

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 1st March 2011
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

- Chairman:** Cllr Miss R Jennings [Items 1- 12 only]
- Councillors:** Cllr Miss A Baynton Cllr Miss J Browne Cllr Miss A Munro
Cllr J Beddows Cllr Miss N Browne Cllr Miss L Phillips
[Item 3 - end]Cllr T Clayton
Cllr D Bliss Cllr A Knibb
[Item 3 - end] [Item 1 – 6 only]
- Officers:** Mrs C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
- Also Present:** Mr Carl Ferris, Halls Garden Centre [Item 3 - 9]
Mr. S. Crook, Solihull MBC [Item 1-12]
Ms. Trish Willetts, Solihull MBC [Item 1 - 9]
Mr. D. Tipper, Environmental Champion [Item 1 - 9]
Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor
- Public:** 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss C Drew, Cllr Miss G Healy and Cllr Miss R Wolliston were noted. Cllr J Lal was absent. [Members took the opportunity to consume the winning prize from the skittles night and the Chairman commended their success.]

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4th January, 2011 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Co-option of new member.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Jack Beddows explained that he lived nearby in Hodge Hill and had heard about the community project in Castle Bromwich and wanted to know more. He would offer his personal views on topics, give suggestions and help in any way he could. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Knibb, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss N Browne, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that he be co-opted to the Youth Council. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and the Chairman welcomed Cllr Beddows to the council.

4. Guest Speaker: Ms. Sam Church – V Inspired.

In the absence of the guest speaker, members discussed the limited information they had on the project, which apparently they could register themselves for and complete on line instead, if they met the criteria.

5. Community Projects – Guest Speaker: Trish Willetts, Solihull MBC

At the invitation of the Chairman, Trish Willetts was pleased to introduce Darren Tipper who, as a supporter of the Environment Champion scheme, had offered to make and supply a metal noticeboard for the sensory peace garden. Designs ideas were shared, subject to a site meeting taking place. Trish was also pleased to offer some bird boxes for Castle Bromwich if the Youth Council had locations for them. The Clerk confirmed that she would also be asking the Parish Council about this matter. The Chairman, as an Explorer Scout, had been involved in the boxes being made and was

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aware of some restrictions. The Clerk undertook to contact 237th Scout Team if the parish council gave permission for installation. Cllr Beddows suggested approaching Mr. Jeff Henderson, Manager of the B&Q (Erdington store) that he worked in, to ask for bird seed, plants or other free resources for the Youth Council projects. The Clerk informed members that the Parish Council was investigating a scheme for speed reduction via 30 mph stickers on bins and Trish suggested contacted Alan Brown at Solihull MBC for assistance.

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6. Working Party Report.

Members noted that a limited meeting had taken place due to the absence of Mr Ferris. There were no recommendations

7. Village Green Sensory Garden Project – Carl Ferris, Hall Garden Centre.

Members discussed the spring planting and shared catalogues. Trish Willetts suggested contacting ISS Facilities for support with this project. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that a working party be held on Tuesday 8th March at 5.30 pm at Halls Garden Centre. This would be preceded by a site meeting at the Village Green with Darren Tipper to look at existing signage and discuss designs at 5 pm. Recommendations could be made to the Clerk to arrange orders of spring planting and replacement of damaged/missing plants to a provisional budget of £600. Members recalled their prior agreement to avoid bedding plants and to focus on the second layer of shrubs/herbaceous plants. The approach to B&Q for a donation of budget tiles for a mosaic was still outstanding.

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8. Future Ideas and Raising Awareness.

Members recalled the outdoor fitness equipment ideas and the Clerk confirmed that the funding application for the Street Snooker scheme had been submitted to People's Millions. A possible approach to ISS Facilities could be considered at a future stage.

9. Royal Wedding.

Members discussed the alternative suggestions from the Events working party but there were reservations about holding a ball instead of a picnic in the park. Following careful consideration of the severe time constraints and their existing examination commitments, there was no support forthcoming for an event to celebrate the Royal Wedding. However, there was still enthusiasm for an outdoor celebration event for either the Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4th June 2012 or the Olympics starting on 27th July 2012 or for both events. This would be placed on the next agenda, with the Hall Manager being invited to attend the July meeting.

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10. Development of Youth Councillors.

Following enthusiastic discussion of the response from Caroline Spelman's office, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to request a visit to the House of Commons on either Monday 4th July or Thursday 7th July, hopefully in conjunction with students from Park Hall Academy. The Clerk was also asked to make arrangements to confirm the date and capacity, before confirming numbers and transport plans. The transport costs could be met by the budgetary allocation for the Youth Council, with the Academy paying their share of the costs.

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11. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

The Chairman undertook to delegate the various parts of creating the scrap book record. Cllr Miss Munro asked about the website and the Clerk apologized that this still required input from her and council's website manager, with no ability to address this currently.

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12. Report and Appointment of Representatives.

Members listened with interest to the report from Cllr Clayton and Cllr Natasha Browne

who had attended the Active Involvement Management Group meeting on 23rd February, 2011. The Group was aiming to get young people and organisations to work together and be represented and a further meeting would be held on 21st March at Star City, with another possible meeting in April. Groups represented were UK Youth Parliament, Children in Care Council, Solihull Youth Council, Youth People's Advisory Group, Castle Bromwich and Kingshurst Youth Councils, Gay Souls, Youth Opportunities Group and others. Cllr Natasha Browne reported that she had been elected to the UK Youth Parliament and would therefore attend the next meeting in that capacity. There would therefore be an opportunity for a fellow member to join Cllr Clayton to represent this Council at the next meeting if they wished. The Chairman thanked members for attending this event.

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volunteer?

After consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** that Cllr Natasha Brown and Cllr Thomas Clayton represent the Youth Council on the new Parish Plan Steering Group. The Chairman apologised but unfortunately had to leave the meeting at this point.

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Steering
Group

13. Clerk's Report.

At the invitation of the Vice-Chairman, the Clerk distributed copies of the Park Hall Chronicle and publicity posters for the next planting day at the Village Green. She reported briefly to members that photographs were being gathered and printed (thanks to Cllr Mrs. Allen) for a possible Castle Bromwich calendar or publication by the Youth Council which she hoped members would continue to take during the changing seasons. A booklet published by NALC with examples of innovative youth liaison/representation called "Whatever, Yeah" was available for members to read and this was taken to be shared later.