

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 5th October 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
Mr Michael McGinn
Mrs Linda Poulson
Mrs Margret Wilden
Mrs Donna Williams
Mr Phillip Wood

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: Sgt Tony Hanlon and 1 member of the public

1298 THE PUBLIC

Sgt Hanlon provided an update on recent events within Marston Green to the Parish Council. He issued a copy of the recent West Midlands Police Newsletter and it was agreed that this should be placed on the Parish Council's website. Sgt Hanlon is keen to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and would be interested in talking to residents about this.

The next beat surgery is planned for Monday 17th October from 17:30 to 19:30 in the Parish Hall.

Cllr Wilden informed Sgt Hanlon of a recent problem at the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Hill advised that a resident from Wells Walk had contacted him regarding parking and damage to vehicles.

1299 APOLOGIES

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

1300 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

1301 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 3rd August 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 Hill

All in Favour

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

1302 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 3rd August 2011

Minute no 1279 Damage to Cars

The matter was discussed with Sgt Tony Hanlon.

1303 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday, 19th September 2011

Minute no 1303.1 Office Printer

The Clerk confirmed the three quotes obtained for the new office printer and it was proposed that we accept the Novatech quote of £402.97 which includes vat.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Wilden

All in Favour



It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order.

Minute no 1303.2 Framed Artwork Plaque

Cllr Poulson advised that the expenditure limit of £40.00 previously agreed for the prints had not been possible. It was more expensive due to the fact that the option we had been offered of providing a better quality printed canvas had been agreed. Therefore the expenditure should be duly noted that the final cost of the prints had been £180.82.

It had also been agreed that a copy of the print should also be given to Marston Green Library and therefore, an additional cost of £61.05 should also be noted.

All in Favour

Minute no 1303.3 Incident

Cllr Poulson advised that an emergency job had been raised by the Clerk, to address work on an oak tree from which a large limb had fallen onto the overspill car park. The cost was £150.00 and the expenditure should be duly noted.

All in Favour

Minute no 1303.4 Newsletter Delivery

Cllr Poulson was proposing that due to the fact that the Newsletter included the Chapel Garden Information Sheet we increase the delivery fee to £150.00.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1303.5 Kimbley Computer Services

It was agreed that the Clerk be given authority to call out Kimbley Computer Services as required up to a maximum of four times a year.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1303.6 Tree work at Recreation Ground

Arden Tree Surgery had suggested that all the trees running along the overspill car park/donkey path and on the boundary running parallel with Coleshill Road down to the Coleshill Road gate required lifting. Arden Tree Surgery was quoting £850.00 + vat to carry out all of this work.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Dowell

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order.

1304 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 26th August 2011 and 30th September 2011

Cllr Bunce asked if there were any comments regarding the proposals put forward by the Planning Sub Committee concerning the planning applications received. The proposal is to accept the recommendations of the Planning Sub Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

1305 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 26th August 2011 and 30th September 2011

Minute no 1305.1 Planning Application 2011/1148/1149 Brooklands Hospital

The Planning Committee had recommended that we invite Coventry & Warwickshire NHS to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to provide an update regarding the planning applications and the impact on the Community.

Minute no 1305.2 Planning Application 2011/1159 NEC

Cllr Wilden is to obtain copies of the plans from Solihull MBC for future reference.

Minute no 1305.3 Remembrance Day Order of Service

Cllr Wilden requested that the Parish Council consider paying for the Order of Service to be printed professionally. The printing requirement is for 200 copies for the Church Service and 300 copies for



the service in the Garden of Memory. Cllr Wilden had obtained a verbal quote from Minuteman Press of £230/£240.

Cllr Wood proposed that expenditure of £250.00 be allocated.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order.

1306 MARSTON GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hill informed the Council that all the advice we are receiving indicates that until the Government's National Planning Framework and the Localism Bill had been finalised, we were not in a position to start and develop the plan. There is no clear guidance on how the plans should be structured. WALC have advised that they would be running courses early in the New Year to cover the relevant topics and the development of neighbourhood plans.

Cllr Hill was however, proposing that a meeting be called to discuss the LDF (Local Development Framework) issued by Solihull MBC. He suggested that we should look at the sites identified within Marston Green and a formal response detailing our findings should be sent to Solihull MBC. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for Wed 12th October 2011 at 2pm.

1307 CLEMENT KEYS

The Clerk advised that we had received confirmation from Clement Keys on the 10th Sept 2011, that an unqualified audit opinion had been given.

Clement Keys had requested that the Council be made aware of their letter of the 17th August 2011 in which they had requested a copy of the Balance Sheet to reconcile boxes 7 & 8. The Clerk advised that this was to reconcile the Debtors and Creditors position. They had also stated that within box 9 all fixed assets should be recorded at cost price or at insurance value.

The Conclusion of the Audit Notice had been posted on the 19th September and displayed for 14 days as required.

Cllr Bunce stated that he wished to pass on his thanks to the Clerk for a job well done.

1308 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Wood had attended the ACC Meeting and he stated that there was not much to report. He advised that he was no longer the Vice-Chairman of this Committee and that Rosemary Tyler had been appointed. The Committee had reported that there had been no noise violations during the 2nd quarter.

The EMWG and PSST Committees are due to meet at the end of October.

1309 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Dowell advised that she and Cllr Williams had met with Solihull MBC for the Annual Village Walk-around and the main issue had been parking. SMBC advised that they were planning to cut back the shrubs on the central reservation.

1310 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr McGinn

Seconded: Cllr Dowell

All in Favour

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

1311 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1311.1 Letter – Marston Green Community Group (copy attached)

Minute no 1311.2 WALC AGM to be held on Thursday 27th October 2011

Minute no 1311.3 e-mail from Resident re Burial Ground

Minute no 1311.4 Veterans World Magazine

Minute no 1311.5 Phone Call from Resident re Burial Ground

Minute no 1311.6 WALC Newsletter – circulated by e-mail 3rd October



Minute no 1311.7 WALC Training Days

Briefing Event for all Chairmen & Aspiring Chairmen - 4th Nov or 3rd Dec

Interested in the Planning System? Want to know how to make use of it for the benefit of your Community.

Sat 28th Jan 2012

Sat 11th Feb 2012

Sat 24th Mar 2012

Minute no 1311.8 Request from Marston Green Lions to use the Parish Council Notice boards. The issue was discussed and agreed that it is not a viable option.

Minute no 1311.9 Marston Green Cricket Club – Sponsorship for Young Player of the Year
It was agreed that this be put on the Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda.

Minute no 1311.10 SMBC – Ward Update from Alison Lush – circulated by e-mail on 4th Oct 2011

Minute no 1311.11 Thank You Card from Alderman Beryl Kellie

Minute no 1311.12 Phone Call regarding a Charity Event in the Garden of Memory

It was agreed unanimously that the request should be denied however the option to use The Pleck was viable.

1312 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Bunce asked that we investigate why the kerb had been dropped on Bickenhill Road opposite the Recreation Ground.

Action item: The Clerk is to contact Solihull MBC

1313 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Nothing to report

1314 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7:30pm

