Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 5th January 2011 at 7:30pm
Parish Hall Marston Green

Present
Councillors:

Mr Frank Bunce - Chairman
Mr Clive Hill
Mr Tom Hewlett
Mrs Velma Jones
Mrs Linda Poulson
Mrs Margret Wilden
Mrs Donna Williams
Mr Phillip Wood

Clerk: Carole Cox
Public: 2 members

1163 THE PUBLIC

Mr Southwick asked if the Council knew what was happening regarding the speed bumps in Bickenhill Road. The Clerk advised that Solihull MBC had been asked that question initially and had advised that all the speed bumps were to be re-instated following the resurfacing.

Mr Laight asked if the Council had received any planning application in respect of Moat House Farm. Cllr Poulson advised that nothing had been submitted to Solihull MBC this week.

1164 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Williams and Cllr Green. No Apologies had been received by the Clerk from Cllr Mills.

1165 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

1166 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on the 1st December 2010

Cllr Bunce asked members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm that these were a true and accurate record.
Cllr Wood advised that he had requested the Clerk to amend the minutes regarding minute no 1152.1, to state,
"*Cllr Wood stated that he felt it should not be deferred but queried if another quote was required. The Clerk confirmed that one quote was acceptable on this occasion.*"
Proposed: Cllr Poulson ***Seconded: Cllr D Williams***
All in Favour
It was Resolved *that the minutes are a true and accurate record*

1167 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
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Minute No 888 Cricket Club Lease

Cllr Bunce advised that a meeting had been arranged on the 10th January 2011, to progress this issue.

Minute No 899 Sign at Recreation Ground

Recreation Committee are progressing.

Chairman's Signature

Minute No 1118 Donation Request from M G Playgroup
The Clerk advised that she had written to the Playgroup and as yet had received no further response.

Minute No 1147 Apologies – Cllr Mills
The Clerk advised that she had written to Cllr Mills but had not received a reply.

Minute No 1154 Donation Request from Community Transport Solihull
The Clerk issued a copy of the response from Community Transport, following our further request for information. The matter was discussed and Cllr Wilden proposed that a donation of £50.00 be made. Cllr Poulson proposed that a £100.00 donation be made and this was agreed by Cllr Donna Williams. The proposal of a donation of £100.00 was put to the vote.
FOR: 7 **AGAINST: 1**
It was Resolved *that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £100.00 for the transportation of residents to activity groups within the village.*
Action item: *Clerk to arrange payment of the donation*

Minute No 1155 Precept 2011/12
The Clerk advised that the application for the 2011/12 Precept had been submitted to Solihull MBC.

Minute No 1159.8 Solihull MBC – Budget Consultation
The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the Parish Council's views to Solihull MBC on the 7th Dec 2010

Minute No 1159.9 Solihull MBC – Review of Polling Districts
The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the Parish Council's views to Solihull MBC on the 7th Dec 2010

1168 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING Held on 20th December 2010

Minute No 1168.1 ROSPA Report
The Recreation Committee were recommending the purchase of new swings and seats as recommended in the ROSPA report. The proposal is to accept the quote of £568.00.
Proposed: Cllr Wilden ***Seconded: Cllr Jones***
All in Favour
A resolution *was therefore passed for the Clerk to raise the order*

Minute No 1168.2 Review of Fees for 2011/12
Cllr Bunce outlined the proposals of the Recreation Committee that there should be no increase in Allotment Rents for 2012.
The Committee had also discussed the fees for the Burial Ground, Football, Cricket, Baseball and Pavilion and it was also agreed that due to the current economic climate there should be no increase in fees for the coming financial year. The proposal is that there will be no increase in fees for 2011/12.
Proposed: Cllr Hill ***Seconded: Cllr Jones***
All in Favour
A resolution *was therefore passed that there would be no increase in fees for 2011/12*

1169 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE Held on the 17th December 2010

Chairman's Signature

Cllr Bunce asked if there were any comments regarding the proposals put forward by the Planning Sub Committee regarding the planning applications received.
The proposal is to accept the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Wilden ***Seconded: Cllr Poulson***
All in Favour
A resolution *was therefore passed to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee*

1170 SOLIHULL MBC – REVIEW OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES
The Clerk advised that the survey had been sent to all Councillors via e-mail and that a response was required by 11th January 2011. Cllr Bunce suggested that we go through the questions and formulate the response.
All in Favour
A resolution *was therefore passed for the Clerk to send the completed survey*

1171 CPRE MEMBERSHIP
The Clerk advised that the annual membership of £29.00 was now due. The proposal is that we renew the membership.
Proposed: Cllr Wilden ***Seconded: Cllr D Williams***
All in Favour
A resolution *was therefore passed to renew the membership at a cost of £29.00*

1172 AIRPORT MATTERS
Cllr Wood was hoping to have received some information from the Airport regarding the incident of the Emirates plane that travelled off the taxiway, but unfortunately had not received this to date.
Cllr Wood advised that both the Environment Monitoring Working Group and the Passenger Services & Surface Transport Working Group meetings were due later in the month.

1173 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
Cllr Wilden advised that the Government had published the new plan for the route of the HS2. There were no major changes for the parish and there is still a station identified in Middle Bickenhill.
Cllr Wilden stated that the Parish Council needed to formulate a position regarding the HS2 and to this affect Richard Lloyd, Chairman of the HS2 Committee had volunteered to give a presentation to the Parish Council.
It was agreed that this invitation be accepted and an invite to the February Parish Council meeting be offered, Cllr Wilden will arrange.
Action Item: *Clerk to add to the agenda*

1174 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION
The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.
Proposed: Cllr Wilden ***Seconded: Cllr D Williams***
All in Favour
A Resolution *was passed to accept the expenditure*

1175 CORRESPONDENCE
Minute No 1175.1 WALC – Clustering of Councils
Minute No 1175.2 Veterans World Magazine
Minute No 1175.3 SMBC – Invitation to the Mayor's Borough Ball

1176 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY
Cllr Wilden stated that she had spoken with Solihull MBC regarding the gritting of Digby Drive. SMBC had sent the assessments which clarified that they would not be providing a grit bin. It was agreed that the Clerk should ascertain if Digby Drive, Elmdon Lane and Elmdon Road are included within a schedule for gritting.

The Clerk advised that SMBC had assisted with the clearing of the Burial Ground drive for the Xmas period and it was agreed that we pass on our thanks for their assistance.

Chairman's Signature

1177 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Cllr Poulson advised that some work had been carried out on the Help Point on Elmdon Lane Car Park, unfortunately the BT software is not compatible and the help point is still out of action.

1178 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd February 2011.
To be held in the Parish Hall, Marston Green.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:17

Chairman's Signature