think it is time to review the format. For a trial period, we are going to publish an online edition of *Birlingham News* twice a month. This will be an extended version of the usual email, which can be viewed either from the website or from a link in the standard *Birlingham News* email.

The online edition will be published simultaneously with the email *News* and will include all the information contained in the email. However, this publication aims to provide more detail than can fit into the email, as well as covering smaller village events and activities that do not normally make it into the six-monthly *Birlingham Bystander*. The online edition is available at www. birlingham. org/ village/ bn/bn270.pdf.

We hope you will find *Birlingham News online* interesting and would like to hear your views at news@birlingham.co.uk.

We also welcome contributions for future issues. The intention is to publish two editions a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, with the copy date on the previous Sunday. (Please note that with such tight deadlines it will not be possible to include articles or other information received later than the Sunday evening.)

Birlingham News online is primarily an online PDF publication but if you do not have access to the internet, we will happily deliver a printed copy to you. Just let us know.

Our initial plan is to produce six editions to cover the build-up to this year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Whether we continue beyond that is up to you . . .

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Birlingham **News 271 – 9 March**

Plans are now being made for the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June and we are asking for your opinions on what activities you would like to see in the village – details below.

The online edition of this email is available at www.birlingham.org/village/bn/bn271.pdf.

In this issue:

1. Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 16th March
2. Bring and Buy Sale for Ukraine, Saturday 26th March
3. Snowdrop Teas
4. Platinum Jubilee Meeting
5. Jubilee Survey
6. Stray Cat
7. Bystander Archives on the Village Website

Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 16th March

The next meeting of Birlingham Parish Council takes place on Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm in Birlingham Village Hall. During the meeting there is an opportunity to express your views on local issues, so please go along.

Platinum Jubilee Meeting

Steve Morris writes:

Thank you to those who turned up for the first Platinum Jubilee meeting on Tuesday. It was a constructive yet sociable evening at which a number of ideas were put forward. With four days over which activities can take place, it was decided to canvass opinion in the village to find out which events would be most likely to be supported. To that end, there is an online survey where you can express your views (full details below).

The next meeting has been set for Monday 28th March at 7.30pm, with wine or soft drinks and light refreshments available from 7.15pm. Please come along, or let us know at news@birlingham.org if you would like to be involved.

Jubilee Survey

Are you going to be in the village during the Jubilee weekend of Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June? If so, which of the proposed activities would you like to take part in?

An online survey is available from now until 22nd March. It takes only a minute to complete and it will be a great help to those planning the Jubilee weekend if they have some idea of which events will be best supported. The survey is anonymous, so you are not committing yourself to anything! Please complete the survey even if you are going to be away that weekend or will not be taking part.

To start the survey, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJMvrRTaWx-rstVOmvya1IcxhREfhe16VpFj94NJBW0qaxmw/viewform?usp=sf_link.

If you are unable to access the survey or would like to make more general points, please email us at news@birlingham.org or phone Steve Morris on 07801 368953.