

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2010
AT 19.30 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr M Hayes

Councillors: Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr E Knibb Cllr J Riordan
Cllr Mrs. A Haywood Cllr Mrs. T Knibb Cllr A Terry

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

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

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Mrs. J Smith were noted for the reasons given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, with 5 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesdays, 25th November and 9th December 2009 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Planning Applications.

The Planning Applications received since the last meeting were considered by the Committee and the recommendations thereon are set out in the appendix.

5. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the circulated information.

6. Policy on Memorials.

Following expression of views, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, with 5 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the policy be adopted.

7. Training.

No requests had been received. Members noted the tabled invitation to the annual WALC Briefing Seminar on 6th March and requests to attend should be submitted by 3rd February.

8. Payments.

Following resolution of queries from members, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments, as tabled, be approved.

ACTION

Clerk
14/1

Clerk
10/12

9. Clerk's Report.

NALC had confirmed that arrangements to purchase the new Standing Orders would be available from 18th January (information tabled). Suggest one copy be purchased initially for Working Party to assess and if recommended, further copies could be purchased in bulk.

Clarification had been received from WM Pension Fund regarding recent communications regarding 'admitted bodies', which was not relevant to the Parish Council. As a small employer, a liability could exist if there were no active member contributions being made by the Council to the Fund. In that situation a 'termination liability' would be calculated following assessment and if there were any major liabilities (e.g. early retirement of staff on grounds of ill health) a payment would be required. Currently there would be no problems envisaged by the Fund based on history thus far.

A representative of the potential developers would be willing to speak to members regarding the access road at the Village Green to discuss matters.

Pleased that new bookkeeper vacancy had been advertised, interviewed and filled quickly. His induction day had been completed and although time would need to be invested in the coming weeks, he was extremely keen and certainly well qualified.

Clerk expressed serious concerns about outstanding council work currently requiring urgent attention and endeavouring to prioritise to the best of her ability and cope with disruption of snow and additional work that created.

Next Chairman's Charity Quiz date had been set for Friday 26th March. Please publicise date as entry forms not prepared yet.