

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CASTLE BROMWICH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30 pm**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Allen

Councillors:	Cllr W Horkan	Cllr S Beechey	Cllr J MacDonald
	Cllr Miss J Ward	Cllr K Shaw	Cllr J Riordan
	Cllr M Strong	Cllr Mrs A Ahmed	Cllr M Rashid
	Cllr Mrs R Shaikh		

Officers: Mrs. D Weir, Acting Clerk to the Council
Mrs Yvonne Smith,

Members of the Public: 7

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Knibb, Mrs Haywood, and Cllr Cupples.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

Cllr Mrs Allen and Cllr Riordan declared an interest in item 19.

3. Dispensations.

None requested.

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Chairman advised that 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.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Shaw, **SECONDED** by Cllr Horkan, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th September 2017, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting. There were 2 abstentions.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Beechey, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Allen, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that subject to amendment the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th October 2017, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting. There were 2 abstentions.

6. Questions from Councillors.

None received.

7. Questions from the Public.

The Chairman temporarily suspended Standing Orders to allow an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. Mr Beebee queried the position with regard to HS2. Members confirmed the current position. Mr Holland thanked the Parish Council for organizing the Remembrance Parade and as a member of the Castle Bromwich Residents Forum, thanked the Parish Council for objecting to the proposal by Birmingham Airport regarding proposed flightpath changes. Mr Holland also raised the issue of repair to the hearing loop system. A resident queried that there was no event at Arden Hall for New Year's Eve.

Ms Price (U3A Chair) asked if additional signage could be provided for the defibrillator and advised that the hearing loop was in need of repair. The Chairman advised that these items would be referred to Leisure Services Committee for consideration.

8. Communications.

Members noted recent correspondence and bulletins received, including Solihull MBC Press Releases: Partnership exercise between the Borough Council and West Midlands Police re out of town private hire vehicles / Mayor encourages Silhillians to take advantage

of the Council's Switch 'n' Save Scheme to save on energy bills / NALC Newsletters / Bulletins / Planning Portal news / WALC LAIS releases.

9. HS2 Implementation Advisory Group 12th October 2017

- a. Cllr Horkan reported on the HS2 Implementation Advisory Group Meeting he had attended on 12 October when he had made representation regarding parishioners concerns.
- b. Members noted advice received from the Borough Council that Birmingham City Council had approved the HS2 lorry route application. Birmingham City Council had not considered it appropriate to apply any conditions to their Decision Notice and HS2 had given assurances that they would operate that lorry route in accordance with the HS2 approved environmental statement.

10. Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee

Members noted that the Parish Council's objection had been sent to Birmingham Airport Ltd and the Civil Aviation Authority. Cllr MacDonald reported on the recent Forum meeting he had attended and advised that further research was now being undertaken by the Castle Bromwich Forum

11. Castle Bromwich – new base station required for Vodafone and Telefonica

Members discussed the location of the proposed new base station (17.5 metre high).

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Shaw **SECONDED** by Cllr Ward, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that an objection be sent on the grounds of health, aesthetics and overloading the airwaves.

12. Defibrillators – Update

It was agreed that this item be deferred to Leisure Services Committee.

13. Issues re Motorcycles

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Horkan **SECONDED** by Cllr Strong **IT WAS RESOLVED** that a letter be sent outlining concerns of danger and public nuisance to the Police and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

14. Carol Concert

Cllr Haywood reported to members on the recent Carol Concert which had been excellent, but not as well attended as the previous year. She was disappointed that there were not many Members present. Cllr Ahmed commented that there were more children in the school choirs this year and it would help boost their confidence.

15. Remembrance Parade

Cllr Allen reported that the Remembrance Parade had been very well attended and with good feedback on the service from members of the public.

16. Finance and Payments

a) Income and Expenditure Report.

The latest income and expenditure report was noted, and the latest bank statements and reconciliations approved.

b) Payments and Salaries.

Members considered the list of payments and salaries for retrospective approval and scrutinized the invoices presented. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Horkan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS RESOLVED:** that the payments presented be approved.

The Chairman did not vote as some of the payments were for her.

17. Report of Staff Panel

This item was deferred to the end of the meeting to be discussed under confidential terms.

18. FOI Request

Members noted the update provided by the Acting Clerk.

19. EAT – Update.

Members noted that this was ongoing.

20. Report of Leisure Services Committee.

Report to follow.

21. Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Report to follow.

22. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr MacDonald reported that a response was awaited from Birmingham Airport and the Civil Aviation Authority.

23. Report of the Officer to the Council.

No Report was given.

24. Report of the Chairman.

Under confidential terms the Chairman presented her report, a copy of which was tabled.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.