

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 7th May 2013
AT 5.00 pm**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss J Browne

Councillors: Cllr Miss J Browne Cllr K Cronin Cllr Miss N Strong

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

Also Present: Cllr Mrs. P Allen, Link Councillor

Public: 1 member of the public.

EVERYONE WAS AWARE THAT CAMERAS WOULD BE RECORDING DURING THE MEETING.

ACTION

1. To elect a Chairman.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss Strong, **SECONDED** by Cllr Cronin, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss J Browne be elected as Chairman of the Youth Parish Council for the Civic Year 2013-2014. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed and witnessed and the Chairman was congratulated on her election by Cllr Miss N Browne.

2. To elect a Vice-Chairman.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Strong, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Cronin be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Youth Parish Council for the Civic Year 2013-2014.

3. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss C Allatt, Cllr S Bird and Cllr Miss J Schofield were noted. Cllr B Clayton and Cllr Miss Z Jennings were absent. [Clerk's Note: Cllr T Clayton and Cllr Miss Phillips had not yet replied to indicate their intentions regarding their future membership.]

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss N Browne, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th March, 2013 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

5. Report from Representatives.

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had attended their first HS2 Forum meeting and had been interested to learn that the route of the track to the north of the parish would be tunneled under the Chester Road. It was suggested by other people attending that the underground section could start earlier to protect residents of Castle Vale. Apparently the earlier decision to make changes had been made on engineering grounds rather than to protect residents in the Bromford area. The track would still cut through the conservation and wildlife area. The facilitator for the HS2 Forum had asked to attend a Youth Council meeting and the Clerk was asked to arrange a suitable future date for the guest speaker.

Clerk
22/5

6. Project Update and Working Party report.

The Chairman and Cllr Miss N Browne reported that at the last working party plans were made about future filming on their new equipment (including this meeting and the follow Annual Parishioners meeting). The Clerk reported that the Mayor's Office had agreed for a short interview to take place at the reception after the Civic Service.

7. Village Green Sensory Garden and 'In Bloom' entries.

Following consideration, members **AGREED** not to enter the competition this year and allow the plants and hedging to become more established before considering again in the future. Cllr Mrs. Allen reminded members of the Weeding Working Party for all members on Saturday 22nd June at 10 am. Unfortunately the stakes had not been provided and the peace tree had been vandalized further. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to arrange a third tree to be planted, perhaps of a sturdier size. The Council was making progress towards the new Village Green noticeboard and the Youth Council were asked to prepare the artwork and wording for their information boards about the Sensory Peace Garden. A working party would be organized for the summer holidays, which everyone needed to attend to contribute ideas and designs.

Members
22/6 at 10
am at the
Village
Green

Members
Date to be
agreed

8. Solihull MBC – Travel Assistance Policy Consultation.

Following discussion and careful consideration, members answered the questions posed in the consultation, with 6 points supported, 2 points opposed and 1 points being uncertain. **IT WAS AGREED** that it was important for the Borough Council to consult young people in the whole of the Borough to reach those people who would be affected. Members felt that further information would have been helpful to clarify some of the planned changes.

Asst.
Clerk
24/5

9. Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust – Funding.

Members noted that their original application had not been received but a further copy had been supplied to the Trust by the Clerk, requesting a donation of £250 to purchase plants and shrubs in line with the agreed colour scheme.

10. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Miss N Browne explained to new members how enjoyable she had found the Civic Service and Reception each year and urged everyone to attend this important event. [Clerk's Note: The request at the last meeting for more bird boxes from the Scouts had not yet been actioned.].

Asst Clerk
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11. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk confirmed that she had requested the Junior Chain from the Mayor's Office and hoped that simple arrangements would be put in place. Members were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting was shortly taking place in the adjoining Spencer Hall and that there would be a 'surprise' for members who were able to remain. Arrangements were confirmed about filming of the charity presentation at 7.00 pm and the retiring Chairman's report at approximately 8.50 pm.