

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 6th September 2011
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss N Browne

Councillors:	Cllr J Beddows	Cllr G Hayes	Cllr Miss A Munro
	Cllr D Bliss	[Item 3 - end]	Cllr Miss L Phillips
	Cllr B Clayton	Cllr Miss R Jennings	Cllr S Wright
	Cllr T Clayton	Cllr Miss Z Jennings	[Item 3 - end]

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

Also Present: Mr. S. Crook – Solihull MBC

Public: None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss A Baynton and Cllr Miss J Browne were noted. Several members needed to leave by 6. 30 p.m. The Clerk undertook to write to Cllr J Lal and Cllr Miss R Wolliston who had missed several meetings and therefore, under the terms of the constitution, would forfeit their places. Cllr Miss Jennings and Cllr Bliss confirmed this would their last meeting as they would be leaving Castle Bromwich. The Chairman said apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs. P Allen but had been asked to pass on her best wishes to all members would shortly be leaving for university.

Asst Clerk
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2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Bliss, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th July, 2011 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

3. Co-option of new members.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Stephen Wright said that he wanted to take an active role in the local community and was interested in politics. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Miss R Jennings, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that he be co-opted to the Youth Council. At the invitation of the Chairman, Greg Hayes said that he had heard about the council, was interested and wanted to be a part of it. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Beddows, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that he be co-opted to the Youth Council. The declarations of acceptance of office were duly signed and the Chairman welcomed Cllr Wright and Cllr Hayes to the council.

4. Working Party Report.

Members discussed at length the report outlining plans for the Picnic in the Park on Monday 4th June, 2012 provisionally between 12 noon and 4 pm. Mr. Crook undertook to make initial contact with the police, fire brigade and junior park rangers on behalf of the Youth Council, which was gratefully accepted. Members considered the various recommendations and the following **WERE RESOLVED:** arrangements for bad weather; layout and location with park to be decided later; craft activity (choice of 3) to be included in ticket purchase, price to be minimal but likely £1 per child; poster competition in January for schools to design picture to go with written information from Youth Council; publicity via Gazette in March, April and May; appeal to shop for prizes for children; picnic would be main event with own food brought; no alcohol and

no unaccompanied children; terms and conditions to be printed on tickets; help available for music/compere; notification letter to neighbours; sufficient helpers would be needed and control of numbers; admission on the day dependent on previous ticket sales; providers of chargeable events/services would be invited for face painting, ice-cream vans and burger/jacket potato vans upon payment of fee to the council; bouncy castles already provisionally arranged; as first-time event the scale must remain small and simple. Arena activities, school entertainment and stalls could be considered for future years if event was repeated. Next working party meeting would be held on Thursday 27th October at 11.30 am for Youth Council, with interested parties being invited to attend at 2 pm. Members were invited again to bring their 'picnic'. Youth Cllrs B Clayton, Miss Z Jennings, G Hayes and the Chairman confirmed their intention to attend. Other members were uncertain at this time.

ACTION

27/10
11.30 am –
4 pm
Pavilion

Cllr Miss Jennings reported that she and Cllr Mrs. Allen had met to plant shrubs in the Sensory Garden and a second meeting with other members took place when more planting took place in July.

5. Village Green Sensory Garden Project.

Members noted the visit of the judges and the good impressions made when they had met some Youth Councillors and seen the album showing the project's development. The Clerk was delighted to report that their entry was through to the final round and **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Miss R Jennings and Cllr Bliss attend the announcement ceremony, accompanied by Cllr Mrs. Allen (if available) and the Clerk. Transport arrangements to be confirmed.

RJ/DB
PA/Clerk
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6. Youth Council Badges.

The Clerk informed members that badges has been ordered and apologized to those who had not seen the final design options. A majority of members had expressed a preference for the navy blue background and that was the option now on order.

7. Future Ideas and Raising Awareness.

Members were reminded that guest speakers from AIM would attend the next meeting, which was deferred from this meeting.

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8. Visit to Westminster.

Members reported on the experiences of the above visit that had taken place in July and agreed that it had been a most valuable experience. Although there were unfortunate problems with transport delays, Park Hall Academy had successfully negotiated a total refund. Cllr T Clayton reminded members of the origins of the idea, which was noted. The Clerk confirmed that thanks had been sent to Caroline Spelman, MP.

9. Macmillan Coffee Morning – Saturday 1st October.

Unfortunately, many members were unable to attend this event to promote the Youth Council and help raise funds for the charity. Cllr Miss Z Jennings and Cllr B Clayton hoped to attend, with other members being most welcome on the day.

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9.15 – 1.15

10. Ideas and Questions from Councillors.

Cllr T Clayton asked members to consider what services should be provided to young people by the Youth Council and wanted practical delivery to be undertaken. The Clerk reminded members that although admirable, this would be outside the current constitution that defined their operation. There were no reports from members on public toilet provision. Cllr B Clayton asked what regulations there were regarding keeping chickens in residential gardens and following an interesting discussion, the Clerk advised that this was not an area of responsibility for the parish council, it may be possible to find information on Solihull MBC website.

11. Report and Appointment of Representatives.

Members noted that a community appraisal meeting had been held but further information was awaited.

12. Clerk's Report.

Members had received a strategy summary and noted the request from Solihull MBC to discuss the Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Strategy, asking the Clerk to arrange a meeting after school if possible before the deadline for a couple of volunteers if available. Members noted the offer of Street Snooker for a day's mobile taster session costing £900. The Clerk tabled copies of the WALC Annual Report, which again included details of the Youth Council activities, this time being the Sensory Peace Garden. Members agreed to take additional responsibility at the Remembrance Parade if required and the Clerk suggested a wreath carrying rehearsal may take place after the next meeting for an hour.

Clerk
Asap

All
members
1/11 until
8 pm