

6. Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Whelan asked, on behalf of a resident, that the parish Council ascertain the current position regarding the proposals that were subject to a planning application on land bordered by Bradford Road, Old Croft Lane and The Green. With the permission of the Chairman, the Clerk was able to confirm that an application had been made to the Borough Council by a developer which she would anticipate being notified to the Parish Council shortly. When confirmed, the details should appear on a future agenda of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, possibly being 13th or 27th April.

7. Communications.

Members noted the information listed and, in addition, were made aware that individual responses would be required to the Solihull MBC consultation for a raised hump on Hurst Lane North near to Castle Bromwich Junior School as the deadline was imminent. Members noted the suggestion that Committees consider the implications of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 (tabled for members).

8. Renewal of WALC subscription.

Following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the annual subscription be renewed at a cost of £1063. There had been no increase on the previous year.

9. Annual Parishioner's Meeting - 3rd May, 2011

Following consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** that the usual reports at the meeting on Tuesday 3rd May should be accompanied by the opportunity to publicise the forthcoming Community Appraisal/Parish Planning, the Pavilion Redevelopment, a report from the Youth Council Chairman and to provide a showcase opportunity to local groups and organisations from Castle Bromwich to show information about their own activities and perhaps recruit new members.

10. Working Parties.

Cllr Hiley reported that the Buildings working party had met and recommended that preliminary works (phase 1) focus initially on the Spencer Hall (to replace windows, possibly with integral blinds, decorate the stage frontage, redecoration of ceiling and walls, and sundry 'tidying') at an anticipated cost of £7,000, hopefully with work undertaken during 3 weekends. Any unspent funds to be utilized for the Windsor Room (to replace windows, ceiling, décor and floor improvements) which staff and customers also raised as a priority area. Working party members then hoped that phase 2 would give further improvements to the Spencer Hall (new doors, heating, ventilation, electrics and backstage) but timing would be longer term, possibly 2/3 years depending on finance. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the capital funding already set aside be spent on phase 1 for the project to move forward.

11. Consideration of HS2 Issues.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Mrs. Haywood **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that an exhibition be held for parishioners and neighbouring residents. The Clerk informed members that a new consultation document and CD had been received, which was available on request.

12. Centro – East Birmingham and North Solihull – Bus Network Review.

Members were sad to note the views and requests previously made by the council appeared to have been disregarded.

13. Standards Committee.

Members noted the information received on this important matter, which had been read

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with interest by some and commended as being of value, covering declarations of interest in greater depth than training previously provided.

14. Payments and financial matters.

Members noted the tabled information. Following clarification of queries, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments be approved. Members would receive additional year end reports in due course. In line with normal procedures and following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Whelan, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the remaining balances on repairs and maintenance, capital allocations, tree maintenance and tree planting and the Village Green Sensory Peace Garden be placed in earmarked reserves, at a provisional total of £22,191.00.

15. Consultation on Dog Byelaws.

At the invitation of the Chairman, members took the opportunity to express their views having carefully considered the public responses that had previously been circulated. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned, in line with standing orders, to give members of the public another opportunity to express their opinions. A member of the public thanked the council for a second opportunity to speak. He felt that the action already taken by the council following a dog attack the previous year had been sufficient. Another member of the public felt that the majority of dog owners were responsible and sensible, with any concerns or breaches being passed on to the park warden for further action. Following resumption of the meeting, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Smith, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the existing byelaws be maintained with no change. Any owners of unruly/uncontrolled dogs could be requested to put them on leads and non-compliance with this request could result in their being instructed not to enter the park, with involvement of the police if necessary. The Clerk undertook to arrange a notice to inform park users/parishioners of the council's decision and would also pass on all of the complimentary comments to the park wardens. Staff had reported an improvement in relationships with park users, particularly dog owners, who now regularly alerted them to abuse of facilities by other visitors.

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16. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2011, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

17. Report of the Staff Panel.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Staff Panel held on Thursday, 3rd March 2011, having been circulated, be noted.

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18. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. L Smith, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd February and 9th March, 2011, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

19. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Riordan reported that on Thursday 24 March he had attended the WALC County

AGM in Warwick when the main topic was the renewal of the service level agreement with Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC), which was explained. A presentation was given by Kim Slater, WRCC Chief Officer, who explained they had lost council funding but had managed to establish alternative funding. He explained that they were having to look closely at their budget for the next financial year, when it was planned to move offices to Wellesbourne Enterprise Park. He explained the proposed WALC Agency Fee for 2011/12 which was approximately 2.5 % more than the current cost, plus already agreed changes to the employment cost for 2011/12. After he left the meeting the new agency fee was debated and accepted by the County Committee. All paperwork relating to this meeting could be obtained from the Clerk.

The Chairman reported that on Tuesday 8th March the Youth Council had met to consider the design of signage at the Village Green and the offer of Bird Boxes. It was agreed that there was insufficient support for a Ball to celebrate the Royal Wedding in preference to the original idea of a picnic, which would need to be deferred for possibly the Diamond Jubilee or Olympics in 2012, due to pressure of school work/exams that members were currently undertaking.

20. Report of the Officer of the Council.

The Clerk reported that the Solihull News had sought information about flooding problems on Water Orton Road and she had explained that there had been no issues brought to the council's attention recently, although action had previously been taken by the parish council to alleviate concerns where possible. She had highlighted the recent consultation by the Borough Council on the topic of flooding and should residents report any concerns to the Parish Council in future they would be asked to submit information to Solihull MBC.

21. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that she had purchased most of the plants for the raised bed in the Garden of Memory, with a donation of 2 roses by someone with family connections to Arden Hall. The Chairman was also most pleased to report that the Chairman's Charity Quiz held on Friday 25th March had raised a total of £259.50 and she thanked Cllr Mrs Haywood, Mr. Haywood, Cllr Amos, Youth Cllr Miss N Browne, Youth Cllr Miss L Phillips, staff and the quizmaster, Mr M White, and his team for their kind help.

22. Land adjoining the Village Green - complaint.

Members listened to the complaint about parking by the empty factory and the activities being witnessed, leaving rubbish and broken glass. Following the extended parking by a foreign lorry, a request was made that until the site was redeveloped that the access be blocked. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk ask for further details, with the police being asked to address some of the concerns highlighted.

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23. Proposed Sale of Access Road – land adjoining Village Green.

Under confidential terms, members noted the brief update from the Clerk and endorsed the action she intended.

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