

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 3rd November 2009
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss R Jennings

Councillors Cllr Miss A Baynton Cllr Miss C Drew Cllr A Knibb
Cllr D Bliss [Item 2 – end] [Items 1 – 5]
[Item 2 – end] Cllr Miss G Healy Cllr Miss A Munro
Cllr Miss N Browne Cllr J Lal [Item 2 – end]
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Cllr T Clayton [Item 2 – end]

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

Also Present: Mr. S Crook, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Solihull MBC [Item 1-6]

Cllr Mrs. P Allen

Cllr E Knibb

Cllr M Hayes [Item 4 – end]

Public: 2 members of the public [Item 3 – end]

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss R McDonald were accepted for the reason given. Cllr Miss C Moylan was absent.

2. Co-option of new members.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the four co-option candidates stated their reasons for wishing to join the Youth Parish Council and members listened with interest. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss Healy, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Daniel Bliss, Catherine Drew, Jay Lal and Alice Munro be co-opted to the Youth Council. The Chairman welcomed them to the Council, declarations of acceptance of office were duly signed and witnessed and the new members took their seats.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Miss Healy, **SECONDED** by Cllr Clayton, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th September 2009 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Bliss said that Park Hall Academy wished to send Christmas Cards to individual people in the local community and asked if the school could print the Youth Council's name on the back of the card to show how both establishments were supporting each other. Members discussed the idea, and following advice from the Clerk, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to have the name included and to possibly explore further options for the following year. Cllr Bliss expressed the thanks of the school to the Clerk, for making personal arrangements for a WWII veteran to visit Park Hall Academy to speak to children. The Chairman asked members to consider holding a bi-monthly youth social event/disco at Arden Hall. Cllr Clayton explained that he had attended a successful event with the Chairman that had been well organised by parents, managed safely with a controlled guest list. After discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that this should be an agenda item at the next meeting, when a working party could be established if necessary.

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5. Playground Improvements.

The Clerk reported that the recommendations of the assessor would be considered this month by the Borough Council cabinet and she hoped there would be favourable news soon. Members noted this information with interest.

6. Village Green Project.

Members reported on their recent working party meeting and discussed the information they had each researched to bring to this meeting – shrubs, trees, benches, funding from Inner Vision or Help for Heroes. A sample plaque and bench brochure was shown. Cllr E Knibb undertook to quickly pursue the availability of sleepers from Kingshurst on behalf of the Youth Council, as offered at the last working party meeting. Members considered the discount on a tree seat that the Clerk had explored and following consideration of previous quotes, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that, under her delegated powers, the Clerk should order a Balmoral Bench in British Racing Green, 1000mm internal diameter (to allow for a tree) at a cost of £1000 + VAT and £150 delivery charge, utilising the grant from Solihull MBC. The bench could be safely stored until installation. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** to accept the Chairman's offer to finalise the ideas discussed and agreed into a workable plan, showing the leveling of the site, installation of 3 concrete paths, use of 6 sleepers and box hedging to form boundaries to the beds and to estimate costs of a variety of shrubs, subject to specialist advice at a later stage. This would be done quickly and put forward to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration the following week. Work could then commence on grant applications and provisional completion dates established. The Clerk was waiting for details of the Community Garden registration scheme and possible 'labour' opportunities. Steve Crook undertook to approach Groundwork for advice/assistance on the project. Following discussion and support of Cllr Hayes, members agreed to formally consider at the next meeting the way to carry forward their Youth Council budget allocation as earmarked reserves to the next financial year.

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7. Training.

In the absence of Cllr A Knibb, members deferred this item to the next meeting.

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8. Clerk's Report.

Members were informed that there had been a very good response to the Community Consultation from students of Park Hall Academy, members were reminded of the arrangements for Remembrance Parade and Service at the Village Green when their Chairman would be laying a wreath. Members were asked to update their contact details to improve communication.