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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH  
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2007  
AT 19.30 HRS**

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**Those present:**

**Acting -Chairman:** Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Feasey  
Cllr E Knibb  
Cllr J Riordan  
Cllr A Terry

**Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles      **Public:** 1 present.

1.

**Election of Acting Chairman.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs. Wilkins chair this meeting.

2. **Apologies.**

Accepted from Cllr A Bull, Cllr D Franklin, Cllr S Ward.

3. **Declarations of Personal or other interests.**

None declared at this stage.

4. **Minutes of the Meetings held 31<sup>st</sup> October and 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

Cllr Knibb **PROPOSED** these Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record. **SECONDED** Cllr Terry, **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** and signed.

5. **Planning Applications.**

Planning Applications/Decision Notices received since last Meeting were considered. See Appendix. Cllr Mrs. Wilkins declared a personal interest in application number 2007/2521 and withdrew from the discussion.

6. **Resident's Concerns.**

Noted with interest. Previous discussions were recapped for the benefit of recently appointed members on the problems/suggested solutions to ASB nuisance at Hob Farm. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs. Smith contact Supt Andronov to pursue the police suggestion some time ago of planting prickly bushes to deter ASB nuisance. The Clerk would write to Supt Andronov prior to his visit to the next Parish Council meeting to reiterate suggested improvements giving greater flexibility to the police base.

7. **Communications.**

Routine communications received since last meeting were noted.

8. **Budget Preparation 2008/09.**

The Budget Working Party had met and the Clerk would submit details to both Committees in January, when members would have to agree to either reduce expenditure, increase

hire charges, increase the precept or recommend a combination of these measures. Cllr Knibb reminded members that the Council had a legal duty to have operating reserves of a sufficient level. Important information on the tax base would not be supplied by Solihull MBC until 19<sup>th</sup> December and this would affect final figures. A full Council decision had to be made on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

#### **9. Payments.**

Cllr Riordan **PROPOSED** that the payments be approved. **SECONDED** Cllr Knibb, **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED.**

#### **10. Clerk's Report.**

Outstanding action points: induction replies from new members still required so that a date could be arranged. Busy time with meetings and staff absences (holidays and sickness) and meetings hirers needs. Continue to receive administrative help from Youth Cllr Knibb who is both valuable and (thankfully) adaptable. She had attended the final Work/Life Balance meeting and encouraged members to hold a social event hosted by Arden Hall. She also hoped to encourage Castle Bromwich Lions for a fundraising event in the Spencer Suite. Her main priority was to focus on budget preparation.

#### **11. Staffing Matters.**

No matters to report.

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Clerk  
27/12

Parish Council  
30/01

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