

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

Present

Councillors:

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

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 4 members of the public and Solihull MBC Cllr Bob Sleigh

1336 THE PUBLIC

Mr Prust asked if the Parish Council had received a response from Solihull MBC regarding the resurfacing of the remaining part of Elmdon Lane. The Clerk advised that Solihull MBC had confirmed that the project for the rest of Elmdon Lane was planned for the start of the next financial year. SMBC had also confirmed that Digby Drive is also programmed to be resurfaced in the next financial year.

Mr Prust mentioned the problem of parking on Elmdon Lane. The Clerk advised that she has received an email from Sgt Hanlon about the issue and that the Police were monitoring the situation.

Mr Prust stated that the public footpath from Elmdon Road Bridge to the airport was in a poor state. It was agreed that we raise the issue with SMBC.

Action item: Clerk to contact SMBC

Mr Southwick raised his concern regarding the speed of cars on Bickenhill Road. Mr Laight stated that the speed of traffic on Holly Lane was also a concern. It was agreed that we contact SMBC to request speed visors on both roads.

Action item: Clerk to contact SMBC

Mr Laight asked the Parish Council if they were planning representation regarding the Moat House Farm Appeal. Cllr Bunce advised that this is to be discussed later in the meeting.

1337 APOLOGIES

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

1338 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Jones regarding St Peters Church, Bickenhill.

1339 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 2nd November 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

1340 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 2nd November 2011



Minute no 1315 Elmdon Lane

The item had now been covered within the public section of the minutes.

Minute no 1324 Marston Green Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hill advised that following a successful visit to the New Oscott Retirement Village the Parish Council would now need to discuss the requirements and plans for any future site.

Cllr Hill also advised that no further information was available regarding Neighbourhood plans and it was agreed that a meeting in the New Year would be planned.

With regard to the Moat House Farm site, Cllr Hill asked if the Parish Council wish to be represented by Richard Cobb at the Appeal. Cllr Hill wished to propose that Richard speak on our behalf and this was seconded by Cllr Jones.

Proposed: Cllr Hill

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved that Richard Cobb will be instructed to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Appeal

Minute no 1327 Councillor Badges

Cllr Bunce advised that an initial enquiry had been made. However, a decision re colour, size and what is to appear on the badge was to be made. It was agreed that the Parish Council logo be used with the same colour and the badge would need to be about 1.5 inches long. The Clerk will pursue a quote.

Action item: Clerk to organise quote

1341 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday, 21st November 2011

Cllr Poulson advised there were no points to be discussed from the minutes and asked members if there were any issues they wished to raise from the minutes. No issues were raised.

1342 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday, 28th November 2011

Minute no 1342.1 St Peters Church Bickenhill

Cllr Williams asked for a proposer regarding the recommendation to allocate £500.00 towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson

Seconded: Cllr Dowell

All in Favour for the purpose of the minutes Cllr Jones did not take part in the vote

It was Resolved a budget of £500.00 be allocated

Minute no 1342.2 Groundsman's House – Replacement Shower

Cllr Williams asked for the expenditure of £350.00 to be duly noted and recorded, she asked for a proposer.

Proposed: Cllr Wilden

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the expenditure is duly noted

Minute no 1342.3 Groundsman's House – Replacement Fascias & Guttering

Cllr Williams asked for a proposer regarding the recommendation of the Committees to accept the quote of £1828.00

Proposed: Cllr Hill

Seconded: Cllr Poulson

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 1342.4 Maintenance of Driveway Lighting

Cllr Williams asked for a proposer regarding the recommendation of the Committees to accept the quote of £307.20.

Proposed: Cllr Dowell

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in Favour

It was Resolved that the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 1342.5 Trailer Course

Cllr Williams asked for a proposer regarding the recommendation of the Committees to accept the expenditure of £42.00 to send N Meek on an assessment course.



Proposed: Cllr Poulson
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Hill

It was Resolved the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 1342.6 Removal of Fly Tipping

Cllr Williams asked for the expenditure of £87.50 to be duly noted and recorded, and she asked for a proposer.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Hill

It was Resolved that the expenditure is duly noted

Minute no 1342.7 Pick-up Insurance

Cllr Williams asked for the expenditure of £960.90 to be duly noted and recorded, and she asked for a proposer.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson
All in Favour

Secoded: Cllr Dowell

It was Resolved that the invoice is to be paid

1343 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 25th November 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
All in favour

Secoded: Cllr Dowell

It was Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Planning Committee

1344 PRECEPT APPLICATION FOR 2012/13

Cllr Bunce advised that following agreement at last month's meeting that the Precept be increased by 2.1%; this equated to a total Precept application of £128771.00 and therefore requires ratification of the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Poulson
All in favour

Secoded: Cllr Donna Williams

It was Resolved that an application of Precept be made to SMBC of £128,771.00

1345 APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Bunce advised that we had received two applications to become a Parish Councillor and it was agreed that an interview panel be arranged with the interview taking place on Wed 14th Dec 2011.

Action item: Clerk to send out invitation letters

1346 HS2 CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Cllr Wilden stated that the preliminary meeting held on the 17th Nov 2011 had been attended by 20/25 representative across various groups, Parish Councils, residents association. They had agreed that a set of rules and regulations be formulated for further discussion at the next meeting.

The Clerk advised that Gill Lewis had circulated a draft copy of rules for the suggested committee.

Cllr Wilden stated that she had not seen the draft and it was therefore agreed that the draft document is circulated and once everyone had read through the proposed document, it would be discussed in greater depth at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Action item: Clerk to circulate draft document

Action item: Draft document to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting

1347 AIRPORT MATTERS

Cllr Poulson had attended the ACC meeting last week and had nothing to report.

1348 INTERNAL & EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cllr Wilden confirmed that the Parish Hall Trustees were meeting tomorrow.

Cllr Poulson advised that she and Cllr Wilden had attended the Solihull MBC follow-up meeting regarding the LDF Consultation.

1349 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION

The proposal is to authorise payment of the detailed expenditure.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Williams

Secoded: Cllr Poulson



All in Favour

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

1350 CORRESPONDENCE

Minute no 1350.1 Birmingham City Council – Public Consultation on the Draft Shopping & Local Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) deadline is 19th Dec 2011

Minute no 1350.2 Email from Marston Green District Lions re Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Minute no 1350.3 SMBC – Budget Consultation

Minute no 1350.4 Letter of resignation from Phillip Wood

Minute no 1350.5 Countryside Voice

Minute no 1350.6 Letter re Memorial Bench in Burial Ground
To be discussed by the Recreation Committee

Minute no 1350.7 WALC Membership Fee 2012
The donation will be £946.00

Minute no 1350.8 email request from Resident
The Clerk outlined that a request from a resident had been received via the website, regarding information about the lease of the Parish Hall. It was agreed that this is not a Parish Council matter and the information was passed to the Chairman of the Parish Hall Trustees for them to respond to the resident. A response to the resident should be sent advising him of the decision.

Minute no 1350.9 WALC
The Future of the Standards of Conduct
The (10) Principles

Minute no 1350.10 Letter Birmingham Airport
Re: change of name to Birmingham Airport Limited

Minute no 1350.11 Citizens Advice Solihull Borough Ltd – Newsletter

Minute no 1350.12 Emails from Sgt Tony Hanlon re
- Parking Musson Close
- Parking on Elmdon Lane
- Next Police Surgery 19th Dec 2011. 17:30 to 19:30

Minute no 1350.13 Solihull MBC Consultation regarding Libraries
The Clerk advised that this information had been circulated via email and was available on Solihull MBC's website seeking the views of residents.

Minute no 1350.14 Article in the Solihull News
Cllr Bunce stated that a letter in the Solihull News had complimented the Parish Council on the Remembrance Day Service.

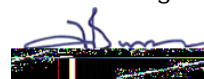
Minute no 1350.15 Criss Cross
Cllr Bunce also advised there had been a thank you from a resident to the Clerk for her help and understanding while carrying out her duties as Parish Clerk.

1351 ROADS & RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Dowell stated that there had been no improvement in the parking on Elm Farm Avenue during school times.

Cllr Wilden stated that residents were concerned regarding the use of the Library Car Park and the road at the back of the shops on Station Road.

It was agreed that both issues will be passed to the relevant authority.



1352 BUS & TRAIN SERVICES

Nothing to report

1353 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th January 2012 at 7:30pm.

