
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON TUESDAY 13th March 2007
AT 17.00 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr Miss G Healy

Councillors

Cllr T Clayton
Cllr A Knibb
Cllr Miss R McDonald
Cllr Miss C Moylan
Cllr Miss S Ross
Cllr Miss E Vincent

Officers: Mrs C Tibbles

Guests: Cllr E Knibb

Note: The meeting was slightly delayed due to waiting for sufficient councillors to arrive and achieve the required quorum.

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Apologies.

None received.

2. Co-option of New Councillor.

The Clerk explained that a co-option form had not been received, as previously hoped.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Cllr Clayton, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January, 2007 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Questions from Councillors.

None submitted.

5. Work of Youth Councils.

After discussion, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next meeting on 1st May (guest may attend, awaiting confirmation) and to discuss elections, promotion of Youth Council and suggest ways of making the Youth Council more effective in Castle Bromwich.

6. Future Projects.

The Chairman invited members to report on the results of canvassing their friends for ideas and suggestions of what young people would like to see available in Castle Bromwich. The various suggestions they had received (mostly for the park) included: assault course, Astroturf surfaces, running track, swimming pool, graffiti club, badminton courts, benches and flowers, police, fishing, recycling, gym, community events, trampolining, cycle routes, classes for new things to do, cafe, art classes, abseiling and rock climbing, band practice and rehearsal room, play equipment (particularly new swings), archery, vending machines. Cllr Miss Moylan commended the tennis facilities as being particularly good value and

more expensive everywhere else. Cllr Miss Vincent hoped to draft a questionnaire for members to consider at the next meeting and invited suggestions on the format from other members. Once approved by members for submission to the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Parish Council, members hoped to distribute it via the Parish Council website, links to local schools and via the Park Wardens handing it to young people in the park.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approach the Youth and Community Centre to request holding the meeting on 3rd July or 4th September at their venue, as it had been a while since this had been done. The Clerk would make enquiries approach on behalf of the Youth Parish Council.

7. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk requested members update the information held on file with their current email addresses. She reported that disappointingly there had still been no reply from Centro or Travel West Midlands about the quality of bus services, although copies of correspondence had been re-posted. She was still hoping to visit Park Hall School and meet the new Headteacher but was not personally making the arrangements for this venture. However, she did hope to ask about the restrictions on under-16's not being able to independently book badminton courts when a visit took place. She was pleased to inform members that the tennis court nets were due to arrive soon and Paul Messenger had kindly offered to fit them. She had been informed of a price increase since the costings had been approved but a discount had been negotiated to offset this and solve the problem with restricted budgets. Cllr Miss McDonald asked about the earlier start time for meetings and the Chairman said it had been agreed as being more convenient for the majority of members.