
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 1st May 2007
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss G Healy

Councillors

Cllr A Knibb

Cllr Miss C Moylan

(Items 2- 6)

Cllr Miss E Vincent

Officers: Mrs C Tibbles

Guests: Cllr Debbie Evans, Kingshurst Parish Council
Cllr E Knibb

Note: The meeting was slightly delayed due to waiting for sufficient councillors to arrive and achieve the required quorum and the meeting started with Item 4.

4.

Work of Youth Councils.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Debbie Evans to the meeting and asked what she would find useful to know. Cllr Evans said she would be interested to know what the Youth Council did, how they were elected, how the Council was run. Members answered these points and explained that the guest speakers had also brought most useful additional information to their attention (Solihull MBC, environmental issues, art mural, lottery funding, youth centre links, police). Members of the Youth Council elected a Chairman and Vice-Chairman each year, attended the Civic Service and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Parade. They had also visited local primary schools to explain their work and recruit new members and most recently to canvass views on what was 'wished for' in Castle Bromwich. The Chairman was particularly pleased that their financial support had been given to vital repairs to the tennis courts – a Parish Council facility well used by young people. When the Parish Council was dealing with ASB problems at one of the Open Spaces, they had helped with a special consultation of young people to get their views. As many members travelled to schools out of the area, they frequently discussed transport and bus problems and had also changed their constitution after several meetings of a special working party. All members had been co-opted and direct elections not yet held as the 'source' of voters was difficult to know and needed closer co-operation with schools. Cllr Evans had been given a copy of the constitution, co-option form and declaration of acceptance form for her information.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr T Clayton were accepted for the reason given. Cllr Miss R McDonald and Cllr Miss S Ross were absent.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Cllr Miss Moylan, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March, 2007 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the

Meeting.

3. Questions from Councillors.

None submitted.

5. Questionnaire.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Miss Vincent for her work on the questionnaire and Cllr A Knibb suggested the word 'use' be substituted for 'want'. A few minor amendments to the layout and colour were suggested and Cllr Miss Vincent would send it to Clerk to email to the web provider to check the format required for inclusion on the website. The Clerk said she would supply copies to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their approval so that members could finalise circulation details at the next meeting.

6. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk was pleased to report that an approach to the Youth and Community Centre to hold the meeting on 3rd July had been well received and could now be confirmed. Members asked for an opportunity to tour the centre at the start of the meeting and for someone to talk about the activities that take place there. They had appreciated the attendance of Becky at meetings and felt that an update on information about the centre would be valuable. The Chairman asked when the election of Chairman would be and the Clerk confirmed this would be at the next meeting (election of the whole Parish Council this year slightly changed the timetable). Cllr Miss Moylan hoped to introduce a new member for co-option at the next meeting and it was asked to have this on the agenda before the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman took place. A brief discussion took place on the age limit of youth councillors in their constitution since the law had changed to reduce the age requirement to 18 for adult councillors. This would be considered at the next meeting. Cllr E Knibb asked who owned the playground by the Scout Hut and the Clerk thought it may be the Borough Council but it was certainly not the Parish Council. Cllr E Knibb commented on the website and referred to some archive material and comments by a former Youth Councillor.