

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

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss R Jennings

Councillors Cllr D Bliss Cllr Miss G Healy Cllr J Lal
Cllr Miss N Browne [Items 1 – part 4] Cllr Miss L Phillips
Cllr Miss C Drew Cllr A Knibb

Officers: Mrs C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO

Also Present: Mr. Ken Reid, Probation Service Officer

Cllr Mrs. P Allen

Cllr M Hayes [Items part 4 – end]

Public: None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss A Baynton, Cllr T Clayton, Cllr Miss R McDonald and Cllr Miss A Munro were noted for the reason given. Clerk's Note: apologies were also received from guests – Cllr E Knibb , Cllr M Hayes (delayed at work) and Mr. S Crook.

2. Co-option of new members.

No forms had been submitted but an enquiry form may be returned shortly.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Knibb, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss Browne, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd February 2010 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Village Green Project - Guest Speaker, Ken Reid.

The Chairman read an email from Cllr Mrs. Allen thanking members of the Working Party, Steve Crook and Sgt. O'Reilly for the hard work and enthusiasm in February. Photographs of work to date were available. The Chairman invited members to sign a letter of thanks to a local resident of The Green who had kindly donated £50 to their project. A welcome was extended to Mr. Reid who updated members on the work by the Community Payback Unit from Chelmsley Wood who were most enthusiastic about the project. Following removal of shrubs by the youth councillors during the half-term working party meeting, the remaining plants had been removed, the soil disposed of via skips and the railway sleepers collected in readiness for the plant beds/new paths. Mr. Reid commended the application to the airport and was hopeful that with multi-agency involvement it should be successful. Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Lal, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that for reasons of cost and efficiency, the slabs should be used for the paths, hopefully being 4' wide to the inner circle, being cut to form a circular pathway around the bench. The tree would be planted later, depending on weather and seasonal availability. Cllr Lal volunteered to draft an appeal letter, based on the airport application, to seek additional funding from a variety of local establishments. The Chairman would forward the draft to the Clerk who would make joint applications for help. The Community Day was provisionally agreed for Saturday 17th April, between 10 am-2 pm with a working party meeting on Tuesday 30th March at

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Arden Hall for an hour at 5 pm. The Clerk would arrange materials, subject to request by the Probation service and availability of resources. £320 had been spent on the project this week to enable the groundwork to be undertaken.

5. Youth Questionnaire/Social Event.

A questionnaire had been prepared by Cllr Miss Browne which would be sent to the Clerk via the Chairman for members to see at the working party meeting. Once it was finalized the Clerk would provide copies for members to distribute to their respective organizations and co-ordinate return of completed replies.

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6. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Cllr A Knibb suggested that members promote their activities by using photos on the website and raise their profile. Cllr Hayes commended this excellent suggestion to improve publicity. The Clerk asked members to consider their own website page or list requirements for further consideration at the next working party meeting, perhaps being similar in style but using different colours and their own logo. Cllr A. Knibb was able to consent to his photo being used but permission for other members under 18 would be required from parents.

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7. Playground Improvements.

The Clerk tabled the summary of responses to the recent questionnaires for information. She would be meeting with Emma Sibbing (Solihull MBC) shortly and the parish council had endorsed the results of the survey. Some questionnaires had been submitted too late for the consultation but would be shown to Ms Sibbing.

8. Clerk's Report.

Members updated their contact information, noted the dates of meetings for the next civic year. The Chairman asked if their funding had been earmarked as requested and the Clerk confirmed this would be in hand as scheduled.