

matter of priority. Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Allen, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that that this item be considered under confidential terms as it contained legal advice on contracts from the solicitor and be deferred to the end of the meeting.

9. Chelmsley Advice and Resource Agency.

Following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Rashid, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the £100 returned to the council following the dissolution of CARA should be placed in the council's general fund.

10. Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/15.

The Chairman reminded members that the changes last year had meant the council's income from the expected tax base was reduced by £26,451 and the government grant passed on by Solihull MBC of £14,878 meant that the shortfall of £11,573 had to be met by parish council savings/use of reserves. Following discussion of the consultation, **IT WAS AGREED** that concern should be expressed about the impact on future finance if this continued in future years. The Clerk would inform members of the tax base when notified by Solihull MBC as this was key to the precept calculations.

Clerk
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11. Village Green Notice Board.

Following discussion, a date for the site meeting at the Village Green was agreed for Cllrs Knibb, Mrs. Allen and Miss Ward on Wednesday 2nd October at 7 pm, with fellow members invited by email to join if available.

Clerk
Email
Asap

12. Hurst Lane Place Consultation Meeting.

The Chairman's report had been circulated and members noted it had been an excellent meeting with extremely informative presentations given. Although there were large scale plans, it was hoped that the budget would be sufficient to meet them and that Castle Bromwich had a scheme that it deserved. **IT WAS AGREED** that Arden Hall should be offered to Solihull MBC as a venue for the community consultation, subject to availability, and that no charge be levied to help reduce costs of the project.

Asst Clerk
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13. Finance and Payments.

Cllr Hiley withdrew from the meeting. Following resolution of several queries by the Clerk, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Knibb, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Ward, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as listed be approved. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the payments made on BACS5, authorised by the Clerk under delegated powers, should be ratified and approved retrospectively. Cllr Hiley was invited to return to the meeting.

Admin
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14. Report of the Staff Panel.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Knibb, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Staff Panel held on Monday 29th July 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

15. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

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

16. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesdays, 31st July and 11th September 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

17. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on Thursday 19th September she had attended Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens AGM. Updates were given at that meeting and Cllr Mrs. Allen confirmed to members that the latest car boot sale had been very poorly attended due to appalling weather. Finances were struggling as a result of lost income but the Chairman added that U3A members were attending the Gardens regularly and hoped that their support had enhanced their finances.

Cllr Knibb reported that on 18th July he had attended the WALC county meeting at Leamington Spa. The usual apologies, declarations, approval of previous minutes and matters arising were completed and then the results considered of a DCLG survey on the experience of parish councils with the Localism Act and a report on the Quality Parish Scheme and an analysis of its findings and proposals. Under financial matters, a recommendation for investment in the CCLA investment trust was debated extensively and the association resolved to re-invest the £80,000 proceeds from a recently realized matured bond into the CCLA Investment trust at share class 4 rate. WALC Area Committees and their operations were reviewed and the association agreed to accept the recommendation of the Policy & Advisory Committee set aside up to £16000 pa, in order to facilitate their continuance and improve their effectiveness in serving the needs of their members. Next on the agenda was the discussion on joint shared working with neighbouring CALC's in an effort to reduce costs and increase access to expertise and knowledge available to members, which was an ongoing consideration as the current economic climate may have considerable impact on the whole of CALC's membership nationally in the near future. The county members also discussed the succession planning for officers and agreed the recruitment process. It was resolved that the County Chairman would propose a motion to National Association, on behalf of WALC, with regard to a county parish member being a representative on the Police and Crime Panels for their Police and Crime Commissioners. Cllr Izzie Secombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, would be invited as the guest speaker at the AGM on 13th November. The County Committee also discussed NALC's announcement that due to a shortfall in the funding commission received from AON, there would be a £65,000 deficit in their budget. It was estimated that an increase in 10-15% in affiliation fees would be required. Reports from a variety of outside bodies were received. The next meeting would be Wednesday 23rd October, again at Leamington Spa.

Cllr Knibb reported that on Tuesday 17th September, he attended the HS2 Forum meeting at Bromford, chaired by Martin Brooks. HS2 was represented by Donovan Bailey and three support staff and Solihull MBC represented by Bor. Cllr Ted Richards and Walter Bailey, their Senior Transport Engineer. An update was given on notes and actions from the last meeting, which were accepted and progress had been completed on all but three environmental/employment projection issues which will remain unresolved until after the Hybrid Bill process, which should be completed by the end of November. The Paving Bill, which covered compensation measures was being discussed at Parliamentary Select Committee and Caroline Spelman, MP, would represent local concerns regarding blight and compensation issues. The Paving Bill would then pass to the House of Lords before returning to the Parliamentary procedures and then on for the Queens Royal assent and the Bill becoming law. Cllr Knibb urged people to attend the HS2 working party meetings for the Borough to find out more information.

Cllr Whelan reported on the latest Airport Consultative Committee, when passenger numbers were reported as being up to one million in August and likely to exceed nine million for the whole year. Air India had flights four times each week, using the

Dreamliner plane. Air Blue (Pakistan) were flying to Lahore and Islamabad. Ryanair and other operators were flying to new venues and Aer Lingus was flying to the States via Dublin. The Emirates and Turkish airlines had a big volume of flights. The runway extension road works on the A45 were nearly complete and earthworks for the runway and construction were aimed for completion in December and the runway surface by Spring 2014, although weather could affect these plans. The employment prospects were looking favourable. The submission to the Airport Commission had contained a key message that Birmingham Airport sat at the centre of the country and with the HS2/M42 gateway with the NEC/Airport it was possible to establish ¼ million jobs, although figures like this were difficult to estimate in the long term.

18. Report of the Officer of the Council.

The Clerk reported that some absences were creating additional demands for staff trying to cover shifts; new advice on registration of interests by members were distributed in preparation for consideration at the next council meeting; the joint letter from relevant agencies about parking had been re-drafted by the Clerk and hopefully ready to print soon.

19. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that on August 12th, along with Councillors Haywood, Allen and the Clerk he had visited sports pavilions at Meriden, Banbury and Hartshill. This had been a useful and informative day, which was covered in a separate report.

On September 3rd he had attended a meeting on the Hurst Lane project which again was the subject of a separate report.

On September 7th he had attended the opening of the fitness equipment in the park by the Mayor of Solihull. This was a well attended event and he gave special thanks to the Assistant Clerk and the Park Wardens who had worked hard to make it a success and also to Brenda from Bromford Lions for managing the refreshments so well. A special mention was also given for Cllr Mrs. Smith's fitness group who demonstrated the equipment so enthusiastically.

On September 11th the Chairman drew the charity raffle at Dantana's Hair Salon, which had been most enjoyable. On September 28th he had agreed to attend the rededication of the Chapel of Rest at Painters Funeral directors in Green Lane.

8. Licence Agreements Castle Bromwich Cricket and Sports Club.

Following deferment from earlier in the meeting, and under confidential terms, the Chairman invited views on the legal advice that had been received. Following careful consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** that the Council were endeavouring to conclude the matter promptly but had a responsibility to both parties to consider the legal advice to give best protection to both parties. The Council was committed to a speedy resolution of the new licence agreement. The Chairman urged members to submit their views, in bullet point form, to the Clerk in order to help give direction to the solicitor. Some sample information was available for members to view in the Council Office. It was planned to arrange a meeting with the solicitor to establish a fair contract, attended by the Chairman, Chair of Leisure Services and the Clerk, possibly incorporating all aspects in a single agreement, that would then be issued to the club.

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