

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE  
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE  
BROMWICH ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY  
2014 AT 7.30PM**

**Those present:**

- Chairman:** Cllr A Terry  
**Councillors:** Cllr Mrs. P Allen            Cllr Mrs. A Haywood            Cllr J Horne-MacDonald  
                          Cllr M Hayes                            Cllr I Hiley                            Cllr J Riordan  
**Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO  
**Public:** None.

**1. Apologies.**

The apologies received from Cllr E Hicks and Cllr J Whelan were noted for the reason given.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.**

None declared.

**3. Dispensations.**

None requested.

**4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**5. Questions from the Public.**

Under Standing Order 70, the Chairman prepared to adjourn standing orders to invite questions from members of the public but there were none in attendance.

**6. Planning Applications.**

The following recommendations were **AGREED** to be submitted to the Borough Council:

| Application No | Applicant   | Location          | Type            |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2014/975       | Olga Sharif | 259 Bradford Road | Minor Full Appl |

Could be approved subject to any neighbours comments.

**7. Flag Flying Policy and Armed Forces Week 2015.**

Following a review of the Flag Flying policy, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Allen, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to purchase a special flag to fly for a week in support of Armed Forces Day in future years, at an approximate cost of £60. There were no other changes required to the policy.

**8. Cloud Storage (IT).**

Members considered the implications of changing the computer back up system and following consideration felt it could be something to consider at a future time as it was not currently affordable. The Clerk undertook to pursue improvements to security aspects of data with Solutions 4 IT before purchasing additional disks needed to replace broken ones.

**9. Civic Service.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Allen, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Youth Council Chairman should in future take part in the Civic service by doing a bible reading. Subject to the Rector's consent, this may be a third reading or the reading previously done by the Council Vice-Chairman.

**10. Grant Funding.**

**ACTION**

Admin Asst.  
10/7

Admin Asst  
08/14

Clerk  
31/7

Clerk  
03/15

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Youth Council be invited to send a representative to the next Grants Working Party meeting (with Alan Crawford from Sustain also being invited to attend) at 8 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the Lounge; and that the Youth Council request **BE APPROVED** to investigate the feasibility of a grant application to pay for permanent outdoor table tennis facilities on one of the Open Spaces, subject to the later consideration of the Leisure Services Committee.

Clerk  
10/07  
**ACTION**

Clerk  
10/7  
LSC  
3/9

**11. Working Parties and Steering Group.**

Apologies were noted from the Chairman for the Grants Working Party meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 8pm in the Lounge.

**12. Residents' Concerns.**

Members noted the list of concerns previously circulated and the later parking complaint sent by email to the Clerk regarding 14<sup>th</sup> June, which she would acknowledge. There had been no complaints received by the parish council at all from residents or neighbours.

Clerk  
10/7

**13. Training.**

No new applications had been received but earlier bookings were clarified and confirmed. Members noted the potential opportunity that the Clerk may consider at a future time.

Clerk  
10/14

**14. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported that the support visit from RBS had been most successful and she hoped to extend the provision temporarily until work matters were more settled and new staff routines established. She had planned to attend a local security conference to be updated on changes to CCTV legislation but no confirmation was received of her booking. She would endeavour to find out if it would be repeated. The Annual Return and accompanying evidence had been acknowledged by Grant Thornton, although frustratingly an unusual power cut had disrupted final copying of submissions. Members discussed the new Planning Guidance document produced by the Borough Council and agreed it was generally disappointing. Cllr Hayes undertook to raise this matter at the forthcoming SAC meeting.

