
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CASTLE
BROMWICH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN PAVILION CLUBROOM, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2008
AT 7.00 PM**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs. B. Wilkins

Councillors:

Cllr Mrs. P Allen
Cllr E Knibb
Cllr Mrs. T Knibb
Cllr Mrs. A Haywood
Cllr M Rashid
Cllr J Riordan
Cllr Miss J Ward

Officer: Mrs C Tibbles

Guest Speakers: 10 members of Castle Bromwich Cricket and Sports Club
(inc. Development Committee)

Public: 2 members of the public

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr R Amos, Cllr Mrs. J Smith and Cllr A Terry were accepted for the reasons given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Guest Speakers: Development Team, Castle Bromwich Cricket and Sports Club

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending this special meeting. She explained the annual budget had been set and funds were not available to give £5000 to the Club, reminding everyone that some months ago when the Club approached the Council, there had been no Council plans for the Clubroom refurbishment and that financial constraints applied. The Council also had to abide by what was legally allowed. The Club was offered the opportunity to apply for Grant Aid Funding from the Parish Council and the Chairman undertook to explore a donation from the Chairman's Charity Fund. This combination would not be huge and would not meet the full amount they requested but the Unpaid Work Division of community service were considering free labour to build the fixed seating. Mr. Duffield said the seating was the only work remaining and the Chairman and members congratulated the Club again on the work undertaken. Cllr Mrs. Knibb reported that Alison Lush had just met with the Youth Council and would investigate any funding opportunities for the Club, contacting Mr. Messenger the next day. Mr. Cook explained the consequences for the Cricket Club when the Parish Council closed the showers. The Chairman stressed this was a temporary emergency measure and procedures should have been for an inspection to be made, assessments reported, three quotes obtained and work sanctioned by Council. The Club estimated that £3,500 would have been spent by the Council to bring the showers back into use but they had spent £750 from the youth budget. Further discussion included top hire prices being charged and hirers getting a second rate service; project being questioned as under-budgeted; seating costs originally quoted as £200; changes to the plans for the benefit of the community; Council financial regulations; future hire requests by Club for extra evenings; request for free hire which was contrary to the lease. Mr. Cook requested the Council budget for shower improvements the following year.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that:

a) the Club invoice the Council for the £750 costs incurred on the shower repairs to be paid from the Open Spaces Repairs & Maintenance budget. Cllr Riordan abstained from the vote but stressed he was not against the Club receiving help.

b) the offer to the Parish Council by the Probation Service for voluntary assistance with the seating construction be declined in respect of the wishes of the Club.

The Chairman allowed Mr. and Mrs. Beebee to address the meeting and various issues were raised.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting. The Chairman was not sure about the principle of this proposal and Cllr Riordan also expressed his concern at the nature of the proposals suggested.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the proposal by Mr. and Mrs. Beebee be considered further by the Club and the Council at separate meetings. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parish Council be provided with details of the Cricket Club's proposals to install a land drain on the Recreation Ground in order that expert advice could again be sought from the Borough Council and Severn Trent to ensure no conflict with the recent drainage improvements undertaken.

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G. Cook
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Clerk

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