

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 7th October 2009 at 7:30pm
Parish Hall Marston Green

Present

Councillors: Mr F Bunce Chairman
Mr T Hewlett
Mrs L Green
Mrs V Jones
Mr S Mills
Mrs L Poulson
Mrs M Wilden
Mr J Williams
Mr P Wood
Mr D Rowe
Clerk: Carole Cox
Public: 3 members and Police Sergeant Liam Dalton

926 THE PUBLIC

Mr Prust raised the issue of the sign outside the picnic basket which seemed too large for the area. Cllr Wilden said she would raise the issue with SMBC Planning Dept.

Action Item: Cllr Wilden

Mr Southwick raised the issue with people using the Village Hall and parking on Elmdon Lane. Cllr Williams will report the situation to the Village Hall Committee. Mr Southwick also raised the issue of the poor state of repair of Bickenhill Road.

Action Item: Clerk to raised issue with SMBC

Mr Southwick also questioned the Council on how much it had cost to excavate the new allotment plots. Cllr Bunce advised that an expenditure of £240.00 had been incurred.

Mr Laight asked if Adam Nicholls from WSP had contacted the Clerk regarding the public meeting. The Clerk stated she had not been contacted as yet.

Mr Laight also advised that following the repair to the manhole cover on the island of Station Road, the signage etc had not been removed.

Action Item: Clerk to raised issue with SMBC

927 APOLOGIES

Cllr Clive Hill had offered his apologies and these were accepted.

928 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

929 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on the 2nd Sept 2009

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

Cllr Wood advised that Minute No. 918 should read "commented on the recommendations of the Staffing Panel" and also he had said in Para 2 that the word "continued" should be added to the "poor communication, planning, productivity and hygiene" and not deletes as stated.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Green

It was RESOLVED that the minutes are a true and accurate record with amendments duly noted



**930 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
2nd September 2009**

Minute No 888 Cricket Club Lease

Cllr Bunce advised that Cllr Hill and he were due to meet shortly to progress the lease.

Action Item: Carry Forward

Minute No 899 Sign at Recreation Ground

Work is still on-going.

Action Item: Carry Forward Cllr Bunce

Minute No 890 Donation request from Rainbow Playtime

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from the Playgroup who had purchased several items of equipment and consumables and wished to know if the Council were happy to proceed with the donation.

Vote Taken: 9 FOR

1 AGAINST

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise a cheque for the Playgroup

Minute No 892 Bench Request

The Clerk advised that she had not been contacted as yet by the resident.

Minute No 895 Letter from Resident re Franklin & Hawkins

Cllr Wilden advised that Solihull MBC had granted permission in relation to the planning application.

Minute No 906 Challenges & Choices

It was agreed that a separate meeting of the Planning Committee is to be arranged to discuss this topic. Date to be agreed at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

Minute No (Recreation 245) Website Update

Cllr Poulson advised that the website had received 87 visits in September and 234 pages had been viewed, with a few visitors from overseas.

**931 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday 21st September 2009**

Minute No 931.1 Recreation Ground – Overspill Car Park

Cllr Bunce advised that we were now in receipt of written quotes to purchase and install the barriers as previously discussed would cost £2190.

Proposed: Cllr Williams

Seconded: Cllr Rowe

Vote Taken: 9 FOR

1 AGAINST

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Purchase Orders

Minute No 931.2 Red Telephone Box – St Peters Lane

Retrospective approval of £38.20 for the paint was being requested.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Williams

ALL IN FAVOUR duly noted

Minute No 931.3 Millennium Wood – Local Nature Reserve

Cllr Bunce asked if everyone had read the survey produced by Gary Farmer of Solihull MBC. He also added that it was an excellent piece of work and all agreed. It was proposed that we now move forward with the Legal Designation.

Proposed: Cllr Hewlett

Seconded: Cllr Green

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Legal Designation be organised through the Recreation Committee.

Minute No 931.4 Xmas Trees

The quotes were discussed and it was agreed that we purchase two trees from Friday Lane Nurseries at a cost of £60.00 per tree.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Williams

ALL IN FAVOUR



It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Purchase Order

Minute No 931.4 Xmas Tree Lights

The Clerk had sourced quotes for new lights and the proposal of the Recreation Committee is to proceed with the LED lights at a cost of £104.00 per tree.

Proposed: Cllr Williams

Secoded: Cllr Wood

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Purchase Order

Minute No 931.5 Remembrance Day

Cllr Bunce advised that he had spoken both Marston Green Schools about laying a wreath and both had agreed to be involved. Cllr Wilden asked if the Police would also wish to lay a wreath.

Cllr Wilden stated that the Parade would be the same format as last year however, following feedback from the public last year a PA system had been identified at a cost of £200. Cllr Wilden would e-mail the quote to the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Rowe

Secoded: Cllr Jones

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Purchase Order once Cllr Wilden had forwarded the information

Cllr Wilden also stated that we could loan the barriers and road closed signs from the scouts and proposed that a donation of £25.00 be made.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Secoded: Cllr Williams

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. The expenditure, a donation of £25.00, to Marston Green Scouts, to assist with the costs of the parade and the health & safety and welfare of the children during the Remembrance Day Parade.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Cheques following the parade

Cllr Wilden stated that she had been notified that the sleeveless Hi-Vis jackets would have to be replaced probably next year with full sleeved jackets. It was therefore proposed that we purchase four this year.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Secoded: Cllr Williams

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Purchase Order

The Clerk clarified when the road signs should be placed on the lamp posts and when the letters should be delivered. It was agreed that week commencing 2nd Nov 2009. The Clerk also added that the Risk Assessment required updating.

Cllr Bunce proposed that an order for the wreaths be placed.

Proposed: Cllr Rowe

Secoded: Cllr Poulson

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise the Purchase Order

Minute No 931.6 Marston Green FC

Cllr Bunce outlined the proposal of the Recreation Committee that a refund should be issued however an Admin Fee of £50.00 should be deducted.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Secoded: Cllr Wood

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise a cheque to refund

Minute No 931.7 Burial Ground Rules & Regulations

The Clerk advised that a first draft had been attached to the minutes and asked Councillors for their views and if there was anything which should be added, amended or deleted.

Cllr Wilden offered the following:

- a. We should state the term of the Right of Burial i.e. 75 years.



- b. Item 4 should read "in keeping with the present headstones" replacing the word suitable.
- c. Items removed from the graves will be kept for a period of 4 months.
- d. Amend opening hours to state that the Burial Ground can be accessed outside these hours on foot.

Minute No 931.8 Pest Control

Cllr Bunce proposed the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to renew the annual pest contracts.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Jones

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise a the Purchase Orders

Minute No 931.9 Order for Equipment

Cllr Bunce proposed the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to purchase a set of ladders for hedge cutting.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Green

Vote Taken: 9 in Favour

1 Against

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk raise a Purchase Order

Minute No 931.10 Centro Car Park

Cllr Wilden asked why a circle had been taken out of the bund on the allotments and why the allotments had been left open to the public.

Cllr Hewlett advised that the Contractors had been instructed by Birmingham CC to use the brick wall as the boundary which meant that part of the bund had to be removed and this would follow a straight line. Cllr Wilden stated this was not the case. Cllr Hewlett advised he had not visited the site today, but he will go and speak to them in the morning.

Cllr Bunce reminded the Council that this was Birmingham CC land and not under our control.

Cllr Green stated that she wished to have her thanks to Cllr Hewlett minuted for his hard work and initiative in the creation of three new half plots. Cllr's Poulson and Williams both agreed.

Minute No 931.11 Birmingham International Airport

The Clerk advised that we had been approached by BIA regarding the amended lease for the Amenity Land. Should this be for a period of 7 or 10 years?

The Recreation Committee had proposed that a lease of 10 years be proposed. However, after some discussion a vote was taken.

Seven year lease: For 6

Ten year lease: For 4

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk inform BIA that we will proceed with a seven year lease as no costs would be incurred

**932 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE
Held on the 25th September 2009**

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 Rowe

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

ALL IN FAVOUR

933 BANK MANDATE – BICKENHILL IN RELIEF

The Clerk advised that the signature on this account needed to be amended and brought in line with the nominated trustees being Cllr Green and Cllr Jones.

It was therefore proposed to amend the mandate.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Mills

ALL IN FAVOUR

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk arrange a new mandate with HSBC

934 CLEMENT KEYS

The Clerk advised that the Council had received an Unqualified Audit from Clement Keys. However, they had stipulated that although they had accepted the full

explanation offered in relation to the three points queried by themselves in July, this was to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council. The Clerk clarified the points raised by the Auditor.

935 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Wood advised that following the last meeting, BIA had re-issued the questionnaire in relation to the Draft Noise Action Plan which he would now complete on behalf of Bickenhill Parish Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

The Clerk advised that BIA had requested in writing, confirmation of a change in personnel representing Bickenhill Parish Council on the Space Change Focus Group, from Cllr Williams to Cllr Wood.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk advise BIA of the change

936 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr's Wilden and Rowe had attended the Solihull Area Committee and there was nothing to report.

Cllr Wilden also updated the Council in relation to the Parish Hall Trustees and advised that she had met with St Leonard's Day Centre following their second letter of complaint. They had discussed all the issues, some of which had been resolved.

937 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

See attached sheets detailing the payments for authorisation.

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Rowe

Seconded: Cllr Mills

It was RESOLVED that the payments are accurate and are to be processed

938 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute No 938.1 WALC

- AGM 29th Oct 2009 at 19:30
- Role of the County Committee
- Quality Status
- Annual Report April 08 to March 09 (MW)

Minute no 938.2 Solihull MBC

- Overview & Scrutiny Sept Newsletter (JW)
- Invite to Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov 2009

Minute No 938.3 CPRE

- Invite to Mr & Mrs Andrew Knight Fireworks at Compton Scorpion Manor
Tickets £15.00 Adults
- Outlook Magazine

Minute No 938.4 CCLA

- Ethics Newsletter (LG)

Minute No 938.5 CCF Building Schools for the Future

Minute No 938.5 Veterans World Magazine (DR)

Minute No 938.6 Letter from Birmingham International Airport

Re Outline Planning Approval – Completion of Development (PW)

939 ROADS & RIGHT OF WAY

Cllr Green advised that nothing had been done about the parking on grass verges along Elmdon Road and she would be speaking to Solihull MBC about the problem.

Cllr Hewlett advised that the current lamp post on Elmdon Lane by the Allotments was to be relocated to the other side of the road by the office block.



Cllr Mills had spoken with Richard Timothy, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator from SMBC regarding issues in Bickenhill Village and confirmed that he is also looking at the parking issues raised at the last meeting.

940 BUS & TRAIN SERVICE

Cllr Green stated that she had observed five No 17 buses in one hour at the Station recently. Cllr Rowe advised that the issue really needs to be taken up with VOSA, and he will write a letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR

941 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th November 2009. To be held at the Parish Hall, Marston Green.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:45

