

Bickenhill Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7:30pm
Parish Hall, Marston Green

Present

Councillors:

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

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 4 members of the public and 2 representatives from Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust

1315 THE PUBLIC

Mr Prust asked if the remaining part of Elmdon Lane was to be resurfaced. Cllr Bunce said that we would ask Solihull MBC the question.

Mr Southwick advised that the testing of an aircraft on the apron had taken place on the 26th Sept 2011, Cllr Wood would check with the Airport.

Mr Laight raised the issue of the works being carried out on Station Road by One Stop stating that the trench running across the road had been poorly re-instated. Cllr Bunce advised that we would again ask Solihull MBC to investigate.

Action item: Clerk to contact SMBC

1316 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Celia Dowell and these were duly noted and accepted.

1317 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Bunce re agenda item 14 – Chairman's Allowance

1318 PRESENTATION FROM COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE NHS TRUST

Cllr Bunce welcomed to the meeting representatives from Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust, Scott Hatfield, Senior Project Manager and Karen Hill, Senior Nurse Manager, to update the Parish Council regarding the recent planning applications and the proposed changes to Brooklands Hospital Site.

Karen Hill advised that the planning applications were to address two main issues, to refurbish the units and to improve the efficiency of staffing of the units and the provision of in-house therapy sessions. Currently therapy sessions are delivered at another site, which is a staff intensive procedure. Scott Hatfield advised that it is envisaged that the work will take place over the next 3/5 years.

It was confirmed that there is no plan to increase the number of service users at the Brooklands Hospital site and the level of security to the unit would remain the same.

1319 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 5th October 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



1320 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, 5th October 2011

Minute no 1312 Bickenhill Road

The Clerk advised that a response from Solihull MBC had been circulated.

1321 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday, 17th October 2011

Minute no 1321.1 Solar Panels

Cllr Bunce advised that the Recreation Committee were proposing that a Committee be formed to investigate the benefits of Solar Panels. However, following the Government's recent announcement that the level of return was to be reduced from 43p to 21p with effect from the 8th December 2011, the Council's view was that it is no longer worth pursuing at this stage and we should wait to see what happens in the market place.

Proposed: Cllr Bunce
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Wilden

Minute no 1321.2 Replacement Window in Groundsman's House

The Recreation Committee were recommending that a replacement window at a cost of £283.33 be purchased.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Williams
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Jim Williams

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1321.3 Pick-up Service/MOT

Two quotes had been sourced to service and MOT the pick-up. Halfords were quoting £322.00 and Williams Motors quoted £160.00+vat. The recommendation of the Recreation Committee is to accept the cheaper quote.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Williams
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Jim Williams

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1321.4 Xmas Tree & Lights

The Recreation Committee were proposing that we accept the Woods Farm quote £160.00 per tree + £25.00 delivery making a total cost of £345.00.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Jones

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

The Recreation Committee were proposing the purchase of Solar lights to dress some of the other trees in the Garden of Memory and it was requested that a budget expenditure of £300.00 be allocated for the purchase.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams

Secoded: Cllr Jones

FOR: 7

AGAINST: 2

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1321.5 MGCC – Young Player of the Year

The Recreation Committee were proposing a £20.00 donation for the award.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Wilden

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 a donation of £20.00 to MGCC - Award to the Young Player of the Year.

Minute no 1321.6 Remembrance Day – Additional Signs



Cllr Wilden had requested that we order a further supply of signs. Due to timescales an emergency order had been placed at a cost of £100.00 for 10 signs.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Secoded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved to that the expenditure is duly noted

Minute no 1321.7 Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The proposal of the Recreation Committee is that a donation of £100.00 is made.

Proposed: Cllr Hill

Secoded: Cllr Jones

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 a donation of £100.00 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Minute no 1321.8 Budget Review 2011/12

The Recreation Committee had reviewed the budget for the current financial year and was recommending that we look at replacing the Community Notice Boards.

Cllr Wood proposed that a closed board be purchased for the Recreation Ground at a cost of £805.00 but that the two boards in the village should remain open.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Secoded: Cllr Wilden

All in Favour

It was Resolved to allocate expenditure

Minute no 1321.9 Budget 2012/13

Cllr Poulson asked the member of the Council to review the list of projects that had been compiled by the Recreation Committee for next year's budget and it was the view that this was a comprehensive list.

Cllr Bunce stated that in line with these projects, the Council needed to consider the application for 2012 Precept and after much discussion it was tabled that a 2.1% increase be applied.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Secoded: Cllr Jim Williams

All in Favour

Minute no 1321.10 Line Marking Paint

An order for line marking paint had been placed at a cost of £579.24; the expenditure is allocated within the Recreation Committee's budget.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams

Secoded: Cllr Hill

All in Favour

It was Resolved to that the expenditure is duly noted

1322 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 28th October 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 Poulson

Secoded: Cllr Wilden

All in favour

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

1323 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 28th October 2011

Minute no 1323.1 Solihull MBC – LDF Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation

Cllr Hill advised that following consultation on the above, all responses, together with SMBC comments, can be viewed on the SMBC website. The next stage of the process is to consider the



sites for suitability. Cllr Hill also advised that a number of the current sites had requested through SMBC to extend the site or to increase the number of pitches.

Minute no 1323.2 Parish Council's response to Solihull MBC – LDF

Cllr Hill asked if everyone had read the draft response to Solihull MBC regarding the sites identified within the LDF. The Clerk confirmed that the letter had been circulated by e-mail on Friday 28th October.

Cllr Hill asked for any comments and if a proposal to send the draft letter could be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk arrange to send the letter

1324 MARSTON GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hill informed the Council that plans to visit the Retirement Village at New Oscott had been arranged for Wed 9th November. Cllr's Hill, Poulson, Wilden, Donna Williams and Jones will be attending along with Richard Cobb. Cllr Wilden requested that Mrs P Griffiths also be invited.

1325 PROPOSED HS2 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Cllr Poulson raised her concerns regarding recent correspondence that has been circulated about the formation of a new HS2 Consultative Committee. It would appear from the wording of the e-mails that Bickenhill Parish Council has already agreed to be part of this Committee. Cllr Poulson's concern is that no resolution has been passed by the Parish Council agreeing to be part of this Committee. Cllr Wood explained that initially the idea is to call together the Parish Councils who made representation to Solihull MBC regarding the HS2. It is envisaged that the Committee will operate similarly to the Airport Consultative Committee as a back-up plan and in order to enforce the mitigations.

It was proposed that Cllr Wilden and Cllr Wood will attend the initial meeting to gain more information regarding how the Committee will operate, its constitution and who will sit on the Committee. Cllr Wilden and Cllr Wood will bring the information back to the Parish Council for further discussion.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Wilden

All in Favour

It was Resolved that Cllr Wood and Cllr Wilden attend the initial meeting

Action item: Cllr's Wilden and Wood

1326 SMBC - REGISTER OF INTEREST

Solihull MBC was requesting Councillors to review the register of member's interest. The Clerk issued a copy of the current register to each Councillor.

1327 COUNCILLOR BADGES

Cllr Wilden requested that we purchase Bickenhill Parish Council badges for Councillors to wear, and that we look at ones that state past member of BPC. Cllr Bunce advised that relevant costs should be obtained.

1328 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

The Clerk advised that the payment of the Chairman's Allowance for 2010/11 was outstanding. Cllr Hill proposed that we increase the payment from £325.00 to £350.00; this was seconded by Cllr Poulson. Cllr Wood proposed that a payment of £340.00 be made, therefore a vote was taken.

Vote taken for payment of £350.00 – FOR: 5

Vote taken for payment of £340.00 - FOR: 3

It was Resolved that the Council pay a Chairman's Allowance of £350.00 using Section 15 of the Local Government Act 1972.

For the purpose of the minutes Cllr Bunce, Chairman had no involvement or formed part of the discussion regarding the above proposal.

1329 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Jim Williams had attended the PSST Meeting in October but there was nothing to report.

Cllr Wood had attended the Environment Group Meeting and reported that the Control Tower was to be installed sometime this week, the final completion and operational date is 2013.

The Airport have had a better than expected performance of the continuous descent approaches following the increase of the transitional level from 4,000 to 6,000ft. In Sept there was a 95% success rate, which is good compared to other airports. The new noise monitoring system has been



delayed while initial problems are resolved and hopefully this will be completed by the end of the year. The ILS system has been replaced and is currently running at Cat 1, but it is hoped by the end of the year this will be running at Cat 3.
Birmingham Airport Climate change report has now been completed and accepted by DEFRA and it is available on the website.

1330 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report

1331 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Jim Williams

Seconded: Cllr Donna Williams

All in Favour

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

1332 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1332.1 Letter from Victim Support – Appeal for funds in West Midlands

Minute no 1332.2 Solihull MBC - Shopmobility

Minute no 1332.3 WALC Training Courses – Interest in Planning System? Want to know how to make use of it for the benefit of your Community?

Dates:

Sat 28th Jan 2012 – Fillongley Village Hall

Cllr's McGinn, Wilden and Donna Williams will attend this session

Sat 11th Feb 2012 – Dunchurch Village Hall, Nr Rugby

Sat 24th Mar 2012 – Ettington Community Centre, Stratford

Minute no 1332.4 SMBC – Ward Newsletter from Alison Lush

Circulated by e-mail on 31st Oct 2011

Minute no 1332.5 E-mail from Simon Reece, Greenfields Associates, working on behalf of Packington Estates

It was agreed to establish the date of the exhibition and if residents would be invited.

1333 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Jim Williams was speaking with Solihull MBC about the cutting back of the hedge on the central reservation and the road marking on Coleshill Heath Road from the roundabout by Millennium Wood to the new set of lights at the junction of Bickenhill Parkway.

Cllr Wilden asked if the Parish Council could litter pick and cut back the shrubs in the walk through from Elmdon Road to Aylesford Drive and it was agreed that Cllr Hill will speak to Marston Green Lions to see if they could include this path when they litter picked the village.

1334 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Cllr Wilden had received a letter from a resident in Digby Drive complaining about the no 91 Bus Service. It was agreed that the resident should first approach the bus company, details of who to contact will be provided to resident.

1335 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th December 2011 at 7:30pm.

