

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2017
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Chairman	Cllr Mrs P Allen	
Councillors	Cllr K Shaw	Cllr E Knibb
	Cllr R Cupples	Cllr J Riordan
	Cllr J MacDonald	Cllr W Horkan
	Cllr Mrs R Shaikh	(part of meeting)
		Cllr Ms J Ward
Officers:	Mrs. D Weir, Acting Clerk to the Council	
Public:	3 Members of the Public	

1. Apologies.

Received from Cllrs Rashid and Cllr Mrs Haywood.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.

None Declared.

3. Dispensations.

None requested.

4. Presentation by Mr Kevin Kane-Brooks, Solihull MBC Managed Growth Directorate on North Solihull Business Start-Up Support Programme.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Kane-Brooks to the meeting. Mr Kane-Brooks was in attendance to give a presentation on the new North Solihull Business Start-Up Support Programme.

Mr Kane-Brooks advised members to let him know if they wished him to come to do a further presentation or provide additional information on the scheme.

5. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Horkan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 31st January 2017, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting. There were 4 abstentions. With regard to the Confidential Minute of Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th January 2017 this was further deferred.

6. Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Cupples raised the issue of the problem following the recent remarking of the football pitches in that one pitch was seriously encroaching on the cricket pitch and was also affecting the surface of the cricket pitch. He also referred to the area which was cordoned off which would require reseeding. He advised that a meeting would need to be arranged to resolve the issue of the football pitches and for the pitch which was encroaching on the cricket pitch to be remarked.

Cllr Shaw referred to the minimum and maximum sizes laid down for pitches. The Chairman advised that she and Cllr Knibb had met with the relevant parties the previous year.

Cllr Cupples also raised the issue of the goalposts which are moveable, but which had not been taken down which meant that children were playing on the area in question and causing further damage to the surface of the cricket pitch. He advised that the goalposts should be taken down and locked to the railings.

The issue of the garages was raised. Cllr Cupples advised at present there was no

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power to the garages and the Club's Electrician had offered to provide power free of charge. Cllr Knibb advised there was still no ramp. Members noted that the Cricket Club were providing a ramp similar to that provided previously.

A local resident advised that Hickory's Smokehouse had now opened and following a visit to the premises he was full of praise for the restaurant and considered it would be an asset to Castle Bromwich.

7. Questions from the Public. Under Standing Order 3(d), the Chairman temporarily suspended standing orders for this item to invite questions from members of the public. A local resident from Marlborough Road raised the issue of disposal of household waste and fly tipping generally. The resident was advised by members that they understood the agreement was still in place for local residents to use the Tameside Drive Household Recycling Centre. A discussion ensued regarding the use of surveillance equipment to tackle fly tipping. The Chairman advised that there were only about 3 cameras for the whole of the borough. She also advised that she had written to the Leader of the Borough Council to request that the rubbish in the woodland by Birmingham Business Park was removed and this area had now been cleared. The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

8. Communications. Recent correspondence and routine bulletins.

Members noted recent correspondence and routine bulletins including: SMBC-Planning Workshop approach to addressing obesity-Touchwood Shopping Centre 20th March / SMBC Press Release-Midlands region unites on unprecedented scale at MIPIIM 2017 / Press Release-Langley Hall Park project / Press Release-Cllr Sleigh celebrates Chinese New Year / Press Release-Getting to grips with driving / NALC Legal Topic Notes Occupiers Liability and Unfair Contracts, Revised Topic Note on Negligence. The Chairman asked members to make a request if they wished to discuss any of the correspondence as an agenda item.

9. Provision of Noticeboards.

This item was deferred to Leisure Services Committee.

10. Provision of Internal Audit Service 2017/2018.

Following the request for additional information at the previous meeting, members considered the response and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the quotation from Phillips and Becker Ltd be accepted in the sum of £700 plus mileage expenses be accepted, with 1 abstention and 1 vote against the proposal.

11. Access at Small Green.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that as this item involved consideration of advice from the Council's solicitor, the meeting continue under confidential terms.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the letter drafted by the Council's Solicitor be sent to the local shops and local resident who benefitted from the service road requesting they should make a fair and proper contribution.

12. Finance and Payments.

a) Members noted the latest income and expenditure report, and scrutinised the latest bank statements and reconciliations.

b) Members considered the list of past salaries for retrospective approval and the list of payments. **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the payments as listed be approved, including payments for Midland Flooring, WALC, LRS Flooring and RBS for the bookkeeper, and subject to clarification regarding the payments for PPS and PRS.

There were two abstentions.

13. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

Cllr Shaw reported that plans had been requested for the kitchen at the pavilion and these were awaited.

14. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Members noted the report of Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held since the last Council Meeting.

15. Report of the Staffing Sub Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that as this item involved consideration of advice from the Council's solicitor and consideration of staffing issues, the meeting continue under confidential terms.

Following the report given in confidential session, the Chairman re-opened the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report given by the Chairman of the Staffing Sub Committee Meeting held on 13th February be noted.

Cllr Cupples advised that he noted the Staffing Sub Committee would be considering the remaining staff grievances and recommendations.

16. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The Chairman advised that she had tabled a report on recent events she had attended, include the Church Service at St Clements Church.

17. Working Party Meetings

There was no report.

18. Acting Clerk's Report.

The Acting Clerk referred members to the email from West Midlands Police regarding availability to attend a public meeting arranged at Arden Hall. Members requested a structured meeting. Members requested that the Borough Council's Neighbourhood and Ward Councillors be invited to attend the meeting.

19. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman presented her report, a copy of which was tabled.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 pm.