

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY 2012
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

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| Chairman | Cllr Mrs. P Allen | | |
| Councillors | Cllr R Amos | Cllr J Riordan | Cllr Miss J Ward |
| | Cllr M Hayes | Cllr A Terry | Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins |
| | [Items 1-13 only] | [Items 4-end only] | |
| | Cllr I Hiley | | |
| Officers: | Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO | | |
| | Mrs. T Kite, Hall Manager [Items 1-9 only] | | |
| Guests: | Mr. Z Aftal, Mr. M Duffield (Castle Bromwich Cricket & Sports Club) | | |
| | [Items 1-4 only] | | |
| Public: | None. | | |

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Mrs. A Haywood, Cllr E Knibb and Cllr M Rashid were noted for the reasons given.

2. Declarations of personal or other interests.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th April, 2012, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Guest Speaker – Castle Bromwich Cricket & Sports Club.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Aftal and Mr. Duffield to the meeting and invited them to present details of Project Footprint to members, who had awaited this information with interest. Mr. Aftal outlined the project which the Club hoped would expand on opportunities for the wider community to increase their personal health and fitness whilst encouraging more involvement with sports. Councillors also took the opportunity to highlight council ideas and initiatives which were being researched for funding applications. Mr. Aftal was pleased to hear about the possibility of further improvements to the outdoor park facilities and was enthusiastic for the Club to work together with the council. He warmly invited councillors and staff to join the Club on Tuesdays in the park for the fitness sessions which he thought could be beneficial to all. The Chairman thanked the guests for attending and said the council would formally consider the Project Footprint proposals at the June Council meeting.

5. Manager’s Report and Hire issues.

Members considered the tabled report and discussed the priority of outstanding refurbishment work. Following the council’s previous acceptance of the working party recommendations, the next priority would be air conditioning and heating improvements. Members noted the current vacancies for a premises supervisor and bar staff.

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Mr. Aftal
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6. Bar Stock Report.

Under confidential terms, members noted the satisfactory stock report and the trading figures for April.

7. Spencer Lounge – Ladies Toilet.

The Hall Manager explained the longstanding problem with local drains that Severn Trent had been working on for some time. Periodically there were still odour problems and these seemed unrelated to existing installations. In addition a replacement toilet pan was proving difficult to obtain so alternative plans were in hand which would hopefully improve the backstage toilets also. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hiley, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that this be delegated to the Hall Manager to solve, payment for materials being made from the repairs and maintenance budget. It was suggested that quotations could be compared with supply only costs from joining a trade supplier like Selco.

8. Arden Hall Open Evening – 20th April 2012.

Members noted the disappointing attendance at this event and also the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May. The Clerk reported that only one slip had been returned so far with refurbishment suggestions, although it asked for dog bins.

9. Farebrothers – Survey.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the quote for £750 to undertake a Roof Inspection Survey and report be accepted.

10. Village Green – Tree of Peace.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Hayes would obtain specialist information for the Clerk prior to her re-assessing the soil conditions, the site location, the size and scale of the anticipated growth, seasonal weather and any other pertinent issues with this matter. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that expenditure could be made from either the tree budget or the youth council/sensory garden budget as appropriate, although timing may be difficult with the forthcoming judging of Solihull in Bloom.

11. Football Tournament.

Members noted the update from the Clerk on the forthcoming fundraising tournament, provisionally scheduled for a Sunday in July.

12. Waste Collection.

Members noted the problems with collections from some sites and the satisfactory resolution of the disputed charges. The revised agreement was commended as it gave a reduction of nearly £200 per annum on the previous costs and waived the newly imposed rental charges. Services would continue to be monitored by the Mobile Warden in conjunction with the Clerk.

13. Village Green Access.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the recommendations from the site meeting be accepted as follows, in order to find a longer term and more permanent solution: to move the parish signpost approximately one foot further into the grass area; to widen the tarmac access point with hardcore only and to assess the effect; to repaint the markings and yellow box the area (by Wardens); to write to businesses by the small green reminding them of issues and seeking suggestions; to write to residents by the small green and seek suggestions/views; potentially to consider providing tarmac area on part of the small green to provide licensed

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Wardens
Asap
Clerk
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Asst.Clerk
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parking for a fee to residents; to budget for new tarmac surface when other areas were done (becoming a priority for some surfaces). Cllr Terry volunteered to help with the physical work and appealed for others to assist when the time came.

14. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted with regret the information circulated.

15. Working Party Reports.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on work done in the Garden of Rest. The Events Working Party deferred setting a date to undertake a marketing review until the June meeting when membership would be agreed for the next civic year. Following discussion, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the inspection of Hob Farm by all members who could attend would take place on Wednesday 30th May at 5 pm. At 6 pm all members should assemble at the play equipment in the park to inspect the park, the pavilion, the theatre workshop, the business annex and Arden Hall. It was stressed that everyone's attendance was vital to cover all the necessary areas. Footpaths and other open spaces could be visited individually prior to the inspection, as the Clerk highlighted some concerns.

16. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received for the next chairman to attend the Investiture of the Mayor of Solihull on 22nd May and any members standing for election as Chairman were asked to note the date. The location of the junior soccer pitches may be slightly re-arranged for the next season and a meeting was imminent to discuss this, previously cancelled due to heavy rain. Wardens had addressed many problems recently, with golf and alcohol in the park and with non-arrival/disruption of furniture by some hirers. The application for funding to help move the council office to the business annexe had been declined, information from possible suppliers of equipment for a trim trail had been passed to the Grants Working Party. Details of a new young stroke survivor group had been received, meeting monthly at the Fordbridge Centre.

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6 pm please

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members