

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 4th May 2010
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss R Jennings

Councillors Cllr Miss A Baynton Cllr Miss N Browne Cllr Miss A Munro
Cllr D Bliss Cllr T Clayton Cllr Miss L Phillips
Cllr Miss J Browne Cllr Miss C Drew
[Items 3-end]

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

Also Present: Mr. Carl Ferris, Halls Garden Supplies
Ms. Emma Sibbing, Horticultural Officer, Solihull MBC
Cllr Mrs. P Allen

Public: 1 member of the public [Items 5-end].

Prior to the meeting starting, Sgt. Dave Hewitt visited to introduce PC Cobley and PCSO Sawyer. As the new neighbourhood Sgt, he asked if the Youth Council would welcome regular attendance at future meetings and explained the police wanted to know what young people thought about policing in Castle Bromwich. Members agreed this would be a very good idea and the Clerk undertook to circulate details to the police team in future.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss G Healy, Cllr A Knibb and Cllr J Lal were noted. Cllr Miss R McDonald was absent. Clerk's Note: apologies were also received from guests – Cllr E Knibb, Cllr M Hayes (delayed at work) and Mr. S Crook.

2. Election of Chairman.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss N Browne, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Cllr Ruth Jennings be elected of Chairman for the next Civic year. A Vice-Chairman would be elected at the next meeting.

3. Co-option of new members.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the co-option candidate stated her reason for wishing to join the Youth Parish Council and members listened with interest. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Miss Phillips, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Jessica Browne, be co-opted to the Youth Council. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Miss J Browne to the Council, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and witnessed and she took her seat.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

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

5. Village Green Project - Guest Speaker, Carl Ferris.

Members were most pleased to note the progress of works completed by the Community Payback team and discussed at length the next tasks to prioritise. Mr. Ferris gave most helpful advice and members discussed maintenance needed for variegated box hedging, shrubs, lifespan of lavender, jasmine, azaleas, broome, benefits of colourful flowers versus need for dead heading. Following careful consideration, **IT**

ACTION

WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that: members meet Mr. Ferris at Halls Garden Centre on Thursday, 13th May at 6 pm to view and decide a planting schedule, with information to be forwarded to the Clerk to enable an order to be placed; the Clerk to assess the current budget status thus far; the Clerk to ask Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens if any box hedging could be sourced via Packwood House; for Cllr Lal to forward the draft letter to the Clerk so that press publicity and possible funding donations might be encouraged; the Clerk to request a donation for plants from the Envision Project; the Clerk to purchase a photo album for the Youth Council to make a record of the project; the Parish Council to consider replacing their notice board at the Green and allowing the Youth Council to explain the Peace/Sensory Garden project on the other side; the community Payback team be asked to lay one more circle of slabs to increase the path width, that at 11 am on Saturday 5th June the Community payback team help the Youth Council set ‘handprints’ under the bench; that at 11 am on Saturday 19th June a ‘Community Day’ be held for planting hedges and some plants in the flower beds. As already agreed, the tree would be planted later, depending on weather and seasonal availability.

Everyone
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Clerk
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12/5
Cllr Lal
asap
Clerk/Chair
26/5
Clerk
June
Council
2/6
Clerk
6/5

6. Community Trust Fund Application.

Members noted with delight, the award from Birmingham International Airport and the Clerk confirmed that she had signed the acceptance conditions. Members were reminded of the budget plan that had been submitted.

7. Working Party Report.

The Chairman guided members through the report, noting that the Village Green Community Day had already been agreed. The questionnaire needed minor amendments to boxes on question 9 and a suitable end date inserted when ready to be distributed to Park Hall Academy via Cllr Bliss and to members/placed on the website. Members viewed the drawings by Cllr Miss Munro for a website page for the Youth Council and, following the suggestion of the council, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approach ICT department at Park Hall Academy to see if this could be a joint curriculum project. Cllr Miss Phillips, the Clerk and the council’s webmaster would be consulted further on this matter.

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8. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Members discussed the topics suggested by Cllr Bliss and noted the background to changes with park security, the funding or sponsorship usually requested for Christmas lighting and the practical issues involving installations. The problem with litter could be a future project for the Youth council after the Sensory Peace Garden had been completed, with possible help from Solihull MBC if Alison Lush or Steve Crook were able to support them.

Members
Autumn

9. Playground Improvements.

At the invitation of Ms. Sibbing, members studied with excitement the designs submitted by companies for the new playground equipment, with one company being less preferable. Ms. Sibbing thanked members for their helpful comments.

10. Clerk’s Report.

The Clerk had nothing further to report.