

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 2nd February 2010
AT 17.15 HRS**

Those present:

- Chairman:** Cllr Miss R Jennings [Items 3 – end]
- Councillors** Cllr Miss A Baynton Cllr T Clayton Cllr A Knibb
Cllr D Bliss [Item 4 – end] [Items 4 – end]
Cllr Miss N Browne Cllr Miss C Drew Cllr Miss L Phillips
- Officers:** Mrs C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
- Also Present:** Mr. S Crook, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Solihull MBC
Miss E. Sibbing, Horticultural Officer, Solihull MBC
Cllr Mrs. P Allen
Cllr E Knibb
- Public:** 1 member of the public [Item 4 – end]

1. Election of Acting Chair.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss Phillips, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Baynton, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss N Browne be elected as Acting Chair due to the delayed arrival of the Chairman.

2. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss G Healy were accepted for the reason given. Cllr Miss R McDonald and Cllr Miss A Munro were absent. [Clerk's Note: apologies from Cllr J Lal and Cllr M Hayes (Guest) were received after the meeting had started.]

3. Co-option of new members.

Cllr Miss C Moylan had expressed her difficulty in attending meetings due to increasing personal commitments and therefore declined the opportunity to stand for co-option to rejoin the Youth Council. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to Miss Moylan for her valued past service on the Youth Council.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Browne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2009 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

5. Playground Improvements – Guest Speaker, Ms. Emma Sibbing.

Ms Sibbing informed members that as part of the Parks and Open Space team, she was involved with the £1.1 million Playbuilder funding from central government. 27 sites were being improved in the Borough with this investment, including 11 sites in the current phase. Allocations would depend on need and some sites were having goal areas installed, incorporating basketball hoops and others parks with trampolines. Swings and zipwires were also popular. Members were pleased to see lots of completed questionnaire forms, which they studied before being handed to Ms Sibbing for her later analysis. Results would be sent to the Parish Council for the February meeting. The Chairman asked when the project would take place and Ms Sibbing replied that tenders would be advertised in April and hopefully installations completed before the summer holiday. Agreements would be reached by the Playbuilder Decision Board and she

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hoped that Castle Bromwich would get what they wanted. Members looked at sample photos from Ms. Sibbing and catalogues/articles from the Clerk to see types of equipment that had been installed at other popular sites.

6. Training.

Cllr A Knibb shared information with members on training opportunities. There was an opportunity for some free training but this was limited to 2 places and were not held in local venues. A trainer could be paid to undertake a group session in Castle Bromwich but there would be a fee to pay in addition to the £75 group charge. The Chairman undertook to study the information further and thanked Cllr A Knibb for researching the matter. She thought that current members already seemed to understand democracy quite well.

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7. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Members liked the new logo, as used on recent Christmas Cards by Park Hall Academy. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the blue version should be used on future communications.

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8. Youth Social Event.

The Chairman suggested that the next project should be thought about now in preparation for when the Village Green ideas were completed. Cllr Clayton explained that he attended an event held at different local venues as part of 'Operation Jericho', the last one being held at Burney Lane. The disco had a strict advance guest list. Members considered safety of the event, targeting a younger age group instead of 14/19 year olds (although not as young as primary school children) and for the next Working Party to design a questionnaire to send to Park Hall Academy to assess support. Mr. Crook thought there was good sports provision for young people locally but other alternatives were very limited.

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9. Village Green Project.

Following an update of recent progress, members agreed the following action. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Bliss, **SECONDED** by Cllr A Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that a letter from the Chairman and the Clerk, as drafted, should be hand delivered to residents at the Village Green to inform them of the plans. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by Cllr A Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Parish Council be asked to earmark the unspent allocation of the Youth Council budget to carry forward towards the cost of the project completion (see appendix). **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr A Knibb, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that all members be invited to a practical Working Party meeting at the Village Green on Thursday 18th February at 10.30 am (please dress warmly and appropriately) to remove shrubs that could be relocated or replaced after work was completed; to move to Arden Hall when finished at the Village Green to then draft the questionnaire (see above). Cllr Mrs. Allen undertook to meet with members at the Village Green. The Clerk undertook to send Cllr Miss L Phillips a copy of the Project outline. Members noted that the Community Payback teams were due to work on site (weather permitting) from 1st – 3rd March to clear the ground to the required height, to work on 10th March and again on 15th March with preparation for the railway sleepers (which the team would collect) and circular bench installation on 8 foundation slabs and with concrete sections in between (for handprints of those involved). A community action day could be arranged to initiate the planting with local community groups. The Clerk would endeavour to arrange a press release to appeal for practical

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help or financial donations, including Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust who may help with supply of box hedging.

10. Clerk's Report.

Members were informed that the budget allocation for the Youth Council had been increased for the following year due to the extra members now serving and the enthusiasm for projects they wished to investigate. Members were reminded of the application form from the Community Trust Fund of Birmingham Airport and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Working Party would complete this at their next meeting.

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