



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCILS' FORUM

TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2010
AT 6.30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

Copies of the Parish Councils' Forum Agendas, Reports and Minutes are available on the Council's web-site at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/pcf

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Councils' Forum held on 22nd September 2009 and matters arising (Pages 1 - 6)
3. Electoral Services / Parish Council Casual Vacancies (Pages 7 - 12)
 1. The Casual Vacancy Summary (as at 15th December 2009) is attached.
 2. The annual canvass for the Register of Electors has been completed (a 95% response, which was the same as last year) and the new register was published on 1st December 2009.

If you require a copy of the register for your electoral area, please contact your Parish Clerk or the Electoral Services Office for a request form.

A schedule of the Electorate shown listed by Parish Area and Polling District is attached for information.

4. Forward Plan (1st January to 30th April 2010)

The Cabinet's Forward Plan for the period from 1st January to 30th April 2010 is available on the Council's website at:

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/forwardplan

Paper copies can be made available upon request.

5. Parish Councils' Charter - update (Pages 13 - 14)

(An update in respect of the proposed Parish Charter was also requested for inclusion on the Agenda by the Area Committee of CALC.)

6. Questions raised by the Area Committee of CALC

1. Would it be possible, if the parishes wanted to do so, to include an explanatory paragraph / small leaflet about the parish precept in the mailing sending out the Council Tax bills?
2. Hugh Bennett had made a presentation about the Older Persons Task Group at the last meeting and the parishes had been asked to submit comments. Did he receive any feed back and has a report emerged yet?
3. News on the Core Strategy?
4. Shared services with Redditch - are there likely to be any disadvantages (Redditch has little experience with working with parishes)?
5. What impact will there be on the parishes arising from cuts in funding to the District Council?
6. Provision of training for the parishes by the District Council on:-
 - planning issues
 - the Code of Conduct

7. Dates of Parish Councils' Forum Meetings (2010) (Pages 15 - 16)

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30th December 2009