MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH ON TUESDAY 6th January 2015 AT 5.10 pm

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss J Browne

Councillors: Cllr Miss N Browne Cllr B Clayton Cllr J Smith

Cllr Miss L Judd Cllr Miss K Tuffin

Officers: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO

Also Present: Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor

Guest Speaker: Chris Newton, Table Tennis England [Items 1-5.1 only]

Public: One member of the public

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman wished members a Happy New Year.

1. Apologies.

The apologies received fromand were noted for the reasons given. Cllr Miss C Allatt, Cllr Miss A Morris, Cllr D Payne and Cllr Miss N Strong were absent. Cllr C Shreadhad been absent for more than 3 meetings and unfortunatelynot supplied apologies for his absence after a reminder from the Clerk, he was therefore automatically disqualified.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by the Chairman,**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 4thNovember, 2014 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Ideas and Questions from Youth Councillors.

None submitted.

4. Questions from the Public.

None.

5. Guest Speaker – Table Tennis England.

5.1 At the invitation of the Chairman, Chris Newton thanked members for the invitation and explained who he was and the national governing body that he worked for. Before the meeting starting, he had quickly looked at the park to assess suitability as a potential location. He explained the success of the 'Ping Birmingham' project and the basis of how the outdoor table tennis scheme worked, which was now being promoted in Solihull and Warwickshire. Options were explored and preferences expressed by members. The Sport England grant process was straightforward and he could recommend someone to make an application on behalf of the Youth Council, on a 'no win, no fee' basis. A 10% fee would be payable from the grant and it took 12-24 weeks for the grant and 4-6 weeks for manufacture and installation. Members felt the preference would be the solid concrete outdoor table with a supply of both standard and rubber bats to be freely available to park visitors. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss N

Browne, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that an application be drafted for the council to approve, to also include the cost of groundworks for a 8m x 4m concrete base. Mr. Newton was thanked for his most helpful information and then left the meeting for another engagement.

5.2 Following discussion, members clarified that a questionnaire should be drawn up and sent to local groups for views on junior keep kit equipment. It may be preferable

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forone form per 'class' (rather than individually) to ask 'under 12's' if they had seen/used junior keep fit equipment before, would they use it in the park, what would their favourite be, what did they enjoy, what they didn't like or use? The park was open 364 days per year and although locked overnight for security, it was more freely available to the community than equipment that the schools might have in their grounds. Cllr Miss N Browne hoped to proceed with the questionnaire and the Clerk would endeavour to supply colour photos to go on the questionnaire.

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6. Grant Funding Opportunities

The Outline Plan and draft survey had now been agreed under the previous item 5. The Clerk reported that the application for funding of a commemorative bench to the St. Thomas Dole charity had not been successful but had heard their application to the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust for the replacement tree at the Sensory Peace Garden might have been approved, although confirmation was awaited.

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7. Working Party Report.

None submitted.

8. Youth Councils.

Members noted that Cllr Miss N Browne served on the Board set up by Solihull MBC after the previous Youth Council was disbanded and felt not to be sufficiently representative. It was unclear what future changes may take place or if it was being reformed. The Clerk undertook to forward this question to Solihull Area Committee to put to the Borough Chief Executive at a meeting taking place later in January.

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9. Youth Council Visits.

Following consensus at an earlier meeting, members AGREED to attend the public gallery to watch the Solihull Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd February at 5.30 p.m. Members should meet at the circle near Costa coffee shop in Touchwood at 5.15 pm and then walk to the Civic Suite. Members agreed to notify councillors who were not present of the arrangements by text or email. (The reserve date of 14th April was not as convenient for members because of revision commitments.)

Members 3/2 at 5.15 pm

10. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk extended congratulations to Cllr I Smith who had won the parish council's Award for Service to the Community at Park Hall Academy. Members noted the planned public meeting to promote and explain the Community Speedwatch scheme on Wednesday 18th February at 7.00 pm and the new legislation that allowed members of the public to attend and record council meetings. There were protection measures for young people under 18 but the Clerk was unsure how this would relate to youth councillors and would circulate guidance for the next meeting when it would be on the agenda. There had been technical problems trying to register for membership of the British Youth Council so this was still not completed. A new stock of badges for members had been received and copies of meeting dates and contact information had been tabled. Cllr Mrs. Allen said she had ordered bluebells for the Sensory Peace Garden at the village green for members to plant in the spring.

Members

Members confirmed