

be placed on the January agenda. Members noted that the HS2 Consultation on the Environmental Statement was available electronically in the Parish Council Office, although the Clerk said a corrected update has been received that would need to be installed before the public used the system.

8. Vacancy for Parish Councillors – Bradford Ward and Timberley Ward.

Members noted the vacancy for two councillors had been declared by the Clerk and duly advertised.

9. Birmingham Development Plan 2031 – Pre Submission Plan.

Following consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** that the document be noted with interest.

10. Budget Plan 2014-2015.

a) Members noted the draft budget as initially recommended by Committees, as tabled. Members had agreed that certain items would be reviewed at the January meetings when latest income/expenditure figures would allow more accurate year end forecasts to be made.

b) Members noted the provisional information just provided by the Borough Council, which was tabled, giving an indication of the mitigation grant from central government and the possible Band D tax base for the parish. With the permission of the Chairman, Bor. Cllr Richards outlined the financial difficulties being faced by the Borough Council in the next 3 years. The Chairman expressed his concern about the effects on Castle Bromwich and the need to be mindful of this when setting the parish budget. Members were pleased to note the likelihood of road resurfacing being started at The Green.

11. Finance and Payments.

Following clarification of queries, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Rashid, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as listed be approved.

12. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 4th December 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

13. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesdays, 27th November and 11th December 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

14. Report of the Staff Panel.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Staff Panel held on Thursday, 14th November 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

15. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on Thursday 12th December she had been invited (as the Youth Link Councillor) to the presentation evening at Park Hall Academy, with the Chairman and the Clerk. It had been a most enjoyable evening.

Cllr Mrs. Allen also reported that on Saturday, 14th December she had been pleased to attend the Under 5 and Under 7 Football Tournament in the playing field. Some teams had travelled quite a distance to the event which she had found most enjoyable, although a little muddy.

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16. Report of the Officer of the Council.

No urgent matters to report.

17. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that there had been just one engagement this month when he had attended the Park Hall presentation evening on 12th December along with Cllr Mrs. Allen and the Clerk to the Council. This had been an interesting evening and many students received awards for their efforts in the previous academic year. It was encouraging to see a number of Youth Councillors succeeding in their studies. The evening took place against a backdrop of a poor OFSTED report which has seen the school put into special measures. The Head had left the school and it now came under the executive control of Arden school. This was a disappointing situation and one can only trust that better days were ahead under the new regime. Looking forward to next year he was pleased that the Council had made good progress on its budget preparation and that it was beginning to plan new projects. In particular he was looking forward to seeing Parish Plan actions put in place.

18. Licence – Castle Bromwich Cricket and Sports Club.

Members noted the required information had been supplied by the Club on 12th December. Unfortunately the council's server failed the following day and could not be passed to the solicitor straightaway, therefore the solicitor had been unable to process the alterations in time for this meeting. Members **AGREED** that they were as keen as ever to get this matter settled but the matter had to be deferred to the January meeting.

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