

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH  
ON TUESDAY 6th January 2009  
AT 17.00 HRS**

**Those present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr Miss R Jennings

**Councillors** Cllr Miss G Healy [Items 1-5 only] Cllr A Knibb Cllr Miss C Moylan [Items 1-5 only]

**Officers:** Mrs C Tibbles

**Guests:** Ms. Alison Lush, Neighbourhood Manager, Solihull MBC  
Mr. Steve Crook, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Solihull MBC

**Also Present:** Cllr E Knibb  
Cllr Mrs. P Allen

**1. Apologies.**

Cllr T Clayton and Cllr Miss R McDonald were absent. Cllr Miss Vincent had resigned in November.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss Moylan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Healy, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2008 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting. The November meeting had been inquorate and therefore cancelled.

**3. Questions from Councillors.**

Cllr Miss Healy and Cllr Miss Moylan, on behalf of Paul Messenger, asked about the tennis courts. The Clerk explained that Mr Messenger's request to the Parish Council was to be considered by the Leisure Services Committee the following evening. Without pre-empting any decision that committee might make, the Clerk warned of a possible dilemma that removing the moss now could damage the surface of the courts but the specialist company had warned her that if resurfacing was needed then it was dependent on weather conditions and not advisable until Easter, although league matches needed to start before then. Cllr E Knibb asked what the Borough Council did and Ms. Lush offered to investigate if their community gardening service would be able to quote or advise. She would arrange for information to be sent to the Clerk and was thanked for her assistance.

The Chairman asked about the wards within the Parish and the Clerk offered to show members a map at the end of the meeting if they wished.

**4. Guest Speaker: Alison Lush, Solihull MBC.**

Ms. Lush explained she was interested to hear how the £1000 grant for the environmental project had been allocated. Members explained their agreed aims to enhance the Village Green and the Clerk recapped decisions recorded in the minutes in July and September. Ms Lush said the local Action Plan would be reviewed the following week and views of members would be welcome on how the aims were being met: to improve the environment by reducing graffiti, dog fouling and litter; to engage young people and educate them to respect their environment and finally to improve road safety. The Clerk would endeavour to circulate details with the minutes. Cllr Knibb then raised a private matter with Ms. Lush.

**5. Environmental Project.**

Members reviewed the current information available and Cllr E Knibb said he now had obtained information on the company who did the mural project at Castle Bromwich Junior school, although he had not brought it to the meeting. As previously agreed by the Council, 6th January 2009M.doc

residents' views from the Village Green would be invited before pursuing replacement of benches.

The Chairman referred to the ideas for a sensory garden and Cllr Mrs. Allen showed plans to members that the Parish Council had previously received. She also knew of used railway sleepers being sold locally and thought they could be incorporated to edge the beds. After discussion and agreement, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the project should be to create a sensory garden on the raised flower bed at the Village Green, with 3 paths, of a suitable surface, leading to a central circular bench, preferably with a tree in the middle. Ms. Lush undertook to help provide expertise and costing to the Clerk that could then be submitted to the full Council for consideration. She suggested spring would be a good time for planting. 2 Benches had previously been agreed to protect the shrub bed at the corner of the Village Green (by the traffic lights), subject to the above consultation. Ms Lush could check possible costs and companies and also knew of a funding project called Breathing Spaces that she could help the Youth Council apply to. Cllr Miss Healy and Cllr Miss Moylan had to leave the meeting at this point, which meant 2 remaining members would not be sufficient to make further decisions.

**6. Consultation on School Closure plans – Kingfisher Primary School.**

Members noted the consultation on this school closure that was outside the parish.

**7. Working Party Report and Future Action Plan.**

Working Parties had ceased to meet. No plans were made for future events.

**8. Grant Funding Applications.**

This topic had been referred to under Item 5.

**9. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported that she had been requested to delay the visit of Nicola Holmes, Solihull MBC, to 3<sup>rd</sup> March due to previous commitments. Members were asked to email the clerk from their currently preferred email address as messages were not all being received. She urged members to continue promoting the Youth Council so that vacancies could be filled and future agenda items were clarified. Cllr E Knibb said that Park Hall School Council may consider joining the Youth Parish Council and would pursue this again with the school. The Chairman recalled recruitment of members from youth organizations had been suggested previously and also a wish by members to review their Constitution.