

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
BIRCHWOOD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT  
PARKERS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, DELENTY DRIVE, RISLEY  
ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M. Hearldon in the Chair  
Councillors Allman, Balding, Evans, Fitzsimmons, T. Hearldon and  
Nelson

Clerk – Mrs. F. McDonald  
Deputy Clerk – Mrs. C. Caddock  
Business and Finance Officer - Mr. G. Crowe

PCSO Bethan Roberts

1 Resident

Apologies were received from Councillors Bowden, Lines-Rowlands, Liz Hearldon,  
Higgins and Spencer

**It was RESOLVED THAT:**

**The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council which took place on Tuesday,  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2012, be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.**

**Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when the item is reached.

356/2012 **RECESS**

(a) **Police Monthly Pledge Meeting and Update**

PCSO Roberts gave Members a brief update on policing activity in the area since last month and reported some of the statistics for the Birchwood area.

She stated that there had been a number of thefts from motor vehicles and said that residents should ensure they remove anything of value from the vehicle when they leave it and do not leave anything in sight. In addition people should ensure that vehicle windows and doors are locked, as some thefts have been from vehicles that were not secure.

PCSO Roberts also reported that there had been a number of thefts of bicycles recently.

Councillor Nelson stated that she had spoken to PCSO Pickering who had informed her that some of the thefts were specifically of expensive bicycles from the business park – which suggests that the thieves know exactly what they are looking for.

PCSO Roberts confirmed this was the case and that some that had even been chained up and security marked.

Councillor Nelson stated that although the Business Park encourages people to come to work on their bikes, there are no security cameras pointing at the bike racks.

PCSO Roberts suggested that maybe the Business Park could realign some of their cameras to cover the bike racks.

Councillor Balding asked how the use of the Twitter feed was going.

PCSO Roberts stated that some of the PCSOs are more 'Twitter-savvy' than others, but that it is being used quite a bit. She said that it is a good way of sharing alerts and messages with the general public.

PCSO Roberts stated that as the summer holidays are about to start, it is expected that there will be a rise in anti social behaviour in the area. She said that the Police have been into a number of primary schools and spoken to them about this topic prior to the start of the holidays.

Additionally the Police are continuing to gather information on cannabis use and supply within the area.

Councillor Balding asked PCSO Roberts if she could ask the PCSOs to be aware that at this time of year young people often build dens and camp on Gorse Covert Mounds, especially around the back of Hamsterley Close; in the past there has been a lot of mess left there and there have been fires lit.

PCSO Roberts stated that she would pass this on to PCSO Davies.

Councillor Balding also stated that there appears to be cannabis use occurring in the car park on Gorse Covert Road, opposite Falstone Close, as he keeps finding the cannabis bags littering the floor. He thinks it is happening at around 11pm in the evening.

PCSO Roberts stated that there are still officers on patrol at that time of night; she will pass the information on.

The most recently available information regarding local Policing priorities can be found on the Cheshire Police Website: <http://www.cheshire.police.uk/my-neighbourhood/warrington-east/birchwood/priorities.aspx>

The Twitter address is @WarrEastNPU.

Members thanked PCSO Roberts for attending the meeting.

- (b) A resident had attended the meeting, but stated that she wanted to speak to the Chair on a personal and confidential matter. The Chair took her details and said that she would arrange to meet the resident the following day.

The resident thanked Members and left the meeting.

## 357/2012 **ADOPTION OF NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Clerk informed Members that the Code of Conduct circulated by Warrington Borough Council and adopted by the Town Council at July's meeting (possibly temporarily) in the absence of alternatives had been published on the Town Council's website prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012; in order to comply with new regulations.

New Register of Interest documents have also been circulated to Members which will need to be published both on our website and the Warrington Borough Council website; unless a Member has specified that there is sensitive information within the documentation.

358/2012 **PARKING AND LANDSCAPING ISSUES ON WHINCHAT DRIVE**

*Councillors Allman and Evans declared an interest as they are residents of Whinchat Drive*

Two residents had attended the June meeting, to inform Members about ongoing parking problems being experienced by residents of Whinchat Drive and to ask for the Council's help in trying to encourage Frontis to change the landscaping to allow for more parking spaces, as has been done in other Frontis areas, such as Talbot Close.

The residents were very concerned as the shrubbery is so overgrown drivers cannot see if other vehicles are passing as they are pulling out; and children cannot be seen if they are waiting to cross the road – or if they are playing and might be likely to run out.

A copy of a petition that had been sent to Frontis was received by Members and following the meeting, a copy of a letter sent from Frontis to tenants was received by the Town Council, for information.

At tonight's meeting, the Clerk reported that, as requested she had contacted Frontis regarding this matter. Frontis has agreed that they will undertake a radical cut back of the hedges on Whinchat Drive.

The issue of parking is more difficult as Frontis has a limited budget to deal with this matter. It may be possible in the future that one or two more parking spaces could be provided by removing entirely some of the landscaping. This will be constrained by available budget, potential space and any proposed introduction of new spaces would have to go through the Borough Council's planning process and be subject to consultation with the residents.

Frontis has said that where there may be a specific concern about a particular vehicle being parked inappropriately or inconsiderately, if the vehicle's owner can be identified, then they may be able to offer to mediate between neighbours.

For information, Councillor Allman gave the Clerk a copy of a letter that had been sent to the residents of Whinchat Drive from Frontis, following the receipt of a petition signed by the residents regarding this matter.

359/2012 **PARKING ON RENOWN CLOSE**

The Clerk stated that, similar to the Whinchat Drive matter (above), Frontis has advised it might be possible at some time in the future for some of the landscaping to be removed to make one or two additional parking bays, but it would be dependent on available budgets, consultation with residents and would have to go through the planning process. Again, they might be able to mediate if a resident wishes to identify a particular vehicle that is causing complaints.

360/2012 **POWELL AVENUE UNDERPASS DRAINAGE ISSUES**

At the June meeting the Clerk reported that Street Services should be cutting some of the vegetation in the area to try to create a natural ditch to divert some of the water away from the underpass.

At tonight's meeting Councillor Evans enquired as to whether this had been done yet.

The Clerk stated that work had not yet been done on the vegetation. She has spoken to the landscaping department at Warrington Borough Council and was told that they are hoping to create a land drain within the next month. Colin Jenkins has been contacted with a view to progressing this matter as soon as possible.

The Clerk added that she had visited the underpass during the recent heavy rains and although the underpass was not completely flooded as it used to do in the past, water was still flowing diagonally across it and one of the drains fills to overflowing.

Councillor Evans commented that if the water continues to run across the underpass, then the problem of ice potentially forming across the underpass in the winter due to this diagonal flow, will not be solved. He believes that an additional soakaway drain should be provided on the side of the underpass that the water flows from.

**Action** Clerk's office to continue to liaise with the Borough Council regarding this matter.

#### 361/2012 **SPEEDING ISSUES – LOCKING STUMPS LANE**

This ongoing matter was discussed at the June meeting, when Members were informed that a new speed monitoring exercise was to be undertaken by Warrington Borough Council.

At tonight's meeting, the Clerk reported that the statistics had been received from the Borough Council (these had been copied to Members in their papers) and that she had forwarded them on to the Police. They did show that some vehicles are travelling at speeds of around 70 mph, although this was usually in the very early hours of the morning.

The Clerk added that one resident had requested a copy of the statistics and we have been advised that they are not confidential and can be passed on to him.

Councillor Balding asked if the type of vehicle that was doing a specific speed could be identified.

The Clerk said that she did not know if there were more detailed parts to the statistics that showed what type of vehicle had done what speed, but that she would ask.

**Action** Clerk's office to send a copy of the statistics to the resident; and to make enquiries about whether further, more specific detail can be gleaned from the statistics.

#### 362/2012 **FLYTIPPING ON SILVER LANE**

This matter remains ongoing. There was no further information presented at the meeting.

#### 363/2012 **FOOTPATH OWNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported that we are still struggling to ascertain land ownership regarding the path from the underpass to Chadwick House, which is on private land. She has chased the Borough Council again as they were going to help us find out who the land belongs to, but are still awaiting a reply.

The Clerk asked Members if they would consider approving the Town Council takes out a membership with the Land Registry to try to find this information as we have been waiting for so long to try to obtain it by other means. The Clerk believes that once registered it would be in the region of about £12, to try to obtain the information we need relating to this footpath.

Following a brief discussion, Councillor Fitzsimmons **proposed** and Councillor Evans seconded that the Clerk's office takes out a membership with the Land Registry to obtain information regarding this footpath. This was **unanimously agreed** by all Members present.

Councillor Balding suggested that it would be useful to have a large map on the wall with land ownership marked on it.

**Action** Clerk's office to arrange for a membership with the Land Registry and to request information about this footpath.

364/2012 **JOINT POLICE/TOWN COUNCIL SURGERY**

These surgeries currently take place, the third Saturday of each month (except August) in the Community Corner in the Encounter Café, from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Councillor Allman reported that nobody had attended the surgery on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

At the June meeting Councillor Bowden had suggested that we contact Inspector Tomlinson regarding these meetings as they take up a lot of time, both for the PCSOs and Councillors and on most occasions no one attends the meetings.

At tonight's meeting, the Clerk reported that she had emailed Inspector Tomlinson who had replied that she was not worried about renaming the meetings or changing the dates and times, as long as they did not coincide with peak times; although the wording of the email suggests that it would just be the PCSOs that she expects to be involved in the meetings, not other Police Officers.

Councillor Balding stated that he felt the previous Community Action Meetings (CAMs) that were held in the evenings a few years ago and had a specific start time – rather than a drop-in arrangement were more useful, they allowed residents to have a 'communal gripe' about issues that were concerning them.

Councillor Evans said that he thinks the current venue might not be the best place to hold the surgeries; and despite him taking several posters to the café, advertising the surgeries, none have ever been displayed.

Councillor M. Hearldon said that some people might feel obliged to buy a drink if they go in to the café to speak to a Councillor or PCSO; although she thinks that people would still want the opportunity to just drop in whilst they are already out, probably shopping.

Councillor Balding stated that the previous CAM meetings had been rotated around venues in the various areas of Birchwood; Oakwood, Locking Stumps and Gorse Covert.

Councillor M. Hearldon said that available venues would have to be found for evening meetings.

Councillor Nelson commented that there might be a cost implication for hiring venues if they are moved. She stated that Asda used to have a resident preacher, and wondered whether it might be worth asking if a space was available in Asda for the surgeries to be held, where more people might become aware of them – before trying an evening meeting again.

Councillor Fitzsimmons proposed in the first instance speaking to Asda and/or the shopping centre management to see if there is a more conspicuous space to use for the surgeries.

This was agreed by Members.

**Action** Clerk's office to contact Asda/shopping centre regarding the above.

365/2012 **FRONTIS WALKABOUTS**

At the June meeting Councillor Liz Hearldon had said that a walkabout encompassing the back of Nightingale Close might be useful as a lot of flytipping goes on in that area.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk reported that Bernadette Bell from Frontis has said that she would be happy to meet with Councillor Liz Hearldon to visit the areas she has concerns about.

**Action** Councillor Liz Hearldon to give the Clerk potential times and dates to pass on to Bernadette to arrange a meeting.

366/2012 **BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

The Clerk reported that she and the Business and Finance Officer will be meeting Lisa Doran, Head of Refuse Services at the Borough Council on 30<sup>th</sup> July, to further investigate whether the Town Council can 'bolt on to' their collection service with 'Bulky Bob's' in some way.

**Action** Clerk's office to continue to liaise with the Borough Council regarding the above.

367/2012 **PLANTERS**

The Clerk reported that most of the planters have now been installed and that plaques are being ordered to put on the planters.

368/2012 **UPDATE ON PLANNING MATTERS**

- (a) **Application No. 2011/18954 Land adjacent to Carrington Close, Birchwood. Application to establish land as Village Green.**

*Councillors Fitzsimmons declared an interest*

The Clerk reported that we have been led to believe, by a resident, that the hearing regarding this application will be happening very soon; although we have not received any formal update regarding this matter.

- (b) **Application No. 2012/19709 Prospect Farm, Prospect Lane, Rixton-with-Glazebrook, WA3 6EH. Proposed change of use to provide a clay pigeon shooting club, clubhouse and associated parking.**
- (c) **Application No. 2011/19009 Prospect Farm, Prospect Lane, Rixton-with-Glazebrook. Proposed change of use to provide target shooting club with associated parking.**
- (d) **Application No. 2011/19014 Prospect Farm, Prospect Lane, Rixton-with-Glazebrook. Retrospective application for upgrade of existing track surface.**

Regarding (b) (c) and (d) above; the Clerk reported that we do not have any further information and no date has yet been decided for the applications to be considered by the Borough Council's planning committee.

The Clerk stated that she has tried to contact the relevant planning officer, but he is not in work at the present time. It is thought that the delay may be, in part due to the significant number of objections that have been received and have to be considered.

- e) **Application No. 2012/20108 34 Rockingham Close, Birchwood. Proposed two storey side extension (resubmission of application 2012/19763).**

The Clerk reported that, as requested, a letter of objection has been sent regarding this application.

369/2012 **WILDFLOWER MEADOWS**

The Clerk reported that she and Kevin McCready from Warrington Borough Council had toured the wildflowers meadows in Birchwood on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

The displays are not blooming; some have bald patches and there are a number of flowers that appear to have not come up in the mixes. Mr. McCready said that if he hadn't undertaken the seeding himself, he would think it had not been done at all in some places.

Members also expressed their disappointment at the poor state of the wildflower meadows.

The Clerk reported that Mr. McCready has ordered some cornflower annuals to try to fill in some of the gaps and has suggested that a reduction in what we were expecting to be billed this year will be forthcoming.

The only reason that anyone can think of for this poor show is due to the weather conditions that have been experienced over the last few months.

**Action** Clerk's office to continue to liaise with Mr. McCready regarding the wildflower meadows.

370/2012 **FIRE STATION ROUNDABOUT**

The Clerk stated that the roundabout is in need of another trim and the Maintenance Team Supervisor will be asked to put it on the work schedule.

371/2012 **BUILDING WORK AT BIRCHWOOD PARK**

At the April meeting, the Clerk reported that she has written to Jonathon Walsh at MEPC to ask whether there is any possibility of some additional large evergreen trees being planted and we were awaiting his feedback.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk again reported that we are still waiting for feedback regarding this matter.

372/2012 **RISLEY LIAISON MEETING**

At the June meeting, the Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mike Harty at Biffa Waste, who wanted to make Councillors aware that there would be four new planning applications submitted relating to the site. These will relate to a) a proposed further extension for landscaping of the site until 2014, b) soil treatment, c) the haul road and d) the transfer point of leachate.

Mr. Harty said that he will send copies of the plans directly to the Town Council, at the same time as he sends them to the Borough Council, in order to allow Members the chance to comment prior to Recess.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk stated that we had not yet received any planning applications regarding the Biffa Waste Site.

The next Risley Liaison meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm, Rixton Old Hall.

373/2012 **BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

At the June meeting Members discussed in some detail a consultation regarding the proposal for Birchwood Community High School to become an Academy and some Members had concerns and questions over whether the full implications of the school becoming 'divorced' from the local authority will have been taken into consideration.

At tonight's meeting, the Clerk reported that a letter detailing Members concerns and queries had been sent to the high school.

These concerns had been published on the school's website along with the response to them (copied to Members in their papers). Since then the school has announced in its weekly news bulletin that:

*"Following the Full Governing Body Meeting last Tuesday I have been asked by governors to inform you that at the meeting a resolution was passed in favour of converting to Academy status. Governors will now begin the process with a view to converting at a time deemed to be in the best interests of the school."*

374/2012 **CORRESPONDENCE WITH MCDONALD'S RE: LITTER BINS**

At the June meeting, the Clerk reported that a follow up letter had been sent to McDonalds asking whether they might consider funding some new litter bins for the area; as we been unable to make contact with the relevant representative over the last few months.

At tonight's meeting the Clerk reported that she has chased up this matter as we are still awaiting a reply.

375/2012 **FRONTIS – BIG CLEAN UP**

The Clerk reported that a card had been received from Frontis thanking Town Council staff for the part they played in the 'Big Clean Up' in the Heather Close area on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Councillor Balding asked if a clean up had been arranged yet in Gorse Covert.

The Clerk reported that this had not yet been arranged, but the campaign is running until March 2012. She has planned to contact the local schools, including Gorse Covert Primary School regarding this campaign in order to ask how they might be able to get involved, following the summer holidays.

**NEW ITEMS RAISED UNDER THE CLERK'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

376/2012 **WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

- (a) Received – Documents relating to the East Area Board Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> July).
- (b) Received – Information re: Warrington Timebanking trading day (10<sup>th</sup> July).
- (c) Received – Details of the first Wolves New Business Market – taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at the Halliwell Jones Stadium.
- (d) Received – Disability Awareness Day press release.
- (e) Received – Details of Warrington Youth Carnival (14<sup>th</sup> July).
- (f) Received – Invitation to the Cheshire & Warrington School Games Festival (6<sup>th</sup> July).
- (g) Received – Link to an online questionnaire re: Warrington's Heritage.
- (h) Received – Link to the Borough Council's Carers' Strategy.
- (i) Sent – Request for advice/information regarding some damage to brick steps in an area of Gorse Covert and some blocked drainage. Awaiting a reply.
- (j) Sent/received – correspondence relating to the litter bin outside the local shop in Locking Stumps and the fact that as the waste is co-mingled, including some dog waste, it sometimes does not smell very pleasant.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council will be relocating the litter bin further away from the entrance to the shop and that she has advised the shop owner of this outcome.

- (k) Received – News that WBC has been awarded the Green Flag for Risle Moss 2012.



- (l) Sent/received – Correspondence relating to a request for signage on Rendlesham Close to alert drivers that the route is used by children going to school and/or elderly residents, as it is also an area that includes sheltered housing.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council has confirmed that improved signage will be installed in the area.

- (m) Received – July 2012 Neighbourhoods Bulletin.
- (n) Received – Information regarding some free training for anyone interested in becoming a walk leader.
- (o) Received/sent – correspondence relating to landscaping issues between Rutherford House and the Spar shop, following a query received from Councillor Bowden. We are awaiting a response from the Borough Council.

The Clerk reported that this is another area that ownership of the land is unknown. In the meantime, our Maintenance Team has carried out some necessary maintenance work in the area.

#### 377/2012 **BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

Received – Documents for the meeting of the Sports Hall Steering Group (10<sup>th</sup> July).

#### 378/2012 **BIRCHWOOD FORUM**

- (a) Received – Details of the Warrington Business Forum Meeting (17<sup>th</sup> July).
- (b) Received – Notification that ‘Daresbury Science & Innovation Campus’ has been rebranded as ‘Sci-Tech Daresbury’.

#### 379/2012 **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Received – Details from Christians Against Poverty about free debt counselling advice available to anybody. Call free on 0800 328 0006.
- (b) Received – Details from Warrington Voluntary Action of a free training event (17<sup>th</sup> July) and a correction to a survey link previously sent out.
- (c) Received – Poster for Oakwood Acorns Playgroup; which opened on 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Oakwood Neighbourhood Centre. Sessions take place 9am to 11.45am each Tuesday, cost is £1.50 per family and includes refreshments. Posters were displayed on our notice boards.
- (d) Received – ‘Parklife’ e-bulletins – June and July 2012.
- (e) Received – Invitation for the Chair to attend a reception at Disability Awareness Day (15<sup>th</sup> July) at Walton Hall.

The Chair Councillor M. Hearldon and Councillor T. Hearldon attended the event.

- (f) Received – Invitation for the Chair to attend the Licensing of Reverend Laura Montgomery as Priest in Charge of the Church of the Transfiguration, Birchwood and the Church of the Ascension, Woolston on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Councillor Nelson advised Councillor Liz Hearldon who she needs to contact with regard to inviting the Mayor to attend the service.

- (g) Received – Invitation for people to join a short project relating to a Disability Stakeholder Event.
- (h) Received – Information about bus service X99 running on Sundays and public holidays from 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 until 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012 from Warrington Interchange to Walton Hall Gardens.
- (i) Received – Poster for the Family Fun Day taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> July at Oakwood Local Park from 1pm to 4pm. Posters were displayed on our boards. Several Councillors will be attending.

### 380/2012 **iCAN ALERTS**

Full details regarding the iCAN alerts below and details of free membership to the service can be found at <http://www.tswarrington.co.uk/ican>

- (a) Warning of an attempted distraction burglary with two men claiming to be from the Water Board, saying that they needed to check the water pressure, the second man was disturbed as he attempted to steal property.
- (b) Another warning of two men claiming to be from the Water Board, this time claiming that the water supply had been contaminated due to an incident; one man distracted the resident whilst another entered the rear of the property and stole a large amount of cash.

United Utilities can be contacted on 0845 7462200 for you to check a callers validity – a genuine caller will not mind waiting for you to do this.

- (c) Warning of a telephone scam in operation – someone telephones you claiming they can solve a problem that they say you have with a computer virus – do not be fooled into allowing access to your computer or open or download any programme they might send you, it will make your computer unusable – it is a scam – just hang up.
- (d) Reminder regarding dog fouling problems – asking for help in identifying any irresponsible dog owners or hot spot locations in your area. A description of the dog walker, the type of dog and when and where the fouling is happening will help the Borough Council to take action.

To report incidents of littering, dog fouling or fly-tipping in Warrington, please contact the council on 01925 443322 or email [environmentalcrime@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalcrime@warrington.gov.uk)

### 381/2012 **FRONTIS**

- (a) Received – Details of a walkabout (16<sup>th</sup> July) covering Redshank Lane, Pheasant Close, Partridge Close, Wren Close and Woodpecker Close. An action list was subsequently received following the meeting; the follow up walkabout will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, meeting between 202 – 204 Redshank Lane.

There was one action on the list for the Town Council to do.

- (b) Sent/Received – Correspondence relating to work needed to repair a fence of two Frontis tenants who live on Renown Close and whose properties back on to Town Council land.

The Clerk reported that this fencing is due to be repaired by Frontis contractors within the next week.

382/2012 **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS**

- (a) Received – A member survey; the Clerk will complete this.
- (b) Received – Details of a Local Council’s Networking Meeting which will be taking place in Weston-super-Mare in September 2012.

383/2012 **CHESHIRE POLICE**

- (a) Received – Birchwood News Bulletin – June 2012.

384/2012 **CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

- (a) Received – Reminder of a workshop taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> July.
- (b) Received – Correspondence from Linda Davenport, Development Officer at ChALC who has asked to meet with the Clerk and Business and Finance Officer in order to improve her knowledge of how Warrington Borough Council works/integrates with the local Town and Parish Councils.

The Clerk reported that she and the BAFO had met with Linda Davenport on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012; she had wanted to improve her knowledge of how Warrington Borough Council interacts with the local Town and Parish Councils in the Borough.

- (c) Received – 2012 Annual Meetings Motion Form. *Information*
- (d) Received – Nomination form relating to the ‘World Rural Women’s Day’ awards.

385/2012 **PRESS ARTICLES**

Copies of various articles from local publications of relevance/interest to Birchwood.

386/2012 **PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

LGC – 19/07/12  
Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2012  
The Clerk – July 2012

387/2012 **MEMBERS’ REFERRALS MADE VIA THE CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING**

There were no Members’ referrals made prior to the time of writing this report.

388/2012 **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT AND OBSERVATION AND OTHER RELATED PLANNING ISSUES**

- (a) **Warrington Borough Council**
  - (i) Received – Notifications re: the Planning Applications Sub-Committee meeting on Wednesday 11th July 2012.

There were no items of specific relevance to Birchwood on the agendas for discussion.

- (ii) Received – Notification re: the Development Management Committee meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

There were no items of specific relevance to Birchwood on the agenda for discussion.

### 389/2012 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

- (a) Application No. 2012/19973 86 Armstrong Close, Birchwood. Proposed two storey side extension. **Approved with conditions**
- (b) Application No. 2012/20067 45 Fisherfield Drive, Birchwood. Proposed single storey front extension. **Approved with conditions**
- (b) Application No. 2012/20068 45 Fisherfield Drive, Birchwood. Proposed single storey rear extension (Lawful development certificate). **Planning permission not required**

### 390/2012 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*All plans can be viewed via the Borough Council's website:*

[http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport\\_planning\\_and\\_environment/Planning/Search\\_planning\\_applications/](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport_planning_and_environment/Planning/Search_planning_applications/)

- (a) Application No. 2012/20241 Land at Birchwood Way, Birchwood. Proposed removal of existing 14.7m high monopole and construction of 17.5m high telecommunications monopole with associated equipment cabinets and amendments to existing cabinet.
- (b) Application No. 2012/20395 36 Falstone Close, Birchwood, WA3 6SU. Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed garage conversion.
- (c) Application No. 2012/20289 Hamnett Court, Birchwood, Warrington, WA3 7PN. Proposed reduction in the number of dwellings from 90 to 70 and the alteration of 20 front doors to windows (lawful development certificate).

Members briefly discussed this application, but cannot comment as it is for a lawful development certificate.

- (d) Application No. 2012/20341 21 McCarthy Close, Birchwood, WA3 6RS. Application to extend time limit for implementation of permission 2009/14851 (single storey rear extension).

### 391/2012 **AUGUST RECESS**

The Clerk asked whether the Council wishes to take a Recess in August, as they have in past years, and if so would they consider the following resolution: *“that a recess be taken in August and the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Leader of the Council, the Clerk and the Business and Finance Officer be authorised to take any emergency action that may arise in regard to planning matters, or payment of accounts.”*

Councillor Fitzsimmons **proposed** the above resolution be agreed. This was **seconded** by Councillor Nelson and **unanimously agreed** by all those Members present.

**The meeting concluded at 8.00pm**