

not leaving passable space for a wheelchair/a pedestrian with a double buggy. Everyone agreed that it was an antisocial problem, although offenders were often local residents. Sometimes there were multi-vehicles in ownership at one address and that contributed to the problems. The Chairman raised an incident of a vehicle driving fully on the pavement but Bor Cllr Richards replied that was not illegal. An emergency TRO was being placed on Hurst Lane North as buses were repeatedly forced to mount the pavement to get through, which had damaged water pipes. Discussions ensued on design of roads, 20 mph zones, educating residents to give up garden space to park their cars, growing family sizes, empty drives in some of the photographs shown, limitation of powers although Neighbourhood Teams often sent letters to several properties where problems were evident, different issues affecting safety at school entrances, £3,000 spent by SMBCon installation of bollards on verges in Green Lane, enforcement of all yellow line infringements in the borough by just 20 CEO's, Borough freeze on putting in new parking bays for the next 3 years, advisory regulations in Birmingham that reduced their parking problems. Members noted the strength of parish byelaws that prohibited parking and asked the Borough Council to have the same regulation. It was explained that the Borough Council byelaws required evidence of damage taking place before a prosecution could be instigated which was not practical. Bor. Cllr Richards said the worst cases of parking were being dealt with although there were currently 89 requests for TRO's, with 2 from Castle Bromwich. Only about 15 orders were made per year. Sgt. Mirza clarified that the police had powers to prosecute for obstruction with a warning letter issued first before a penalty ticket. There was also power to remove a vehicle if it was in a dangerous position, although mounting the pavement was not unlawful. **IT WAS AGREED** that Sgt. Mirza's offer for two members of his team to take joint action to record locations, speak to motorists and offer an opportunity to park somewhere else and then follow up with warning letters where required was a welcome start in getting the message through. Details would be shared by the parish council after the next Cuppa with a Copper at Arden Hall. Bor. Cllr Richards agreed to highlight areas at the monthly Borough Neighbourhood team meetings, following up with letters where necessary. In conclusion, there was a consensus that obstruction was a valid reason for the police to act, that pedestrians were facing unacceptable risk in the road when pavements were blocked and that if powers were currently insufficient then perhaps parishioners or the council should seek support from their MP.

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6. Questions from Councillors.

None.

7. Questions from the Public.

A resident from the Bradford ward referred to the new white line markings by the Borough Council at the top of the Village Green and Water Orton Road, he re-stated the dire need for repainting of the lines at the Timberley Lane junction with Chester Road which he had viewed as a deathtrap for some time. He also thanked the Borough Council for the improvements done by the community payback team on the old Birmingham Road, which although still closed was in need of more work. He supported the initiatives outlined to raise awareness of the damage to grass verges by parking and hoped that measures could be taken to prevent the problems from escalating as they had in Birmingham.

8. Communications.

Members noted the information listed and Sgt. Mirza confirmed he had received assistance with the design of a new poster.

9. Standing Order No. 70 – Amendment.

The Chairman announced that the recommendations of the Working Party for revision of Standing Order 70 regarding public participation during Council and Committee meetings

had been circulated and, in accordance with Standing Order 80, would stand adjourned without discussion to the following meeting.

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10. To appoint Representative to outside Bodies.

1. Following consideration this matter was deferred to the next meeting so that absent members were offered the opportunity of being appointed as there were many strong views on the topic of HS2.
2. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that Cllr Knibb be put forward to the North Solihull Partnership as a candidate to join the Safer Solihull Partnership.

Asst. Clerk
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Members were reminded of their responsibility to give reports at Council meetings on events and meetings they had attended in their capacity as appointed representatives.

11. Terms of Reference.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Knibb, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the terms of reference for all Committees, including the newly formed Leisure Services sub-committee, be approved.

12. Independent Investigation.

The Clerk reported that the Club had sent an emailed response that day to the council's request in May for a joint statement on moving forward and release of the investigation report to the public. The response would be circulated to members before the next meeting but it was noted with regret that the Club had declined to give consent for the release of the report, which they had previously publicly welcomed on their website. Members would consider the options for the council when they had read the club's concerns.

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13. Licence Agreements – Castle Bromwich Cricket and Sports Club.

The Clerk reported that the meeting she had requested in March had been held on 24th June with the Club Secretary, Club Vice-Chairman and the parish council's Open Spaces Supervisor. Although it was not possible to agree some matters, members noted the clerk would forward information to the club, councillors and the council's solicitor when it was typed and hoped that further delays could be avoided.

Clerk/Club
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14. Long Term Financial Planning.

The Chairman asked members to consider the best process to refine and develop long term financial planning. Following discussion and anticipation of austere times yet to come, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that a full day Financial Workshop for **all members** should take place on Monday 5th August to review current budgets, understand future needs, consider local and national restraints and establish options for future years. Cllr Hayes and the Chairman undertook to work with the Clerk and prepare the relevant information to plan the workshop.

All
members
5/8 at
9.30 am

15. Finance and Payments.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as listed be approved. Members noted the current budget printout and the update on financial accounts that were in operation. Cllr Knibb referred to news on a pay award but the Clerk replied that, as far as she was aware, national negotiations were not yet completed but 1% had been offered.

Admin
Asst
28/6

16. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 5th June 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

17. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 12th June 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

18. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that Thursday, 6th June she had attended the 237 Birmingham 1st Castle Bromwich Scout Group AGM on behalf of the Chairman. The first part of the meeting was about the leaders and helpers. They had about 240 children in various groups with 2 Beaver groups, 3 Cub packs, 3 Scouts and Explorer groups per week. They had done 200 hours of scouting and 630 nights away camping. There were 438 badges that they had to achieve in the different groups. There were 36 leaders at different levels in the groups. Also they had 16 active parents helping out at camps and activities during the year and had raised £1200 from the Sutton Fun Run. They also have had solar panels installed on their building which was helping with the running costs and they were considering extending as it was full to capacity. It was a very enjoyable evening and she thanked them for their kind invitation.

On Sunday, 23rd June, Cllr Mrs. Allen had attended the Mayor of Solihull's Civic Service, again on behalf of the Chairman. It was a very pleasant service and afterwards light refreshments were provided at the Civic Suite. It was a very enjoyable event and she thanked them for their kind invitation.

Cllr Mrs. Haywood reported that on Saturday 18th May 2013 Cllr Mrs. Allen and herself had attended the AGM for the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust which was held in the office of the newly opened Community Hall at St Mary and St Margaret's church. Although only five members were able to attend, the meeting was quorate and went ahead. The Earl of Bradford was elected and confirmed as Chairman, with the Rev Gavin Douglas as Vice Chairman for the coming year. Letters of thanks had been received from all the successful applicants last November 2012. The end of year accounts to 31st March 2013 were presented, having been audited, and were agreed and signed. Applications had been received from various groups within the Castle Bromwich area with both the Castle Bromwich Junior School and St Mary & St Margaret's Primary School seeking support for the running costs of their forthcoming productions of Matilda and Macbeth respectively. This was agreed. Support was also given to the Infants school for their new Library Project for books and other resources. Two applications had been received outside of the deadline but it was felt that both needed to be considered. One was to enable a carer to take a much needed break from caring for his wife. The other was to a young man with a terminal illness to enable him to visit the South of France. After consideration it was felt that the Trust should support both of these one-off applications, which were very much part of what the Dame Bridgeman Trust was all about, to give financial help where needed to those people/groups in the Castle Bromwich Area. The next meeting of the Trust would be in November 2013, with all applications for donations needing to be sent to the Secretary Jerry Dutton by end of October.

Cllr Mrs. Haywood also reported that on Monday 24th June, she had attended a Full Governors Meeting at Castle Bromwich Junior School where minutes from the last meetings were approved and agreed. The Head Teachers report was presented and the meeting informed that in Reading there had been an increased expectation that English lessons have a reading element as well as a writing element. This was having a very positive impact on the children. At present the subject leader was currently researching the

“Reading Eggspress” programme to support reading at home and at school. Maths continued to have a high profile in school with boys performing better in this subject. Work was being undertaken to understand why girls seemed to under-achieve in this subject. Governors were updated on Unity and Company Status. The Junior School was level 4 and on the Board of Directors and therefore part of the decision making. Good progress was being made on the premises development, with the tendering process for the resources and ICT rooms being completed. Building Design at Solihull Council were involved to help design the layout for the Resources Room. The Chair informed the Governors that a new pay policy structure was being introduced for teachers which would be based on Performance etc. For the new academic year it was agreed that Governors would be assigned to a Class rather than a subject with a minimum of 2 visits per year. Governors continued to attend trainings throughout the year and a recent Ofsted information evening had resulted in a small working party being set-up to have a greater understanding of what would be required during the inspection. It was likely that Castle Bromwich Junior School would be inspected during the next term. As a Governor, she had been invited to go with class 4B to Lunt Roman Fort which proved an excellent day and one which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The training of a Roman Soldier was an “eye-opener” and I think the children were glad it was more of a game than for real. The school were putting on Matilda under the guidance of Gavin Prime, which both Cllr Mrs. Allen and herself would be going to see under an invitation sent to the Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust Member.

Cllr Whelan reported he had attended a meeting of the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee on 12th June, 2013. The major focus of the meeting had been a report from the Chief Executive on the Airports Commission. In response to requests from the Commission chaired by Sir Howard Davies the Airport had prepared a proposal for a flexible airport expansion. This expansion would allow the airport to fully exploit its present capacity from 9 million passengers a year to 18 million in the short term and in the longer term grow to serve 70 million passengers a year. The current runway extension project would increase capacity to 36 million but a new runway was required to grow beyond that number. The airport is proposing a second 3000 metre runway to the east of the current runway. This would share its terminal building with the proposed HS2 station. Any development would not commence until HS2 had been completed in 2026. The entire project was very long term and concerned with the development of air travel over the next 50 plus years. Birmingham Airport believed that the UK needed a network of long-haul airports and that these would best be located in Manchester, Birmingham and London. The Birmingham proposal was soundly based from an economic point of view. It cited 250,000 more jobs in the wider economy with ½ million businesses and 6 ½ million employees located in Birmingham’s catchment area. Furthermore, for 19 million people Birmingham was their nearest airport and once HS2 was running the airport would be within 50 minutes of central London offering an excellent gateway for overseas visitors. It must be stressed that these were only proposals, they were not firmly planned at this time and were dependent on HS2 proceeding as well as the decision of the Commission in terms of where the extra capacity was to be developed.

19. Report of the Officer of the Council.

The Clerk reported that police had closed the file on the criminal damage done to the cricket pitch and members noted a match took place the previous weekend. Members were reminded of the Annual Inspection taking place the following afternoon and the Events Working party notified of the Remembrance Parade Planning Meeting on Tuesday 2nd July.

All
members
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Events WP
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20. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman that on Friday 24th May Cllr Mrs. Allen and he had attended the Chairman's Charity Dance at Smiths Wood Parish Council. The event had been hosted by Councillor Rashid and was in aid of the Valerie Taylor Trust. This excellent charity was established to help the rehabilitation of paralysed people in Bangladesh. The Mayor of Solihull had also attended, together with representatives from other local councils. It had been a very enjoyable evening for a very worthy cause and he extended congratulations to Cllr Rashid and his family for their hard work.

On Friday 7th June Cllr Mrs. Allen and he acted as judges at the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative final at Park Hall Academy. Eight teams of Year 9 pupils gave presentations in support of their chosen charity for a prize of £3000. All the teams performed to a very high standard and the event was most enjoyable, although judging had proved difficult. The eventual winners were the team representing DreamMakers who arranged holidays for sick children and their families.

The Civic Service was held on Sunday 9th June at the parish church, where the Rector, Rev'd Gavin Douglas conducted a wonderful service with some stirring hymns and a thought provoking sermon. The Mayor and Mayoress of Solihull were in attendance together with the local MP and all three Borough Councillors with their respective spouses. Cllr Mrs. Allen had a very long old testament reading and other parish councillors and youth parish councillors were in the congregation. The reception at Arden Hall afterwards was excellent and overall the event was a great credit to Castle Bromwich.

On Tuesday 11th June he had attended the second Business Breakfast organised by Cllr Mrs. Haywood. The theme was "starting your own business" and Cllr Hiley gave an excellent presentation covering his own experiences. Once again the attendance was small but we will continue with this endeavour and intend to pursue new avenues to boost numbers. The next event is planned for Tuesday 8th October.

On Saturday, 29th June he would attend the Solihull Under 9's Football Tournament at Yardley Rugby Club. This event had been organised by Bromford Lions and the parish council would be sponsoring the match balls.