

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 7th July 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 Linda Poulson
Mrs Margret Wilden
Mrs Donna Williams
Mr Jim Williams
Mr Phillip Wood

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 3 members

1264 THE PUBLIC

Cllr Bunce welcomed Sgt Tony Hanlon to the meeting. Sgt Hanlon has taken over from Sgt Liam Dalton as of the 1st June. Sgt Hanlon advised that he wanted to make contact and be involved with the local community to establish the concerns of residents. Sgt Hanlon advised that he wanted to set up a monthly surgery for residents to come along and discuss their concerns. Cllr Bunce advised that the Parish Council would be happy to assist with the arrangement of the meetings which could be held in the Parish Hall. Sgt Hanlon will liaise with the Clerk to arrange dates.

Mr Prust raised the issue with Sgt Hanlon regarding Digby Drive and that youths are playing football on the roundabout.

Mr Laight raised the issue of parking in the village and parking on pavements.

1265 APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received from Cllr McGinn.

1266 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jim Williams previously declared an interest regarding the grant application to Birmingham Airport Community Trust Fund and therefore would not take part in any vote.

Cllr Bunce declared an interest regarding Gary Neville Football Coaching which is to be discussed later on the agenda and therefore would not take part in any vote.

1267 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 8th June 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 Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Donna Williams

All in Favour

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

1268 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 8th June 2011

Minute no 1245 Chestnut Tree on Elmdon Lane

Cllr Hill provided a further update regarding the removal of the tree. Contractors working for Solihull MBC had removed the tree because it was diseased and SMBC would be looking to replace the tree next year if funds were available.

Cllr Wilden advised that she had asked the Clerk to place on the agenda of the next Recreation Committee a request that if Solihull MBC do not replace the tree then the Parish Council seek permission from SMBC to replace the tree with a Copper Beech.



Minute no 1251.1 Queen's Jubilee 2nd to 5th June 2012

Cllr Poulson had been asked by a resident if the Parish Council were planning any events to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee and 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 1255 External Auditor Clement Keys – Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2011

The Clerk advised that the Annual Return had been submitted to Clement Keys on the 14th June 2011.

Minute no 1257 Airport Matters – Night Flying Policy Consultation

Cllr Wood asked that the matter be discussed under Airport Matters later in the agenda.

Minute no 1260.8 SMBC Overview & Scrutiny Management Board Meeting held on 5th July 2010 re the HS2

Cllr Wilden had attended the meeting on the 5th July 2011 and had represented the Parish Council. Following all representations the Board voted on the HS2 proposal and with a vote of 7 for and 2 against the vote was carried that they do not oppose the HS2 proposal. This decision will be given to the Cabinet Meeting next Monday and to Full Council Meeting next Tuesday

Minute no 1261 Anita Project – Coleshill Heath Road/Bickenhill Parkway Bus Lane

The Clerk advised that notification from Solihull MBC had been received regarding this junction. SMBC are to apply for an amendment to the Traffic Order to allow all traffic to use the right hand turn, this would take approx six weeks and it was envisaged that the road markings etc would be changed by the middle of August. SMBC also stated that this would be for a trial period of twelve months. Until the Traffic Order has been amended it is still an offence and people could potentially be prosecuted for making this manoeuvre.

**1269 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday, 20th June 2011**

Minute no 1269.1 Allotments Elmdon Lane

Cllr Bunce advised that the recommendation of the Recreation Committee is to plant a hedge to match the existing hedge on the other side of the allotments.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams

All in favour

Minute no 1269.2 Willow Garden

Cllr Bunce outlined the plans for the Willow Garden and asked that the following proposals be considered.

Proposal 1: That the garden be known as The Chapel Garden

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Donna Williams

All in favour

Proposal 2: Allocate a spend of £750.00 for the sign

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams

All in favour

Proposal 3: Organise a dedication service for Monday 12th Sept 2011

Proposed: Cllr Dowell

Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams

For: 7

Against: 2

Minute no 1269.3 Gary Neville Football Academy

Cllr Hill updated members that it had come to the attention of the Recreation Committee Meeting that Mr Neville was using the Recreation Ground to run a football academy for young children. The concern is that Mr Neville is running a business on land owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Hill and Cllr Poulson had met with Mr Neville and established that he had obtained Insurance and both he and his



colleague had CRB checks and were carrying out health & safety questionnaires. Mr Neville had apologised for not seeking the permission of the Parish Council prior to starting the sessions. After much debate it was agreed that a vote be taken. Should the Parish Council allow Mr Neville to operate the coaching sessions at the Recreation Ground and a charge be applied?

For: 6

Against: 2

It was Resolved that Mr Neville is allowed to run the sessions

Cllr Wood proposed that we should charge £10 per night

For: 4

Against: 2

Abstain: 2

Minute no 1269.4 Lych Gate

Cllr Bunce asked members if they had read the report in the Recreation Committee minutes, following Cllr Wilden's request for the Committee to discuss the future/relocation of the Lych Gate. The options detailed in the report were outlined,

a. Do nothing.

b. Have the structure dismantled and destroyed.

c. Remove trees and foliage from the area behind the Lych-Gate so it is no longer an attractive meeting place.

d. Move to a new site.

The Recreation Committee were proposing option a. we should do nothing.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams

Seconded: Cllr Jones

For: 7

Against: 2

Minute no 1269.5 Emergency Orders

The invoices were duly noted and proposed.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in favour

Minute no 1269.6 Orders within Recreation Budget

The invoices were duly noted and proposed.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Wood

All in favour

Minute no 1269.7 John Deere Spare Rear Tyre

The recommendation of the Parish Council is to request a quote for a spare rear tyre at a cost of £128.97 + vat.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour

Minute no 1269.8 Maple Leaf Baseball Team

The Clerk advised that the baseball team had paid the pitch fee having reached the deadline for payment on 30th June 2011.

1270 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on 24th June 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 Dowell

All in favour

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

Minute no 1270.1 Response to HS2 Consultation

Cllr Bunce asked if there were any comments regarding the draft response which had been circulated via e-mail last week. No amendments were put forward therefore Cllr Bunce asked for a proposer.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Jim Williams

For: 8

Against: 1

Minute no 1270.2 Dept of Transport – Marston Green Station

Cllr Wilden had gained clarification of the work to be carried out. The work is to update and redefine the highway plans.

Minute no 1270.3 Subscription to The Planning Journal



The proposal is that the annual subscription of £50 per annum be paid.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson
All in favour

Secoded: Cllr Hill

1271 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARSTON GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING - Held on Monday, 27th June 2011

Minute no 1271.1 Grant Application

The proposal of the committee is to apply for a grant from Birmingham Airport.

Proposed: Cllr Wood
All in favour

Secoded: Cllr Wilden

1272 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Bunce asked members if they had read and wished to comment on Cllr Wood's draft response regarding the Consultation on the Night Flying Policy. No amendments were put forward therefore Cllr Bunce asked for a proposer.

Proposed: Cllr Wood
All in favour

Secoded: Cllr Wilden

1273 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Poulson advised that she is attending the Solihull Partnership Meeting tomorrow night.

1274 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Jones
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Dowell

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

1275 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1275.1 Veterans World Magazine.

Minute no 1275.2 Sustain Services Directory.

Minute no 1275.3 e-mail from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council

Members discussed the issue of inviting developers to meetings prior to planning applications being submitted and agreed that this is not currently the practice of the Parish Council.

Minute no 1275.4 Millennium Wood Poster

Cllr Poulson distributed a poster for approval detailing the planned walk in Millennium Wood on 2nd August 2011.

All in Favour

Minute no 1275.5 SMBC - A45 Bridge Proposals

The Clerk issued a plan of the proposed bridge work on the A45 which crosses the West Coast Mainline. The proposal is that the design work will start in 2012 with work starting in 2015. SMBC will be writing to the residents in Church Lane, Pitt Lane and St Peters Lane next week as part of the consultation.

1276 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Williams requested that we write to Solihull MBC for the Annual Walkabout.

Action item: Clerk to write to SMBC

1277 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Cllr Dowell raised concern regarding the speed of the Airpark's buses down Bickenhill Road. Cllr Williams advised Cllr Dowell to ring the Airparks Complaints Dept.

1278 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Bickenhill on Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at 7:30pm

