

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at 7:30pm
Church Hall, Bickenhill

Present

Councillors:

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

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 2 member of the public

1279 THE PUBLIC

Mr Southwick advised that three bikes had been taken from a drive in Digby Drive and when a resident had tried to telephone the Police, they had been advised that the owner of the bikes would need to report them stolen.

Mr Laight asked if the Council were aware that a number of cars had been damaged in Chelmsley Lane, Exeter Drive, Cambridge Drive.

Cllr Bunce advised that all we could do was ensure that Sgt Hanlon was aware of the incidents.

Action item: Clerk to advise Sgt Hanlon

1280 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jim Williams and Cllr Phillip Wood and these were duly noted and accepted.

1281 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Wilden declared an interest regarding the planning application at 32 Elmdon Road and therefore, would not take part in any vote.

Cllr Wilden also declared an interest regarding agenda item 13 donation request from Marston Green Community Groups and therefore, would not take part in any vote.

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

1282 AGENDA ITEMS 11 and 12

Cllr Bunce advised that a resolution was required to discuss items 11 and 12 on the agenda *In Camera*.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

It was Resolved that items 11 and 12 be discussed *In Camera* at the end of the meeting

1283 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 6th July 2011

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

Cllr Wilden asked that minute no 1245 be amended to record that she had suggested that the Parish Council should replace the tree if Solihull MBC failed to do so. The Clerk advised that the topic had been placed on the agenda of the Recreation Committee Meeting as requested and would be discussed later,

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

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

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Chairman's Signature



**1284 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, 6th July 2011**

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

The Clerk advised that we had received notification from Solihull MBC and this would be covered in Correspondence.

Minute no 1270.1 Response to HS2 Consultation

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's response had been sent on 19th July 2011.

Minute no 1272 Airport - Consultation on the Night Flying Policy

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's response had been sent on 26th July 2011.

Minute no 1276 Roads & Rights of Way - Annual Village Walkabout with Solihull MBC

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for 9th Sept 2011 at 10:00am, normal rendezvous by the Fish and Chip Shop.

**1285 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday, 18th July 2011**

Minute no 1285.1 Chapel Garden – Article for Criss Cross

Cllr Poulson asked if everyone had read the article circulated by the Clerk and if this could be proposed.

Proposed: Cllr Dowell

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the article be published in Criss Cross.

Minute no 1285.2 Chapel Garden – Invitations

Cllr Poulson advised that it had been agreed at the Recreation Meeting to set up a separate meeting to discuss invitations to the opening on the 12th Sept 2011 and asked if any other members of the Council wished to be involved. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th August 2011 at 2pm.

Minute no 1285.3 Parish Council Newsletter

Cllr Poulson advised that the next Newsletter was due and asked the Council to agree the topics duly minuted in the Recreation Committee Meeting.

All in Favour

Minute no 1285.4 Elmdon Lane/Newlands Lane

Cllr Poulson asked Cllr Wilden for any comments regarding the replacement tree as this had been placed on the Recreation Committee Agenda at her request.

**1286 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday, 25th July 2011**

Cllr Donna Williams covered the following issues,

Minute no 1286.1 Chapel Garden Newsletter and Parish Council Newsletter

The proposal is to have the two newsletters printed and stapled together, this would cost £882.00. The committee agreed that the option of the stapled version should be recommended to full council.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Hill

For: 7

Abstain: 1

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 1286.2 Chapel Garden Opening 12th Sept - Refreshments

The F & GP Committee recommended a budget of £100.00 be allocated for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Dowell

All in Favour

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1286.3 Chapel Garden Opening – Flowers for the Mayor

The F & GP Committee recommended a budget of £40.00 be allocated for a bouquet of flowers.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour



It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1286.4 Chapel Garden Opening – Framed Artwork

The F & GP Committee recommended a budget of £40.00 be allocated for two copies of the framed artwork.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Dowell

All in Favour

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1286.5 Chapel Garden Opening – Planting of the flowerbeds

The F & GP Committee therefore, recommended a budget of £2000 be allocated for planting the flowerbeds.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1286.6 The Pleck – Holly Trees

The Recreation Committee had discussed the options and agreed that as there were other trees in the vicinity it was financially prudent to remove the holly trees and the Arden Tree Surgery quote of £600.00 is to be proposed.

The F & GP Committee discussed the matter at length and the majority agreed with the proposal of the Recreation Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Hill

For: 7

Against: 1

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 1286.7 Warwickshire College Apprentice of the Year

Cllr Poulson advised that Nikki Meek had been awarded the Amenity Horticulture Apprentice of the Year Award following completion of his first year attending the college course. The Recreation Committee agreed that this was a good achievement and he should be commended.

The F & GP Committee recommended that a bonus payment of £50 be awarded to Nikki.

Proposed: Cllr Bunce

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to arrange payment

1287 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 29th July 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 Poulson

All in favour

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

Cllr Hill discussed the Planning Application for 32 Elmdon Road and advised that the PCC were considering submitting an application for over 55's housing on the site and may require assistance with funding an architect. It was therefore agreed that should the PCC wish to proceed they could by letter request a donation from the Parish Council to assist with the fees.

1288 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARSTON GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING - Held on Monday, 2nd August 2011

Cllr Hill advised that Cllr Wilden, Cllr Poulson, the Clerk and himself had attended the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Conference held by Solihull MBC last week, where the subject of Neighbourhood Plans had been discussed. SMBC confirmed that Neighbourhood Plans could be adopted by Solihull MBC if they reflect the agreed LDF strategy and that the Neighbourhood Plan supports future development within the Parish.

The Committee discussed timings and agreed that it was too early to move forward with the detail of the plan at this stage. It was also agreed that until the Localism Bill had gone through Parliament it was difficult to progress.



The Committee agreed to invite Cllr Bob Sleigh to the next meeting to gain his view on the benefits of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

It had also been agreed that to gain further information about the plans, we should invite a member from Hockley Heath Parish Council who were in the process of completing their plan.

In the meantime it had also been agreed that we put on hold on the Grant Application.

1289 DONATION REQUEST FROM MARSTON GREEN COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Clerk read the letter requesting support to the group. The Parish Council had donated £250.00 last year, however, the group had lost funding from the Solihull Community Fund. Cllr Donna Williams proposed a donation of £300.00. Cllr Poulson proposed that the donation should be £350.00 and this was seconded by Cllr Hill. Cllr Wilden did not participate in the vote.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

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 £350.00 to Community Group to assist with the running of the holiday club, school club and pre-school meetings. The Clerk is to arrange payment.

1290 SUMMER SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHOOL

Cllr Poulson advised that we had been approached by Gary Neville who was requesting permission to run a Summer School at the Recreation Ground. It would be for a two week period, Mon to Fri, 9:00am to 15:00 and the charge would be £45.00 per child per week.

Cllr Bunce said the first issue is, if the Parish Council is in agreement that the Summer School can be held at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Poulson said she thought it to a good idea and a good opportunity for the children and should be proposed. This was seconded by Cllr Donna Williams.

Cllr Bunce has declared an interest and therefore, would not take part in the vote.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Donna Williams

FOR: 5

AGAINST: 2

Cllr Bunce said the second issue to be discussed is the fee. Cllr Wilden asked for clarification of the fee for the evening sessions. The Clerk confirmed this was £10.00 per night and Cllr Wilden suggested that £30.00 a day would be reasonable. Cllr Donna Williams proposed £30.00 per day and this was seconded by Cllr Hill.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Williams

Seconded: Cllr Hill

FOR: 5

ABSTAIN: 2

It was Resolved that the Summer School will be allowed at the Recreation Ground and a charge of £30.00 per day be made and the Clerk is to contact Gary Neville.

1291 AIRPORT MATTERS

Nothing to report

1292 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Dowell advised that following the last Parish Council Meeting, a meeting with Airparks had been arranged which she and Cllr Wilden had attended. Airparks had been very concerned regarding the issues and take any complaints seriously. They had confirmed that a meeting of the staff would be called and they would bring these issues to the attention of the drivers. Airparks also advised that they have fitted cameras to the buses and would continue to update with further equipment. Cllr Wilden also raised the issue of Airpark buses operating through the village after 7pm and was advised they would only run through the village from 7am until 7pm unless there was an issue along the A45.

Cllr Poulson advised she had attended the North Area Partnership Meeting which takes in Marston Green but not Bickenhill. They discussed the crimes figures and it would appear that incidents of criminal damage, arson and anti-social behaviour were twice as high in the North as in the South of Solihull. Drug offences and violent crime accounted for 80% of the crime and disorder for North Solihull. It was also stated that Coleshill Rd had a high number of reports regarding robbery, person theft and violent crime.

Cllr Hill advised that the Village Hall were holding their AGM on 8th August 2011 at 3pm.



1293 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Dowell

All in Favour

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

1294 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1294.1 SMBC – More Recycling is Coming Soon

Minute no 1294.2 SMBC – Overview & Scrutiny – Annual Report

Minute no 1294.3 West Midlands Police – Beat Surgery Dates

The Clerk advised that she had circulated this by e-mail and a copy had been put onto the Parish Council's website.

Minute no 1294.4 SMBC – New Road Name – Birmingham Airport

The Clerk read the letter from Solihull MBC advising that the proposal for the new road name is Falcon Way. The Parish Council thought that Wellington Way would be more suitable due to the fact that the Wellington Plane was built at the Camel which is now Elmdon Trading Estate. It was therefore proposed that we write to Solihull MBC to suggest Wellington Way.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Bunce

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk write to Solihull MBC with the proposal

Minute no 1294.5 WALC – Consultation re White Paper – 16th August 2011

Cllr Wilden will attend.

Minute no 1294.6 e-mail SMBC re Bus Lane Coleshill Heath Road

The Clerk read the letter from Solihull MBC regarding the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2011 Suspension of Bus Lane. The order will come into effect on 12th August 2011 allowing all types of vehicular traffic to turn right from Coleshill Heath Road onto the B4438 Bickenhill Parkway and will remain in force on an experimental basis for a maximum of up to eighteen months.

Minute no 1294.7 Letter from Amey re Area 8 Managing Agent Contractor (MAC) Commission A45 Trunk Road – M42 Junction 6 to A452 Stonebridge Roundabout Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Order Application Proposed 30 MPH & National Speed Limit: Technical Consultation.

1295 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Nothing to report

1296 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Cllr Dowell reported that the trains are running well.

1297 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th October 2011 at 7:30pm

