

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd February 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 Jim Williams
Mr Phillip Wood

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 23 members

1179 PRESENTATION – HIGH SPEED RAILWAY

Richard Lloyd, Chairman of HHAG, Heart of England High Speed Railway Action Group, delivered a presentation on the current plans for the HS2 and the route. He also detailed the impact and requirements of the HS2 railway line, the planned station in Middle Bickenhill and the overall effect on the local area.

Cllr Bunce thanked Richard Lloyd for the presentation and advised that the Parish Council would await further information from the Government through the consultation process in order that the full facts can be evaluated.

1180 THE PUBLIC

Mr Laight and Mr Prust were concerned about the poor condition of the speed bumps on Bickenhill Road following the resurfacing. The Clerk advised that Solihull MBC had resurfaced all of the speed bumps again over the last two days.

Mr Laight asked if the Parish Council had received a response from Solihull MBC regarding the Emerging Core Strategy. The Clerk advised that a chasing letter had been sent to SMBC asking for acknowledgement they had received the Parish Council's response. The Clerk had received a telephone call to advise that the response had been received and was now being considered within the consultation process and advised that a written acknowledgement would be sent.

Mr Prust asked if Elmdon Road and Elmdon Lane were due to be resurfaced. Cllr Sleigh advised that both roads had now been put on the schedule for resurfacing although the timescales were still to be agreed.

Mr Prust also raised the issue of parking on Elmdon Lane. Cllr Sleigh advised that he was talking to the Highways Officer on a regular basis. The view is to implement a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order), which would mean a single yellow line on one side of Elmdon Lane to Land Lane, which would limit parking between certain times Mon to Friday, however, it is a slow process. The police are still monitoring the effects of issuing tickets, so as yet would not issue an ETRO (Emergency Traffic Regulation Order).

Cllr Sleigh also advised that the TRO would have a knock on affect to other parts of the village and had asked Solihull MBC to review the parking arrangements within the village.

1181 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Green. No apologies had been received by the Clerk from Cllr Mills.



1182 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

1183 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 5th January 2011

Cllr Bunce asked members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm that these were a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr J Williams

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the minutes are a true and accurate record

1184 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 5th January 2011

Minute No 1118 Donation Request from M G Playgroup

The Clerk advised that the Playgroup had confirmed that 65% of children attending the Playgroup were from Marston Green. Cllr Wilden proposed that a donation of £100 be made

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

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 in order for the playgroup to purchase a new safety mat.

Action item: Clerk to arrange payment of the donation

Minute No 1154 Donation Request from Community Transport Solihull

The Clerk confirmed that the donation had been sent.

Minute No 1168.1 ROSPA Report

The Clerk confirmed that the order had been placed.

Minute No 1170 Solihull MBC - Review of Alcohol Free Zones

The Clerk confirmed that the response from the Parish Council had been submitted.

Minute No 1171 CPRE Membership

The Clerk confirmed that the renewal fee had been sent.

1185 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday, 17th January 2011

No matters for discussion.

1186 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING. Held on Monday, 24th January 2011

Minute No 1186.1 Purchase of Notice Board for the Burial Ground

The Recreation Committee had recommended to F & GP to purchase a new notice board for the Burial Ground at a cost of £780.00. The F & GP Committee had considered the budget and agreed with the recommendation.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr D Williams

All in Favour

A resolution was therefore passed to purchase a new notice board

Action item: Clerk to raise the order

Cllr Jones stated that perhaps we should advise Gorse Farm of the plans to refurbish the Notice Board on Coleshill Road. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Cllr Bunce asked Cllr Jones to advise the occupiers of Gorse Farm of the plans.

Action item: Cllr Jones to contact Gorse Farm

Minute No 1186.2 Orders

Retrospective approval of the following orders was being proposed.

Rigby Taylor – White Line Marking Paint – Cost £202.75



D C Burgoyne's – Servicing of Equipment – Cost £300.00
Illingworth Signs - Pick up Sign Writing – Cost £110.00

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

A resolution was therefore passed for retrospective approval

Minute No 1186.3 Zurich Insurance Policy

The Clerk advised that the Zurich Policy covering Public and Employer Liability Insurance was due for renewal and that the current three year long term agreement was due to expire.

Zurich were offering the renewal policy on the following terms.

A 12 month renewal, cost including Insurance Premium Tax at 6% £ 5355.29.

Three year LTA cost including Insurance Premium Tax at 6% £5094.18.

Five year LTA cost including Insurance Premium Tax at 6% £4835.90.

The proposal of the F & GP Committee was to accept the five year LTA.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

A resolution was therefore passed to renew the Insurance Policy with Zurich on a Five Year LTA

Action Item: Clerk to progress

Minute No 1186.4 Appointment of Internal Auditor

Cllr Wilden advised that the F & GP Committee were recommending to Full Council that we appoint Diane Malley as the Internal Auditor for 2010/11

Proposed: Cllr Hewlett

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

A resolution was therefore passed to appoint Diane Malley as the Internal Auditor

Action Item: Clerk to progress

1187 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday, 28th January 2011

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 Hewlett

Seconded: Cllr J Williams

All in Favour

A resolution was therefore passed to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

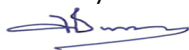
1188 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Jim Williams advised that he had attended the PSST Meeting and the only item to report was that the official opening of the ANITA Project is planned for 14th March 2011.

Cllr Wood had attended the Environment Monitoring Working Group meeting on 26th January 2011 and he reported that the Runway 15 ILS replacement had been delayed by the adverse weather around Christmas, but has since been completed on 18th January 2011. The new equipment requires 300 hours of operation to be rated at Cat 3, which is expected to be achieved by the end of February.

However, during January the airport had received an increase in complaints from Sutton Coldfield and surrounding areas, due to the NDB procedure being used while the ILS was out of action. Cllr Wood also reported that during March the transition level will be raised from 4000ft to 6000ft, resulting in the minimum starting altitude for Continuous Descent Approaches to go to 6000ft. However, there will be no changes in control of airspace.

The airport had reported a problem with Runway 33 MOSUN departures, which are non-standard departures. The issue surrounds the aircraft turning at 2 miles from the runway, which generally occurs under an altitude of 3000ft, so the aircraft are flagged as "off-track", even though they are correctly following the procedure. The Airport has stated that from April, the turning point will move to 3 miles from the runway, thus eliminating the problem.



1189 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Poulson had attended the Conservation Advisory Committee where the Planning Application for Rose Cottage in Bickenhill had been recommended for refusal.

1190 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

A Resolution was passed to accept the expenditure

1191 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute No 1191.1 WALC Newsletter

Being a Good Councillor Course – 9th April 2011

Action Item: Clerk to arrange for Cllr Donna Williams to attend the course

Minute No 1191.2 NALC

Additional Public Holiday 29th April 2011

Minute No 1191.3 The Royal British Legion

Great Party Poppy Weekend 10th to 12th June 2011

Minute No 1191.4 Community Transport Solihull – Thank you for donation

Minute No 1191.5 WALC

Nominations for attendance at the Royal Garden Party – 19th July 2011

Cllr Poulson proposed that Cllr Clive Hill be put forward for nomination and this was agreed unanimously.

Action Item: Clerk to arrange submission to WALC

Minute No 1191.6 e-on Parish Council Pack

e-on have issued a pack to Parish Council which is aimed at advising residents to keep the following items in the event of a power cut.

- An analogue corded telephone
- A torch with batteries
- A wind up mobile phone charger
- A battery operated radio
- A foil blanket
- A reusable hand warmer

Minute No 1191.7 Kaleidoscope – Chelmsley Citizen Advice Bureau

1192 NEWSLETTER

Cllr Poulson advised that the next Newsletter was due to be printed and a copy draft was circulated for approval.

Proposed: Cllr J Williams

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

A resolution was therefore passed to accept and proceed with the Newsletter

Action Item: Cllr Poulson to arrange with printers and arrange distribution

1193 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Jim Williams advised that he had reported a street light not working on the path to the rear of the Tavern and this has now been repaired.

Cllr Jim Williams advised that he had attended a PPG (Patients Participation Group) meeting at the Doctors Surgery. They are concerned about the parking outside the surgery and are trying to progress through the police an ETRO (Emergency Traffic Regulation Order).

1194 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Cllr Poulson advised that we were still not aware if the Help Point was working.

1195 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20

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Chairman's Signature

