

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH  
ON TUESDAY 7th July 2009  
AT 17.20 HRS**

**Those present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr Miss R Jennings

**Councillors** Cllr Miss A Baynton [Items 5-end] Cllr Miss N Browne [Items 5-end] Cllr Miss R McDonald  
Cllr Miss G Healy [Items 5-end] Cllr Miss L Phillips [Items 5-end]

**Officers:** Mrs C Tibbles

**Guest:** Cllr M Hayes

**Also Present:** Mr. S Crook, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Solihull MBC  
Cllr Mrs. P Allen

**Public:** 1 member of the public

**1. To elect a Chairman.**

Following 2 nominations and due consideration, Cllr Miss Healy declined the nomination as Chairman. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss Healy, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss McDonald, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss Jennings be elected as Chairman for the Civic Year 2009-2010.

**2. To elect a Vice-Chairman.**

Following nominations, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss McDonald, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss Healy be elected as Vice-Chairman for the Civic Year 2009-2010.

**3. Apologies.**

The apologies from Cllr A Knibb and Cllr Miss C Moylan were accepted for the reasons given. Cllr T. Clayton was absent. Cllr E Knibb had also sent his apologies.

**4. Constitution.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss McDonald, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the amended constitution, as supported by the Parish Council, be formally adopted.

**5. Co-option of new members.**

At the invitation of the Chairman, candidates were asked why they wished to join the Youth Parish Council. Miss Phillips stated she wished to make a difference and improve things in Castle Bromwich, Miss Browne liked helping people and would do that in the parish and Miss Baynton wanted to make a difference for young people. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss McDonald, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that all 3 candidates be co-opted to join the Youth Council. The declarations of acceptance of office were duly signed and accepted and the Chairman welcomed each member. [The Clerk had already invited Candidates who had submitted forms but were unable to attend this evening to the next meeting on 8th September.]

**6. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss Healy, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

ACTION

## 7. Questions from Councillors.

The Chairman reported an overgrown alleyway between Clayton Drive and the Village Green and Cllr Miss Baynton wondered if it was left that way to deter pedestrian use, therefore eventually allowing consideration for transfer to residential gardens. This was an area of Borough Council responsibility and Mr. Crook would look into the matter, although he strongly felt this change would not happen.

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The Chairman reported that the working party had not received any information to consider and therefore the meeting had not taken place.

## 8. Youth Council – the future.

Cllr Mark Hayes introduced himself, also serving as a new councillor who had joined the Council in February. He had asked to come to this meeting as the Youth Council came under the Finance & General Purposes Committee and he had recently been elected as Chairman. He said it was important not to be scared to ask questions and was pleased that new members wanted to make a difference and change things because that was the same reason he had joined. The Parish Council could not always do some of the general ideas for the community but he hoped their ideas could be passed on to the people who would be able to do something, like the Borough Council. He really hoped that the vacant places would be filled at the next meeting. For the benefit of newer members, previous ideas and projects were recapped like the graffiti wall (not needed by Castle Bromwich young people), improvements to the tennis courts (well used by young people); changes to the constitution (newly adopted with a wider scope for membership); café facilities in the park; ice cream sales during the summer. Cllr Hayes asked if members felt supported and the Chairman replied that the problem had been getting more members to join and come to meetings. Cllr Miss McDonald said the ideas were started but they had trouble finishing things and Cllr Hayes said that the Council would do what it could to help. Members were interested to hear the Chairman relay the plans for a sensory garden at the Village Green with a circular bench as part of an art project. The Clerk read the email from Alison Lush, (also from the Borough Council) suggesting a site meeting with members to establish firm details and costs. After comparing their availability after school and during holidays, 3 dates were suggested, as follows: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10 am or Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10 am or Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 4 pm, (possibly leading into the Youth Council meeting at 5 pm at Arden Hall) and Mr. Crook would confirm which was suitable. New members commended the idea and explored how murals for the seat backs could be allocated to schools in the parish. Cllr Mrs. Allen explained the different pathways that were being considered, also to stimulate the senses. Cllr Miss McDonald hoped that litter would not be a problem and Mr. Crook hoped that being designed by young people would give them ownership and help prevent this. Members needed the information from Cllr E Knibb of the mural company from the primary school project so that a mosaic costing could be obtained. Cllr Hayes offered to pursue this and suggested that every agenda in future should include 'Ideas and Questions from councillors'. The Chairman wondered if the new forum had been established locally because the Youth Council were not effective. Mr. Crook explained what was happening at the Festival event on 12<sup>th</sup> September at Park Hall school and Lanchester Park. Members were invited to the next meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30 pm at Park Hall School if they wanted to learn more. Dr. Browne also reminded everyone present of the Garden Party at Park Hall School on 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15 pm and hoped some would be able to accept their invitations. In response to a question from Cllr Miss Healy, Dr. Browne explained that the school was privately owned and between

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7 am – 7-pm it was available for the school to provide education. Outside those hours it was available for hire and the hall, for example, would cost £54 per hour to hire from BAM (the company who owned it). Cllr Miss Healy reported that the tennis club could not afford to hire it. Mr. Crook added that the Castle Bromwich Festival organisers were finding it difficult and expensive to arrange for community use. He urged members to enter teams in the competitions but councillors declined as many were already committed to activities on that day (e.g. tennis coaching).

**9. Clerk’s Report.**

The Clerk had already relayed the information from Ms Lush to members requesting a site meeting at the Village Green. She would confirm details when the best date for Ms Lush had been confirmed. New members were asked to complete their contact details before leaving. Other community information had been distributed and guest speakers mentioned, although members had previously agreed to wait until additional co-options had taken place in September. Cllr Miss McDonald asked what charity was being supported by the Cricket & Sports Club at their August Fun Day and Cllr Mrs. Allen wished to also know this information. Cllr Miss Healy asked about the possibility of a lease for the Club and the Clerk replied that the Council needed written clarification on this subject.

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