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bookings and **IT WAS RESOLVED** to ask the web manager for his suggestions. Cllr Mrs. Smith felt the current provider was good value and that there was insufficient help, technical ability or software to change the current system. Concern was raised about liability for advertisers/products which would not be endorsed by the Parish Council.

Clerk  
Oct.09

#### **10. Policy on Memorials and Public Recognition.**

After discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Cllr Knibb, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Smith, with 6 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a draft policy on existing practice be written, to incorporate options for future tributes and ideas. Specific suggestions were made which would be deferred for some months.

Asst. Clerk  
Nov.09

#### **11. Phone Masts in Castle Bromwich.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Smith, with 6 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Caroline Spelman, MP, to strongly object to the number of phone masts in Castle Bromwich and to urge new legislation be brought in to force the companies to share masts. A letter would be drafted for the Clerk to send.

JS/Clerk  
25/9

#### **12. Terms of Reference.**

According to the revised agenda, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, with 6 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the terms of reference be signed. The Chairman reminded members that should a change be agreed to the maximum number of members, this would be reflected in the terms of reference.

#### **13. Spitfire Public House.**

Members discussed the known concerns relating to this licensed establishment and felt that any parish councillors or residents with specific information should endeavour to attend the local police surgery. Police Officers would be able to record the information given and take appropriate action if necessary.

Members  
at Police  
Surgeries  
on 14/9,  
5/10,  
12/10

#### **14. Community Projects – Park Hall School.**

After consideration, members welcomed opportunities to work with students from the new Academy. This could either be displays in Arden Hall, socialising with groups that met there or by undertaking projects on open spaces. The Council would be pleased to consider any ideas and suggestions the school had that linked in to their curriculum and felt that the parish council could showcase student's talents (e.g. art, sculpture, textiles) in the Hall or in outside locations.

#### **15. Communications.**

A report was tabled on behalf of Cllr Harris and was read with interest. Thanks were expressed for the comprehensive work he had undertaken. Cllr Terry had seen some meetings at Solihull MBC when microphones were available but not utilized. Cllr Riordan thought that individual microphones would be needed to get clear recordings. Cllr Mrs. Smith disliked the changes in her workplace since recordings were introduced, which had caused stagnation. Therefore she felt this was not a positive step forward. Cllr Knibb said that at work court proceedings were recorded and staff tracked everywhere they went. Cllr Riordan felt it would change contributions to meetings and was not in favour. Cllr Hayes felt it would save work for the Clerk, although she added that she would still take notes in case of technical failures. Cllr Mrs. Smith referred to the cost and felt there were higher priorities for spending money. The Clerk had been told that Solihull MBC had decided against spending £120,000 on recording equipment. In view of the major change this would make to the council, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, with 6 votes in favour,

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none against and no abstentions, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Committee would make no recommendation and refer the matter back to full Council to give every member the opportunity to express their personal views and vote. The Clerk was asked to seek legal advice from NALC in case there had been recent changes to legislation.

#### **16. Payments.**

Following questions by members which were clarified, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Smith, with 6 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments, as tabled, be approved. Members also received a current budget printout.

#### **17. Clerk's Report.**

The amended figures on the annual return had been submitted to the external auditor. Unfortunately the hard drive had failed on one of the workstations and she had arranged emergency repairs, which had taken a week to complete. Internal procedures had been modified to improve bank account monitoring. A meeting needed to be arranged with the safety advisory group to get approval for the Remembrance Parade and Cllr Terry volunteered to help the Poppy Director with distribution or sale of poppies. Councillors were invited to help at the Parish Council stand at the forthcoming Castle Bromwich Festival (to promote events and Arden Hall) on 12<sup>th</sup> September and to help at the Table Top sale on 13<sup>th</sup> September. The new flag flying policy was now in operation. Members were reminded of the blue communications file for councillors, which was always available at meetings. Posters were expected shortly to promote the community furniture shop at Kingshurst and repeated appreciation for the grant funding given.

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