

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
 CASTLE BROMWICH PARISH COUNCIL
 HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
 ON WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 pm**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Allen

Councillors:	Cllr M Rashid	Cllr K Shaw	Cllr Mrs A Ahmed
	Cllr W Horkan	Cllr J Riordan	Cllr E Knibb
	Cllr J Ward	Cllr Mrs Haywood	

Officer: Mrs. D Weir, Acting Clerk to the Council

Members of the Public: 30

The Vice Chairman took the chair, pending the arrival of the Chairman. He introduced Cllr Lowe who was present to talk to the Parish Council.

1. Presentation by Chairman of WALC – Cllr William Lowe.

Cllr Lowe felt that parish and town councils looked after the interests of local people, as in Castle Bromwich. He believed that people were the main stay of democracy not the authorities. He was trying to visit approximately 250 councils in Warwickshire which extended from the Staffordshire boarder to Oxford. He advised members of the public present to start talking to their Parish Council, and if they do not get an answer, to contact him and he would get a response for them. If he could not answer any questions he would raise the issues with NALC. He explained his previous involvement in local government and the many services provided by WALC. If councils thought about what they were doing, where they wanted to go then WALC would help them all feel valued. Cllr Lowe invited and responded to questions from the floor.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Lowe for his interesting talk and an insight into his experiences and for attending the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr John MacDonald and Cllr Richard Cupples. Cllr Mrs Allen was attending an earlier meeting and would arrive as soon as she could.

3. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

The Acting Clerk advised that the Council’s Solicitor wished to know if any members had been asked to give evidence at the forthcoming Hearing by the former employee and of the need to declare an interest. None declared.

4. Dispensations.

None requested.

5. Casual Vacancy - Co-option.

Mr Beechey was invited to speak to members on his application to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. He outlined his career to date and his business interests. At present he worked for Coventry City Council as a Licensing Enforcement Officer. He had been Chairman of the South Birmingham Sunday football League for over 15 years and he was very active in the local community. Following questions by members, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that a) Stephen Beechey be co-opted onto the Parish Council for the Timberley Ward and b) Cllr Beechey be elected to serve on the Leisure

Services Committee.

Cllr Beechey signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took office.

6. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Parish Council may exercise their right to exclude the public and press by resolution from a closed meeting due to the confidential nature to be discussed pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

None tabled.

8. Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Ms Ward raised a question regarding HS2 traffic as she had seen construction lorries going through Castle Bromwich. Mr Richards requested consent to speak and advised that he was aware of the issue of HS2 works vehicles using local roads from discussions on other matters he had been involved in due to the impact on the Old Saltleians Rugby Football Club. The Acting Clerk advised that she had raised the query with Ward Councillors and advice received was that the HS2 Park Hall Lorry route application had been sent to Birmingham City Council, as the site is within Birmingham. The proposed lorry haul route does affect both the Solihull and Warwickshire highway network.

The application proposes to send 40 HGV movement per day though Solihull along Water Orton Road, Chester Road, Hall Road and Bradford Road. A further 36 HGV movements per day will be routed through Water Orton. The application contains a variety of restrictions around hours of operation; days of the week and picks up that it's a school route, all as set out in the HS2 approved Environmental Statement by Parliament.

The Acting Clerk referred members to notice of the Planning Application to be considered by Birmingham City Council which she had just received and which would be considered by the Parish Council's Finance Committee on 11th October.

A question was raised on behalf of U3A regarding accessibility of the two defibrillators. It was confirmed that there was a defibrillator in the pavilion and one in the Spencer Hall Kitchen.

9. Questions from the Public.

The Chairman temporarily suspended Standing Orders to allow an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and advised that the Council endeavour to provide feedback on matters raised by members of the public during this item. At the end of this item, the suspension of Standing Orders is concluded. Members of the public raised concern at the planning application for HS2 and Bob Brueton advised that he could not understand why the planning application for HS2 construction vehicles had not appeared on the Borough Council's planning list.

Mr Richards was present to speak to members on behalf of the Airport Forum group which was opposing the proposals for the changes to Flightpath 33 which he stated were of significant concern to local residents. He advised that the group had received support from Caroline Spelman and Ward Cllr Robinson. The group were already in dialogue with BAL. The group had applied for an extension to the Consultation deadline in order that a detailed objection could be considered and presented to the CAA. Local residents were looking for a more equitable distribution of departures. He advised that the subject was very emotive and they wished the Parish Council to be fully briefed and looked forward to working closely with the Parish Council on such important issues. Cllr Mrs Haywood advised that all the Parish Council could do was support local residents views and thanked Mr Richardson for the work undertaken by the Forum and to local residents for bringing this matter to the Parish Council's attention. Mrs Susan Wordsworth advised that a lot of local residents were elderly and did not have access to or could use a computer and she requested the Forum's support to a petition being undertaken. Mr Richardson advised that

the Forum were challenging the validity of the consultation process and requested the Parish Council object as a Consultee or Stakeholder on behalf of the Forum. The Chairman formally thanked the Airport Forum Group for taking this on board and asked members if they wished to consider bringing item 14. forward for discussion and this was agreed.

14. Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee – Meeting 16th August 2017.

- a) A copy of Cllr MacDonald’s report had been circulated to members.
- b) Local Residents Airport Forum – 8th September 2017. Cllr Cupples had attended in place of Cllr MacDonald. The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Allen arrived.
- c) Flight Path Changes Consultation

Members considered the Parish Council’s proposed response to the Consultation and **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that a) advice be sought from Caroline Spelman, b) a letter be sent to Birmingham Airport stating that it was considered that a lack of proper notice had been given for the Consultation and requesting the consultation process be extended so that residents could be properly consulted.

The Vice Chairman passed the Chair to Cllr Mrs Allen.

10. Communications.

Recent correspondence and bulletins, including Solihull MBC Press Releases – Solihull Council is currently reviewing pharmacy services in the borough to make sure they meet people’s needs. People who live and work in Solihull are being asked to complete a short survey on what they think of local pharmacy services / WALC – Litter Strategy: WALC advise that it is important to monitor the implementation of this strategy as it develops as decisions taken as a result of this Strategy will have a knock on effect on Parish Councils.

11. Arden Hall.

- a) Roofing Work - Update.

The Acting Clerk advised that minor issues were being promptly dealt with.

- b) Premises Licence. A copy of the Premises Licence and restrictions had been received and circulated to members for information.
- c) CCTV Standards – Licensed Premises.

A copy of CCTV Standards for licensed premises had been circulated to members for information. Members noted that the Council’s Leisure Services Committee would be considering quotations for an upgrade to the CCTV system.

12. Land at Bradford Gardens.

Cllr Knibb advised that the Police had to enforce the Parish Council’s Byelaws. The Acting Clerk pointed out that the wording within the Byelaws was that the Police may take action, not must take action. **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that the Acting Clerk write to the Police and Crime Commissioner asking why the Police will not enforce the Parish Council’s Byelaws.

13. Cloud Backup.

Members considered the quotation for Cloud Backup and further advice provided by the Contractor with regard to Cloud Backup. **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:** that the quotation from Realpoint for Cloud Backup be accepted.

15. Floor – Arden Hall.

The Acting Clerk raised matters of concern with regard to hirers using talc on the Spencer Hall Floor, including a quotation for remedial work required.

16. WALC – Solihull Area Committee.

Cllr MacDonald reported to members on the recent Area Committee Meeting he had attended, together with Cllrs Knibb, Horkan and the Acting Clerk. A copy of his report was tabled.

19. Accounts – External Auditor’s Report Castle Bromwich Parish Council.

Members noted the unqualified external audit report. The Acting Clerk advised that Notice

of Conclusion of Audit and the Accounts and Report would be published on the website in accordance with the statutory requirements.

The Chairman closed the meeting in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders. The remaining items were not dealt with.

- 17. Employee Pension Arrangements.**
- 20. Carol Concert – 28th November 2017.**
- 21. Remembrance Day Parade – 12th November 2017.**
- 22. Finance and Payments.**
- 23. Youth Council – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.**
- 24. Report of the Staff Panel.**
- 25. FOI Request – Update.**
- 26. EAT – Update.**
- 27. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.**
- 28. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.**
- 29. Representatives to Outside Bodies.**
- 30. Report of the Acting Clerk.**
- 31. Report of the Chairman.**