

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2013
AT 19.30HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr A Terry
Councillors: Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr E Hicks Cllr Mrs. L Smith
 Cllr M Hayes Cllr I Hiley Cllr J Whelan
 Cllr Mrs. A Haywood Cllr J Riordan Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins
Officers: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Public: None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies received from Cllr J Horne-MacDonald were noted for the reasons given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.

None declared.

3. Dispensations.

None received.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesdays, 28th November and 12th December, 2012, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. Planning Applications.

The Planning Applications received since the last meeting were considered and the following recommendations made to the Borough Council:-

Application No	Applicant	Location	Type
Recommendation to the Borough Council			
2012/1927	Mr Nigel Phillips	226 Bradford Road	Minor Full Appl
Could be approved subject to any neighbours comments.			
2012/1939	Mr M Hill	1 Clayton Drive	Minor Full Appl
Could be approved subject to any neighbours comments.			
2012/1956	Signage	299 Chester Road	Advert Appl
Should be approved.			
2012/1966	Mr Anthony Smith	24,26 & 28 Manor Park Road	Change of Use
Could be approved subject to any neighbours comments.			

6. Budget Planning 2013/14.

Members noted the minor variations reported by the Clerk on the projected actuals. Implications of the changes brought in by the Localism Act were going to seriously affect the precept this year and most likely in future years. The Clerk would supply revised printouts for the Budget Working Party meeting and seek more information from Solihull MBC on any published explanations that would be useful for parishioners.

7. Working Parties and Steering Group.

There were no reports.

8. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted details of recent concerns raised by residents. The Leisure Services Committee had asked the Clerk to investigate alternative options to solve access problems by the Small Green, following a site visit by three councillors.

ACTION

Admin
Asst.
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Members
16/1
Budget WP

Clerk
asap

9. Training.

Members noted the opportunities and requests for training costing £298. Following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Terry, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Terry and Cllr Whelan attend the annual WALC Briefing Day and the Clerk attend the SLCC Practitioners conference in Derby, both being held at the beginning of March. Workshop opportunities were also discussed and preferred choices noted.

10. Clerk's Report.

Members noted that the Imperial War Museum website had been updated with the additional information supplied by the Clerk. It was hoped that future reference could be made to the annual Parade/service and members were pleased that information was available to anyone who searched their archives. The Clerk reported that she would arrange a training session after the February Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting for all authorised signatories of the banking system. Members were asked to individually check their access to the systems by 27th January and contact the Clerk by email if they needed to request their security ID's be reset by the bank. The Clerk could request training notes if necessary and members should bring their individually issued notifications with them to use after the meeting.

ACTION

Chairs &
Vice-Chairs
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