



believed that the A452 was being widened to three lanes to the Spitfire island and suggested there should be better alternative routes to be lobbied for. Bor Cllr Richards confirmed there had been a lengthy debate about HS2 construction at the Forum meeting. It was suggested that Cllr Knibb, as the parish council representative, could be asked to raise this at the next meeting. Cllr Hiley asked if the Spitfire island was going to be moved but Bor. Cllr Richards confirmed it was going to be signalized but not moved.

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#### **7. Communications.**

Members noted the information listed.

#### **8. Government Guidance on Openness and Transparency of a Councillor's Interests.**

Members noted the new guidance that had been circulated and the individual responsibility to review their declaration of interests form.

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#### **9. Licensing Issues - Castle Bromwich Cricket and Sports Club.**

At the request of the Leisure Services Committee, members considered carefully the suggestions formed following the information and clarification at a joint meeting with the Club and the Licensing Authority. Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hicks, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that that the following recommendations be passed to the council's solicitors for incorporation into the new agreement, with the council reviewing the operational changes 12 months after the start of the agreement:

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1. a) Council to extend the park opening hours on summer Saturdays until 9.15 pm, daylight permitting;  
b) Council to instruct that two Wardens should be on duty on those Saturdays when cricket matches were played, from 4 p.m. until locking up time;
2. a) Council to establish an area outside the Clubroom to allow adult matches in progress to be viewed by members and guests who may consume alcohol under the jurisdiction of the Club Steward;  
b) Council to instruct no glass be allowed in outside areas;  
c) Council to instruct any room capacity for Club functions remains at maximum of 70 persons;
3. Council to review the cost of measures put in place;
4. Any breach of regulations would result in suspension of bookings.

Following the decision of Council at the September meeting, members noted in confidence the additional information collated and sent to the solicitor, with a draft licence agreement being requested for council to agree on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. Two members and the Clerk would meet the solicitor to discuss the licence agreement. Members agreed with Cllr Mrs. Haywood that it was pleasing to be at the stage of going forward in harmony together. She hoped the new measures would be accepted to enhance the summer matches, although it had been a shame it had taken so long.

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#### **10. Notice of Conclusion of Audit for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.**

Members noted the satisfactory conclusion of the external audit by Grant Thornton and that the statutory notice had been duly published.

#### **11. Finance and Payments.**

Cllr Hiley withdrew from the meeting. Following confirmation by the Clerk of the public benefit of moving the council office to the ground floor, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as listed be approved. Cllr Hiley was invited to return to the meeting.

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#### **12. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hiley, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 Hiley, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesdays, 25<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013, having been circulated, be received and noted.

**14. Representatives to Outside Bodies.**

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October she had attended Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Apple Day, which had been a good event. Sadly it had been necessary to have extra security to protect the site following previous problems and there had been a cost element to that unfortunately. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October she had attended a Trustees meeting.

Cllr Knibb had submitted two reports to be made available in his absence. On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October he had attended the WALC county meeting at Leamington Spa. The first item of import was the acknowledgement of £1,000 sponsorship cheque from Came & Co that had been received and banked. The salaries of officers and pension contributions. The estimated budgets for 2014-15. BACs payments by WALC and internet banking. Level of member subscriptions to be set was debated, due to the numerous current uncertainties regarding grant funding levels and the prospect of paying for an extra county secretary during the forthcoming year. It was decided that as inflation was currently running at 3.3% pa and having managed to maintain prudent level of reserves in anticipation of what was soon sure to present itself. It was wise to recommend to members at the AGM that a small increase of 2% in membership subscriptions should be agreed for the next year. The Committee also approved exploring future joint working with two other County Associations and the prospect of including several others if all proved to be beneficial to County Associations. The ultimate aim was to reduce costs, improve efficiencies and increase the expertise and service offered to members. The Committee confirmed arrangements for the AGM and the nomination of President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer and Auditor for the next year. WALC also now operated a central database for parish and town council contacts for the Warwickshire County Council and were presenting a new Local Council's Charter for Warwickshire for their consideration over the coming few weeks. WALC were also getting heavily engaged with the creation of new parish councils with Birmingham and the West Midlands, as a result of government funding of £1 million being made available nationally to assist them in doing so. Finally a whole raft of outside body reports were delivered to the committee relating to the work of NALC, the 271<sup>st</sup> NALC council meeting, the 5 WALC area committee meetings, the West Midlands CALC meeting, the Local Access Forum and also from the Safer & Stronger Partnership Board. The next meeting would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, Cllr Knibb attended the Solihull Area Committee meeting held at Meriden. He was pleased to report that Cllr Ken Meeson and Cllr Rosie Weaver had both been appointed as the SAC representatives on the WALC County Committee. Sarah Brooke-Taylor was a guest speaker talking about the operation of the Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate, which was a charity operated by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. As Solihull was part of the old 1937 Warwickshire boundary from which they operated, this service was available to the Castle Bromwich community area. He urged all users of heating oil or LPG to take advantage of their super keen prices and a leaflet was available from the Clerk if anyone required further details. The next guest

speakers were Emma Mayhew and Chris Morris who kindly demonstrated the new Solihull MBC website which was expected to be operational by mid/end November. He believed confirm that it was vastly improved and substantially more user friendly. Next the Committee were presented with the final copy of the new Parish and Town Council Charter which had been both approved and accepted by Solihull MBC. This had been a considerable and very challenging task which was undertaken and performed by a collaboration of Cllr Rosie Weaver of Meriden Parish Council, Cllr Brian Brown of Cheswick Green Parish Council and our own Clerk, Cathy Tibbles completing the team. This was an excellent piece of work which he hoped would finally unlock the doors of future co-operation between the two tiers of councils. The next meeting would be held at Castle Bromwich on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014.

**15. Report of the Officer of the Council.**

The Clerk reported that she had been notified that her application for a free new heating system for Arden Hall had not been successful. Although it had reached the final 10 in this national scheme it had been beaten by another worthy community building. She also commended the redesigned Solihull MBC website that would be launched the following month. Detailed work had taken place to establish the most commonly needed information and to make it more easily available. She was particularly impressed by the (daytime) 'online chat support' option to help users find what they were looking for.

**16. Report of the Chairman.**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

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