

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7:30pm
Parish Hall Marston Green

Present

Councillors:

Mr Frank Bunce – Chairman
Mr Clive Hill – Vice Chair
Mrs Velma Jones
Mr Michael McGinn
Mrs Linda Poulson
Mrs Margret Wilden
Mrs Donna Williams
Mr Jim Williams
Mr Phillip Wood

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 4 members and Inspector Keith Portman

1231 THE PUBLIC

Inspector Keith Portman gave a presentation to the Parish Council on the changes in police structure with effect from 1st June 2011.

Mr Prust stated that cars were parking on the grass verge outside the shops again. He also stated that there were still problems with youths playing football on the roundabout in Digby Drive.

Mr Laight wished to have clarification on the work to the Millennium Stone. Cllr Bunce advised that it was work to the area surrounding the stone however, this has now been shelved due to the high costs.

Mr Stevens asked what was happening with the long term maintenance of Millennium Wood and the Clerk clarified that a 10 year management plan had now been established.

1232 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dowell.

1233 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

1234 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 6th April 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 Jim Williams

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

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

1235 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 6th April 2011

Minute no 1216 Marston Green Community Plan

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent an e-mail to members of the Steering Group. Cllr Poulson asked of there had been any replies and the Clerk confirmed that no replies had been received.



Minute no 1217.1 Centro

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Centro and that a meeting had been held with Rob Bird.

Minute no 1218.1 Horticultural Society – Hanging Baskets

The Clerk confirmed that the payment had been arranged.

Minute no 1221 MGCC Lease

Cllr Bunce stated that a meeting date would be set as soon as possible.

Minute no 1223 Request under the Freedom of Information Act

The Clerk advised that the information had been delivered on 7th April 2011.

Minute no 1227.7 Letter from Resident re Bus Network Changes

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent on 11th April 2011.

Minute no 1228 Railway Bridge

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent the details to SMBC.

**1236 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday, 18th April 2011**

Minute no 1236.1 Quote for replacement Garage Door

The Recreation Committee had discussed the following quotes to replace the garage door. Imperial Doors were quoting £1220.00, GDC Doors quoted £960.00. The recommendation of the Recreation Committee is to accept the quote from GDC Doors.

Proposed: Cllr J Williams

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk raise the order

Minute no 1236.2 MGCC Risk Assessment

A copy of the Risk Assessment provided by MGCC in relation to the use of the dart board had been circulated with the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting. It was agreed that we accept the risk assessment and confirm with the cricket club that the risk lies with MGCC.

It was Resolved that the Clerk speak to MGCC

Minute no 1236.3 MGCC Advertising Boards

The Cricket Club were requesting permission for advertising boards to be placed along the boundary of the cricket pitch in order to raise additional revenue. The Recreation Committee recommended that the advertising boards should only be displayed on match days and run along one side of the boundary being the boundary running parallel with Bickenhill Road on the field side. Cllr Wilden stated that we should also stipulate a time limit on match days i.e. one hour before and after a match.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr D Williams

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk speak to MGCC

Minute no 1236.4 John Deere

The Groundsmen were requesting that a spare tyre be ordered for the John Deere Mower at a cost of Tyre £48.17, Rim £52.00 and Valve £3.00 Total Cost £103.17. The Recreation Committee were recommending that this be proposed. Cllr Wood stated that we should also get the cost of the rear tyre for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr J Williams

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk raise the order and obtain a quote for the rear tyre



1237 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on 6th May 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 Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in favour

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

1238 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr J Williams stated there was nothing to report from the PSST Meeting

Cllr Wood advised that at the Environment Group Meeting they had reported that the Annual Air Quality Report has been completed and all is fine.

The group had also reported that there had been an incident in Lowbrook back in December whereby de-icer had got into the brook due to snow being cleared and placed on the grassed areas. The Airport had now changed its procedures and snow will only be placed on the hard standing.

The Airport also reported that the Annual Complaints report had shown a reduced number of complaints.

Cllr Wood explained that with regard to the consultation of the Night Flying Policy the Airport were going to use the Community Outreach Project in order to consult with residents. They have compiled a number of dates and venues and it was agreed that this information be put onto the Parish Council's website.

1239 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Wood informed the members that following a recent meeting of the Solihull Area Committee, it had been outlined that all Councillors are eligible to stand for a place on the Standards Board and that nominations would be required. It was therefore agreed that this item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action item: Clerk to include on June's agenda

1240 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Hill

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved to accept the expenditure

1241 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1241.1 WALC - DCLG Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity – sent via e-mail on 4/4/11 – No comment offered

Minute no 1241.2 WALC – Consultation on Future of Local Pubic Audit after the demise of the Audit Commission – sent via e-mail on 14/4/11 - No comment offered

Minute no 1241.3 Letter of resignation from Lucille Green

Action item: Clerk to send thank you letter

Minute no 1241.4 NALC – E-learning - sent via e-mail on 15/4/11

Minute no 1241.5 Letter from Centro re Park & Ride

Minute no 1241.6 SMBC – Invitation to the Investiture of the Mayor

Cllr Bunce will attend

Action item: Clerk to advise SMBC

Minute no 1241.7 Birmingham Airport re survey of Pitt Lane Pond

The Parish Council agreed with the request and asked if a copy of the survey could be supplied.

Action item: Clerk to speak to Birmingham Airport



Minute no 1241.8 WALC – Induction Courses
Action item: Clerk to send detail to Cllr McGinn

1242 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Wilden stated that there had been an accident on the junction of Elm Farm Avenue and Station Road, by the slip road for the shops. It was agreed that we ask Solihull MBC to meet with members of the Parish Council to discuss what can be done.

Action item: Clerk to contact Kerrie Grandison

The issue of cars using the Bus Lane at the new intersection of Coleshill Heath Road and Bickenhill Parkway was discussed and again it was agreed that the matter be discussed with Solihull MBC.

Action item: Clerk to contact Kerrie Grandison

1243 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Nothing to report

1244 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 8th June 2011 at 7:30pm

