

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH  
ON TUESDAY 8th September 2009  
AT 17.00 HRS**

**Those present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr Miss R Jennings

**Councillors** Cllr Miss A Baynton Cllr T Clayton Cllr A Knibb  
Cllr Miss N Browne [Item 2 – end] Cllr Miss R McDonald  
Cllr Miss G Healy Cllr Miss L Phillips

**Officers:** Mrs C Tibbles

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

**Public:** 3 members of the public

**1. Apologies.**

No apologies had been received. Cllr Miss C Moylan was absent.

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

The six co-option candidates anticipated were not in attendance but members were pleased that three new visitors were present with co-option forms that would be verified and made ready for the next meeting, when they would be invited to say why they wished to join the Youth Parish Council. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr A Knibb, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Thomas Clayton be co-opted to re-join the Youth Council as members appreciated his absence at previous meetings had been for legitimate reasons. The Clerk explained to new members that when votes were called for they had 3 choices - they could either vote in favour of the idea, against it or abstain. At the invitation of the Chairman, with no objection from members, the guests were invited to join the table and participate in the meeting (but not any voting).

**3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss Healy, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss McDonald, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

**4. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.**

None submitted.

**5. Playground Improvements.**

The Clerk reported that the playground in the park, just visited by some members, had been assessed to see if it would meet qualifying criteria for some new equipment. It was possible that a basketball hoop and small tarmac area may be considered, although nothing had yet been confirmed. A sample picture was shown to members.

**6. Annual Award for Park Hall School from the Parish Council.**

The Clerk was pleased to tell members that the annual award by a school for service to the community in the name of the Parish Council would now actually be provided by the Parish Council and plaque designs were being agreed. The recipient of the award would also be invited to a Parish Council meeting to talk about their community involvement and receive recognition from members.

### 7. Village Green Project.

Members discussed the options following their working party meeting and alternative views and suggestions were considered. Copies of design suggestions were shared and the Chairman thanked members for their work. Discussions included funding, tribute tree as a centerpiece, size of the bed, plants, paths, mosaic costs. Following consideration, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to hold a working party meeting at Arden Hall on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm to agree a design brief/plan to submit to Groundworks for costing and feasibility. The plan could also be submitted to the Parish Council for outline approval before deadlines and completion dates could be scheduled. Cllr Mrs. Allen suggested a spring installation may be suitable for planting. The Clerk suggested a bench could be agreed and purchased whilst budget allocations were available.

### 8. Training.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr A Knibb informed members that he had researched training via the British Youth Council who ran free training courses, except travelling costs. There were 2 similar courses called 'Every Young Voice' and 'Youth at the Table' that would help members understand how to represent voices in the community. The course was run at venues around the country. Members were in agreement that more information would be useful. The Clerk added that Dr. Browne from Park Hall School had provided a contact for training on citizenship and youth councils who could come to Castle Bromwich and provide a course on site. She believed costs would be about £400 but initial views of members were that this was too expensive. Cllr Miss Healy suggested that a few members might attend training and bring the information back to the Youth Council.

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### 9. Clerk's Report.

Members had heard earlier in the meeting of the Plant A Bulb Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October promoted by the borough council. Cllr E Knibb knew that schools in the parish were agreeing to release pupils to plant bulbs but many members attended school outside the parish. If the bulbs had to be planted on the actual day then involvement of members may be limited although Steve Crook thought some flexibility on this date may be sensible in case of poor weather. Cllr Mrs Allen said the Brownies hoped to plant some bulbs in the Garden of Memory and suggested the flower bed at the far end of the Village Green by the Bradford road may be a suitable site. The Clerk confirmed the parish council would need to consider this topic at their next meeting as they were responsible for open spaces. The Youth Council were in agreement that the project should be supported but their practical help may be difficult if there were time and date restrictions.