

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 6th April 2011 at 7:30pm
Parish Hall Marston Green

Present

Councillors:

Mr Frank Bunce - Chairman
Mrs Velma Jones
Mrs Linda Poulson
Mrs Margret Wilden
Mrs Donna Williams
Mr Jim Williams
Mr Phillip Wood

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 5 members and Sgt Liam Dalton

1211 THE PUBLIC

Mr Prust reported that 50% of the potholes on Elmdon Lane had been repaired. The Clerk advised that Solihull MBC had confirmed that the resurfacing would be carried out July/August.

Mr Southwick raised the issue of quad bikes being driven on the public footpath behind the Burial Ground with Sgt Dalton who confirmed that the Police were aware of the situation and that any additional information regarding specific incidents would be useful and they would continue to monitor. Mr Southwick also mentioned that youths were playing football on the island in Digby Drive, Sgt Dalton said they would investigate.

Sgt Dalton updated the Council on recent issues. There had been no complaints regarding parking in Elmdon Lane since the implementation of the yellow lines. There were occasional reports of parking problems on Moseley Drive and they were issuing tickets where appropriate. There has been a spate of burglaries on garages in the area and reports of anti-social behaviour on the Recreation Ground and Burial Ground. There will be a reorganisation of policing with effect from 1st June introducing different methods of policing.

1212 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hill and these were accepted. No apologies had been received by the Clerk from Cllr Green.

1213 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

1214 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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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 Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

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

1215 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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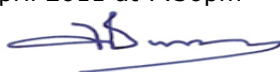
Minute no 1201.4 Allotment Holder

The Clerk confirmed that the letter had been sent to the allotment holder.

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Chairman's Signature



Cllr Wilden asked if Mr Whitaker's plot had been issued, The Clerk confirmed that it had been issued to the next person on the waiting list.

**1216 MINUTES OF THE MARSTON GREEN COMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Wednesday 16th March 2011**

Cllr Bunce advised that the first meeting had taken place and a copy of the minutes had been issued, it had been agreed that the next meeting would be arranged following the elections. Cllr Poulson said that she thought the Steering Committee should be advised of this decision and Cllr Wilden agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Wilden

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk write to members of the Steering Committee

**1217 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday, 21st March 2011**

Minute no 1217.1 Centro

The recommendation from the Recreation Committee is to escalate the on-going issues to the Managing Director.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr J Williams

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk write to Centro

**1218 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE
MEETING Held on 21st March 2011**

Minute no 1218.1 Horticultural Society – Hanging Baskets

The proposal is for a donation of £300.00 + £50.00 to the Horticultural Society.

Proposed: Cllr J Williams

Seconded: Cllr Wilden

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 to provide hanging baskets for the village.

**1219 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE
Held on 24th March 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 Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Wilden

All in favour

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

1220 ELECTIONS FOR PARISH COUNCILS

Cllr Bunce asked all Councillors present, if they had submitted their Nomination Papers for Election to Solihull MBC. All those present confirmed that they were standing for a further four year term. Cllr Bunce advised that he had spoken with Cllr Green who had verbally confirmed that she would not be standing for election and that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Hewlett which was included within correspondence.

1221 MGCC LEASE

Cllr Bunce asked all members if they had read the draft lease circulated by the Clerk on the 24th March 2011 and if there were any comments. Cllr Wilden had a number of points to discuss, so it was agreed that a separate meeting be arranged with Cllr Hill to go through these issues.

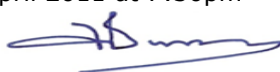
1222 WALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Clerk advised that the annual subscription of £901.00 was due for payment.

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Proposed: Cllr D Williams
All in favour

Seconded: Cllr J Williams

It was Resolved that the Clerk arrange payment of subscription

1223 REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Cllr Bunce outlined the request for the financial information as detailed in the Finance & General Purpose Minutes. It was agreed that the information collated by the Clerk in response to the request should be sent to the resident. It was also agreed that as the request had been via e-mail the Clerk should request the postal address of the resident.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden
All in favour

Seconded: Cllr Jones

It was Resolved that the Clerk arrange to send the relevant information to the resident

1224 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Wood advised that he had received a letter from the Airport regarding a review of the Night Flying Policy. It would appear that there will be a Public Consultation on the policy starting in June until the end of August. Cllr Wood advised that the Parish Council should be involved within the process and would need to respond. Cllr Wood stated that there would be more information provided at the Environment Group Meeting at the end of this month.

1225 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report

1226 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson
All in Favour

Seconded: Cllr Wilden

It was Resolved to accept the expenditure

1227 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1227.1 E-mail from SMBC regarding HS2 – Sent to Cllrs by e-mail 10th March 2011

Minute no 1227.2 Centro re Bus Network Review implemented 27th March 2011

Minute no 1227.3 SMBC re Mobile Library Service Notifications of Changes

Minute no 1227.4 Veterans World Magazine

Minute no 1227.5 SMBC re Solihull in Bloom 2011 Garden Competition

Action item: Clerk to provide a copy to MG Horticultural Society

Minute no 1227.6 Resignation Letter

Action item: Clerk to send a thank you letter

Minute no 1227.7 Letter from Resident re Bus Network Changes (copy attached)
Cllr Bunce advised that we should respond to the resident outlining the concerns of the Parish Council.

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk respond to the resident

Minute no 1227.8 CPRE

- Invitation to AGM 27th May 2011 – Cllr Wilden will attend
- Notes re HS2 on how questions could be answered (copy attached)
- Outlook Magazine – Cllr Jones



- HS2 route plan though Warwickshire taken from Outlook Magazine (copy attached)

Minute no 1227.9 Letter from Clement Keys External Audit to be completed by 20th June 2011

- Notice of Appointment of date for the exercise of Electors rights.
The Parish Council agreed and the dates were formally approved.

Minute no 1227.10 NALC – The Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity (England) - Sent to Cllrs by e-mail 4th April 2011

Minute no 1227.11 Turley Associates – Public Consultation re NEC Casino Development.

The Clerk advised that Turley Associates had offered to give a presentation to the Parish Council about the development. Cllr Jones thought that we should invite them to talk to us about the development. Cllr Poulson said that she did not think it was a good idea and Cllr Bunce put the proposals to the vote.

Vote: Should we request Turley Associates to give a presentation?

For: 1

Vote: Should we refuse the offer of a presentation?

For: 6

It was Resolved that a presentation would not be requested

1228 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Poulson had received an e-mail from a resident who had been approached by a gentleman who was flying from Birmingham Airport and was looking for a place to park his car. It was agreed that if a car is parked legally then there is nothing that can be done.

1229 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Cllr Wilden stated that the footbridge over the railway was in a poor state. There is a loose panel which needs attention, the general condition was very poor, and it is very dirty and covered in graffiti. Cllr Wood also advised that regardless of the signs people still cycle over the bridge. The Clerk was requested to write to Kerrie Grandison, SMBC and raise the issues.

It was Resolved that the Clerk contact SMBC

1230 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7:00pm

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7:30pm

Both meetings will be held in The Lounge of the Parish Hall, Elmdon Lane, Marston Green

The Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd May 2011 at 7:30pm to be held in The Hall of the Parish Hall, Elmdon Lane, Marston Green