

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY 2013
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

- Chairman** Cllr Mrs. P Allen
- Councillors** Cllr M Hayes Cllr E Hicks Cllr J Riordan
Cllr Mrs. A Haywood Cllr I Hiley Cllr A Terry
- Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Mrs. T Kite, Hall Manager/Licensee [Items 1- 7 only]
- Public:** No members of the public.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr R Amos, Cllr E Knibb, Cllr M Rashid, and Cllr Mrs. Wilkins were noted for the reasons given. Cllr Miss J Ward was absent.

2. Declarations of personal or conflict of interests.

None declared.

3. Dispensations.

None requested.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April, 2013, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

5. Manager’s Report and Hire issues.

Members noted and considered the report from the Hall Manager. There were many functions taking place during weekdays. Members were asked to assist Hall staff with specifications for the Windsor Room refurbishment and Cllr Hiley agreed. Members discussed the priorities to be addressed, which parts could be undertaken separately if necessary and the clear need to supplement the monies previously allocated (£17,410) with some of the 2013/14 allocation for capital projects at Arden Hall (£20,000). Bar refurbishments were also discussed.

6. Stage Lighting Report.

Members noted that only one quote had been received and that the quote for LED lights was still awaited. The matter was therefore deferred.

7. Bar Stock Report.

The report and trading analysis was noted and discussed by members.

8. Village Green Parking.

Members read all of the consultation replies that had been received, noting with disappointment that this only numbered four. The Wardens had completed the agreed preliminary works to improve access by the Small Green. The Council could assess if further works were required in 2014/15 (Items 1 and 2 of the Barretts quote refers).

9. Quotations – Footpath Repairs and Village Green Noticeboard.

Following careful consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Items 3 and 4 of the quotation from Barretts Contractors Ltd to repair 23 m² of tree root damaged sections of footpath at the Village Green (£2,300) and to repair the footpath next to the Garden of Rest and improve the entrance slabs (£2,100), with

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costs being met from budget codes 4940/110 and 4185/120, supplemented by Village Green maintenance budget if necessary. A decision on choosing a new Village Green Noticeboard was deferred as members suggested a new local supplier be asked to quote. It was also suggested that local companies (Cameron Homes, Tesco, Morrisons, Lloyds and McCarthy & Stone) be given the opportunity to sponsor the new noticeboard.

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10. Defibrillators.

Members noted the report and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that on the proviso that training requirements could be adequately fulfilled, then two defibrillators be purchased and located within Arden Hall and the Sports Pavilion.

Clerk
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11. Youth Football Pitch Agreement.

Following careful consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hiley, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Terry, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the request from a hirer to be granted a licence for youth football pitches be approved in principle, subject to the Clerk investigating appropriate wording from the solicitor. In the meantime, the existing agreements would ensure continuity of hire. Following discussion, the hirer would also be invited to explore together avenues for funding sports opportunities, working in partnership with the parish council.

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12. Footloose Project.

Members noted that the application to Birmingham Airport Community Trust for support funding for groundworks had not been successful. Therefore, following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Terry, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a sub-Committee be established with delegated powers to complete the project. The Assistant Clerk would be asked to service the sub-Committee and suggested membership was Cllrs Amos, Mrs Allen, Hayes and Terry. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that £4,400 be recommended to the Council for release from the Open Spaces earmarked reserves to allow Option 1 of the quote for groundworks to be undertaken. Any provision of additional footpaths would need to be in the next phase of the project, if there was sufficient demand for it to be expanded. Following discussion, the Clerk undertook to seek advice on risk to users during other park activities.

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13. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the information circulated. The Chairman asked again that stakes be provided for the Peace Tree in the Sensory Peace Garden, as it had sustained further damage and the Clerk undertook to follow this up.

14. Working Party Reports.

There were no reports.

15. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk reported that details had just been received on the new Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom competition, which would be on the next agenda. The application for a free new heating system for Arden Hall had been submitted to Baxi/BSEE. The removal of moss at the tennis courts had been completed and the OS Supervisor was pursuing the date for repairs and repainting of the surface. The football season was coming to a close and the cricket season underway, although more ground works were anticipated as there had been an unexpected and large delivery of loam that day. A charity football tournament was taking place in June. A request for information had been made to Solihull MBC about their byelaws, following report of a bird incident on parish land. The Clerk had sent acknowledgements to all complainants regarding the independent investigation report, explaining that the Cricket and Sports Club had not yet given permission for the report to be released.

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