

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

Those present:

- Chairman:** Cllr M Hayes
- Councillors:** Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr J Riordan Cllr A Terry
 Cllr Mrs. A Haywood [except Item 9] Cllr J Whelan
 Cllr J Horne-MacDonald
- Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
- Public:** None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr E Knibb and Cllr Mrs. J Smith were noted.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

Cllr Riordan declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9 and would leave the meeting for this item.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Horne-MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesdays, 28th July and 8th September, 2010, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the meetings.

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 and discussed the circulated information.

6. Licensing Application.

Members considered the application for variation to licensing conditions for Coach & Horses public house, at The Green, and the objections from residents that had been received. **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the recommendation of the Parish Council would be to refuse the application as the licensing objectives could not be met without the retention of the existing restrictions.

7. Solihull MBC – Draft review & Statement Licensing Policy.

Following consideration, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that this review and Statement be noted with interest.

8. Annual Return 09/10.

Members noted the successful completion of the external audit, which had been copied to all members. The questions and responses previously given to the external auditor had been circulated previously by the Responsible Finance Officer. The closure of audit notice would be duly completed and displayed.

9. Grant Aid applications.

Cllr Riordan left the meeting and the matter was concluded in his absence. Following careful consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act, 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in

ACTION

Clerk
asap

Asst. Clerk
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30/10

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 the interests of the area or its inhabitants and would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure, that Chelmsley Advice and Resource Agency be awarded a grant of £100. It was noted that the organisation had applied to other parish and town councils in North Solihull.

Clerk
28/10

10. St. Mary and St Margaret Community Hall Appeal.

Following consideration, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the church's endeavours to provide a new community hall. In the full knowledge of how heavily the parish council's facilities were utilized by community groups, members particularly endorsed and welcomed anything that would bring additional facilities into the parish and viewed this project to be of particular benefit.

Asst Clerk
28/10

11. Report on Youth Parish Council.

In the absence of Cllr Knibb, members deferred the presentation of his report to the next full Council meeting. On behalf of Youth Councillors, members were asked by Cllr Mrs. Allen to assist with planting new shrubs as a replacement for those that had been stolen. Costs were still being calculated on the implications of this theft but support was also needed to help restore the confidence of the youngsters. Weeding would be undertaken by the Mobile Warden in preparation for the next planting day.

EK
27/10

Members
24/10

Warden
22/10

12. Traffic Regulation Orders.

Members noted the proposed Traffic Regulation Order from Solihull MBC, the Road Closure Notice for Remembrance Sunday and the Experimental Traffic Order at Birmingham International Airport that was now in effect.

13. Training.

In line with the training policy, members noted the reports from members on training events attended – planning and standards. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to book one place for the Clerk to attend the finance training on 18th January, 2011 by Peter Lacey.

Clerk.
Nov.10

14. Payments.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as circulated by approved. The latest income/expenditure report was tabled and noted.

15. Clerk's Report.

Members noted that the Clerk was progressing the arrangements for the many forthcoming events – tree planting, remembrance parade and carol concert. Councillors and Youth councillors (and working parties) were asked to consider attending to help with events like the quiz (collecting answer sheets), the carol concert with door admission and selling raffle tickets (at £1 per strip). The charity football match in the park had been deferred to next year, although a new enquiry had been received from another resident. New legislation was awaited on several matters that could affect all parish and town councils but until details were known it would be difficult to prepare.

Clerk
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