

**Bickenhill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7:30pm**  
**Parish Hall Marston Green**

**Present**

**Councillors:**

Mr Frank Bunce – Chairman  
Mr Clive Hill – Vice Chair  
Mrs Celia Dowell  
Mrs Velma Jones  
Mrs Margret Wilden  
Mrs Donna Williams  
Mr Jim Williams  
Mr Phillip Wood

**Clerk:** Carole Cox

**Public:** 3 members and Cllr Bob Sleigh

**1245 THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Bunce advised that Cllr Bob Sleigh wished to provide an update on recent events.

Cllr Sleigh advised that Solihull MBC were still facing a savings target, they had achieved a saving of £9m but another £6m had yet to be identified. The Borough Council were still looking to try and maintain a 0% increase for next year but to do this a further £10m in savings for next year would need to be identified. Cllr Sleigh went on to advise that the current budget for the Borough Council is £125m and they were still trying to identify cost savings without affecting front line services but it was not an easy task.

Cllr Sleigh advised that an announcement had already been made on the LDF (Local Development Framework) whereby it had been agreed that they would not support a policy that would sacrifice the 23 acres of land on Coleshill Heath Road. It would therefore be up to any developer to prove his case, if he wished to develop the land and take it out of the Green Belt.

Cllr Sleigh also advised that they were looking for a complete review of the LDF policies, looking at the needs of the Community and not based on figures. They were also looking at the role of Neighbourhood Plans, playing a key role for any development in the future. They were also looking to introduce Design Briefs, which would form part of any planning application submitted for a piece of land.

Cllr Sleigh did advise that the Elmdon Road development was still in process and discussions are still ongoing with the developer, with a view that the application will go to the Planning Sub Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

Cllr Sleigh advised that a couple of Consultations documents had been issued, one being the Provision of Gypsy & Travellers Sites and the Planning Consultation on Gypsy and Travellers, and urged the Parish Council to look at the policies.

HS2 Overview & Scrutiny Board is holding a full day event on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and will discuss all views for and against the HS2.

The Airport's Night Flying Policy is due for review and Cllr Sleigh noted that the Parish Council was looking at the review. He expressed his concerns that a tight control over the consultation should be taken and the Parish Council should be leading the way and responding to the consultation.



Mr Prust asked if the Parish Council were aware that a Chestnut tree had been removed today on Elmdon Lane at the junction with Newlands Lane. Cllr Hill stated that he had spoken with Solihull MBC who were investigating the matter.

Mr Prust asked if the re-surfacing of Elmdon Lane was still planned for Aug/Sept this year. Cllr Bunce advised that following the last meeting we had received no further information from Solihull MBC and that we believe this to be the case.

**1246 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Poulson and these were accepted and no apologies had been received from Cllr McGinn.

**1247 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

**1248 AGENDA ITEM no 19**

Cllr Bunce asked for a proposal that item no 19 on the agenda be discussed in Camera.

**Proposed: Cllr Wilden**

**Seconded: Cllr Hill**

**All in Favour**

**It was Resolved** that item no 19 on the agenda will be discussed in camera

**1249 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 Dowell**

**All in Favour**

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

**1250 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Minute no 1241.7 Birmingham Airport re survey of Pitt Lane Pond**

The Clerk advised that the Pitt Lane Pond identified in the survey for Birmingham Airport, was actually the pond located in the Vicar's field and not the pond which is the responsibility of the Parish Council located on Pitt lane as originally thought.

**1251 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Minute no 1251.1 Queen's Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

Cllr Bunce advised that Cllr Poulson had been asked by a resident if the Parish Council were planning any events to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Cllr Bunce asked for the view of the Parish Council. Cllr Wood stated that we could ask the residents what their view is and that we could cover this topic in the next newsletter. This was agreed by all present.

**Action item:** Include article in the next Newsletter

**Minute no 1251.2 Work Experience**

Cllr Bunce stated that the Recreation Committee had debated if we should offer to the local schools a chance of work experience either in the Parish Office or with the Groundsmen. After much discussion it was agreed that should we receive any requests they would be dealt with as individual cases.

**1252 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011**

**Minute no 1252.1 Quote for replacement set of goals**



Cllr Donna Williams outlined the proposal of the Recreation Committee to purchase a new set of goals as part of the previously agreed four year plan. The Soccer Store price is £595 which includes vat and delivery and Mark Harrods's price is £600 which includes vat but not delivery. The F & GP Committee had agreed with the recommendation to purchase the goals from the Soccer Store and Cllr Donna Williams asked for a proposer.

**Proposed: Cllr Hill**

**Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams**

**All in Favour**

**It was Resolved** that the Clerk should raise the order

**Minute no 1252.2 Quote for replacement litter bins**

Cllr Donna Williams outlined the proposal of the Recreation Committee to purchase three more litter bins and again this is part of a rolling replacement program. The cost per bin is £159.95 which equals £479.85 + £55.00 carriage making a total cost of £534.85. The F & GP Committee had agreed with the recommendation and Cllr Donna Williams asked for a proposer.

**Proposed: Cllr Jones**

**Seconded: Cllr Dowell**

**All in Favour**

**It was Resolved** that the Clerk should raise the order

**Minute no 1252.3 Quote to repair car park Barrier on 3M's**

Cllr Donna Williams outlined the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to repair the barrier to the 3M's car park. It was in need of realignment and a quote of £370.00 had been obtained from P A Wilson, to break out and realign the traffic barrier, and to straighten and re-concrete back to correct alignment. The F & GP Committee had agreed with the recommendation and Cllr Donna Williams asked for a proposer.

**Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams**

**Seconded: Cllr Hill**

**All in Favour**

**It was Resolved** that the Clerk should raise the order

**1253 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Held on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Jim Williams**

**Seconded: Cllr Dowell**

**All in favour**

**It was Resolved** to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

**1254 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

The Clerk issued a copy of the report to each Councillor and Cllr Bunce read the report. Cllr Hill stated that it was a good report and that the Council should thank the Clerk for keeping the Council in good order. Cllr Bunce also agreed.

**1255 EXTERNAL AUDITOR CLEMENT KEYS - ANNUAL RETURN for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

The Clerk issued a copy of section 1 and 2 of the annual return to all Councillors.

**1255.1 Section One**

The Clerk clarified the position in relation to the figures quoted in Section One. The figures had been issued at the AGM and had been clarified with the Internal Auditor. The Clerk asked the Council if they had any questions and if they agreed with the figures for submission to Clement Keys.

**Proposed: Cllr Donna Williams**

**Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams**

**All in favour**

**It was Resolved** that the section one of the annual return be submitted

**1255.2 Section Two**

Cllr Bunce read through each question contained in section two and gained the approval of the Councillors.



**Proposed: Cllr Donna Williams**  
**All in favour**

**Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams**

**It was Resolved** that the section two of the annual return be submitted

**1256 NOMINATIONS FOR THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Wood clarified that as advised by the SAC all Councillors could be nominated to sit on the Standards Committee. Cllr Bunce asked if anyone wished to volunteer or be nominated. None of the Councillors present wished to be nominated.

**1257 AIRPORT MATTERS**

Cllr Wood and Cllr J Williams had attended the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee meeting at the end of May. Cllr J Williams was nominated onto the Community Trust Fund as a Trustee. There was a discussion on the future of Air Passenger Duty and the Night Flying Policy consultation. Cllr Wood queried the timeline for the ILS (Instrument Landing System) replacement, as this will have a slight impact on the approach path over Bickenhill village. The replacement is due to take place in September to October and the airport will try to minimise concerns through the Community Alerts scheme.

Cllr Wood detailed main points of the Night Flying Policy and it was agreed that Cllr Wood would formulate the response to the consultation for further discussion at the July Meeting.

**Action item:** Cllr Wood to draft a response for circulation to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting

Cllr Wilden wished to record her thanks to Cllr Wood regarding all of his hard work regarding the Night Flying Consultation.

**1258 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Cllr Wilden stated that the AGM of the Parish Hall Trustees is planned for the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and that all are welcome.

**1259 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION**

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

**Proposed: Cllr Wood**

**Seconded: Cllr Hill**

**All in Favour**

**It was Resolved** to accept the expenditure payments detailed in the report

**1260 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Minute no 1260.1** Countryside Voice  
Issued to Cllr Jones

**Minute no 1260.2** Letter – Birmingham Airport re Review of Night Flying Policy  
Discussed under Airport Matters

**Minute no 1260.3** CAB – Merger of Chelmsley, Shirley and Solihull into Citizens Advice Solihull Borough. Newsletter issued to all Councillors present

**Minute no 1260.4** WALC – Councillors Notification under the Data Protection Act 1998 – circulated via e-mail 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**Minute no 1260.5** e-mail from Cllr Linda Poulson re Moat House Farm Planning Application  
The Council discussed the draft response to SMBC re Moat House Farm and agreed that the letter should be sent.

**Proposed: Cllr Bunce**

**Seconded: Cllr Wilden**

**All in favour**

**It was Resolved** that the Clerk write to SMBC Planning Dept



**Minute no 1260.6** SMBC – Consultation – Help bring faster broadband to Solihull – circulated via e-mail 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

It was agreed that the information be put onto the Parish Council's Website.

**Minute no 1260.7** E-mail from SMBC re HS2 – circulated via e-mail 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
Cllr Bunce expressed his concern that the Council had not heard both sides regarding the HS2 and thought that a decision could not be reached. He suggested that representatives of the Parish Council should attend the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and the Council could then make a decision if they supported the HS2 or if they were against. Cllr Wilden said that she felt the Council needed to make up their mind now. Cllr Wood stated that the benefits of the HS2 had been well publicised in the news and in the national papers. He felt that people were aware of the stated benefits and that in his opinion it could be put to the vote. Cllr Bunce asked the Council if they were prepared to vote and it was agreed to carry out a vote.

Cllr Bunce asked who was in support of the development of the HS2

Vote – One

Cllr Bunce asked who was against the development of the HS2

Vote – Six

One Councillor abstained from the vote

**It was Resolved** by the vote and carried that the Parish Council were against the HS2.

**Minute no 1260.8** Letter SMBC re Scrutiny of HS2 proposals – The Council's Overview & Scrutiny Management Boards 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
Cllr Bunce asked Cllr Wilden if she would be prepared to speak and represent the Parish Council's views at the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board. Cllr Wilden stated that she was more than happy to do so and that she would liaise with HHAG (Heart of England High Speed Railway Action Group) as a joint speaking plan was being put together to ensure that all the relevant points were covered. Cllr Wilden stated that she would put something together and forward to the Clerk for distribution and approval before sending to SMBC. The Clerk also advised that SMBC had asked that we notify them of our intention to speak as soon as possible and that a written submission should also be submitted by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

**Action item:** Cllr Wilden to prepare draft and send to the Clerk for distribution

Cllr Williams expressed his thanks to Cllr Wilden for all her hard work in relation to the HS2.

#### **1261 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY**

Cllr Wood stated that the hedgerow along Coleshill Road was encroaching onto the footpath. Cllr Bunce advised that this was also the case along Bickenhill Road. It was agreed to raise the issues with SMBC.

**Action item:** Clerk to contact Kerrie Grandison

Cllr Dowell raised the issue of cars using the Bus Lane at the new intersection of Coleshill Heath Road and Bickenhill Parkway. Cllr Jim Williams advised that he had been informed that a Road Safety Survey should have been completed by SMBC and it was agreed that we should ask for the results of the report and what actions are to be taken.

**Action item:** Clerk to contact Kerrie Grandison

Cllr Wilden advised that she was arranging a meeting with Paul Tovey, SMBC to discuss the concerns regarding the junction of Elm Farm Avenue/Station Road and the slip road to the shops.

#### **1262 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES**

Nothing to report



**1263 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7:30pm

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Chairman's Signature

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