

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
 CASTLE BROMWICH PARISH COUNCIL
 HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
 ON WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2010
 AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Riordan

Councillors:	Cllr R Amos	Cllr Mrs. A Haywood	Cllr M Rashid
	Cllr Mrs. P Allen	Cllr I Hiley	Cllr Miss J Ward
	Cllr M Hayes	Cllr E Knibb	Cllr Mrs. B. Wilkins

[except Item 11]

Officer: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council and RFO

Public: 4 members of the public [except Item 11].

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Mrs. T Knibb, Cllr J Horne-MacDonald and Cllr Mrs. J Smith were noted for the reasons given. Cllr A Terry was absent.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

Cllr E Knibb declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 12 (Correspondence).

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, with 9 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th January, 2010, be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Questions from Councillors.

None submitted.

5. Questions from the Public.

The Chairman said that, on 10th February, he and some fellow Members had attended the funeral of the late Mr. Woodhouse. The Chairman read a tribute from the Council to Mr. Woodhouse who had regularly attended meetings as a member of the public.

Following an explanation of procedures by the Chairman, members of the public were invited to state their name and address and to clearly say if they objected to their identity appearing in the minutes, prior to asking their question. The meeting was temporarily suspended so that members of the public could ask questions.

Mr. Gibbins, Kingsleigh Drive, asked for clarification on a staff matter that he had previously raised and the Chairman replied that it would be necessary to look back at the records for the response given. Mr. Gibbins said that he believed it had been concluded so his next question was 'how'?

Mr. Gibbins then asked Cllr Hayes for clarification on the report previously given on the council's finances. Cllr Hayes, as Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee, replied that he had looked at trends from 2002. Mr. Gibbins was concerned about any personal liability as a previous councillor.

Mr. Gibbins then asked if his question last month relating to insurance cover for cancellations would be considered at the next Leisure Services Committee and the Chairman confirmed it would be considered at the March meeting.

Borough Cllr Richards, Marlborough Road, gave feedback regarding the use of Birmingham

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Municipal Tip at Castle Vale and said a meeting had been arranged shortly to discuss usage by Solihull residents and clarified some of the issues. Solihull MBC wanted to agree on what was in the best interest for its residents.

Mr. Holland, The Green, alerted the Parish Council to a potential byelaw matter relating to open spaces and was thanked by the Chairman.

6. Communications.

Members noted the information listed.

7. New Play Equipment.

Members noted the consultation results and the Clerk invited members to a meeting with Solihull MBC on 8th March, which Cllr Mrs. Allen offered to attend. Following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the results of the survey be endorsed and supported by the Parish Council.

8. Financial Structure.

Members noted the circulated information and Cllr Hayes explained the reasoning behind the changes. Advice was being sought on how the costs of the Council using Arden Hall for meetings could be shown. Cllr Knibb stated the parish council could meet in any public building free of charge and undertook to check further. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the revised format be adopted to improve reporting and give clearer understanding of net expenditure, with the splitting of costs being delegated to the Clerk and the bookkeeper, supported by Cllr Hayes.

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Clerk
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9. Chairmanship Training.

Cllr Knibb, as the only member present, gave a verbal presentation to members on the recent training attended by himself, Cllr Mrs. Knibb and Cllr Terry. A copy of Cllr Knibb's report would be available from the Clerk and the original presentation had been requested by Cllr Knibb from the Borough Council. Cllr Hayes apologized for not attending.

10. Working Parties.

No meetings had taken place. Cllr Horne-MacDonald wished to join the Village Green Working Party and this offer was gratefully accepted.

11. Mediation of local issues.

The Clerk reported that a facilitator had hosted an informal discussion with members the previous evening, with questions being submitted in advance to the facilitator by two members. The facilitator had reaffirmed council proceedings, the Nolan Principles and code of conduct and there were no outcomes generated. Cllr Hayes commended the helpful meeting and with the agreement of members, the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Bill Robinson.

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12. Correspondence received from Member.

As the correspondence referred to personal circumstances of a councillor, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that for this meeting, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paras 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw. Cllr Knibb and members of the public withdrew.

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After careful consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the council pay for specialist legal advice on the complaint from a co-opted member of the council, not an employee, and the way forward for the Council in dealing with it.

13. Report of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting.

Cllr Mrs. Haywood said that at the last meeting, members considered a Hall matter, under confidential terms (Item 4, page 3). Since that meeting additional information has come to light which she believed the Leisure Services Committee should consider as an agenda item at the next meeting and members supported this. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, with 9 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd February 2010, with the exception of the recommendation for item 4 on page 3, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

14. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesdays 27th January and 10th February 2010, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

15. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on Saturday, 6th February she had represented the Chairman by attending the annual presentation evening of 165 Castle Bromwich Squadron Air Cadets, celebrating the achievements and awards throughout 2009. It had been a most enjoyable evening.

16. Report of the Officer of the Council.

Members noted that a joint event by Stratford-upon-Avon District Council and Solihull MBC on Digital Inclusion Marketplace was being held at Gaydon on 12th March between 10 am – 4pm, further details available from the Clerk. Due to personal circumstances, the Clerk regretted she would be unable to attend the WALC training day on Saturday 6th March. Cllr Knibb confirmed that Cllr Mrs. Knibb would be willing to attend any vacant workshop sessions. The Clerk informed members that an informal induction had been arranged for Cllr Horne-MacDonald on Monday 1st March, at 3 pm, and invited any members who also wished to attend. Cllr Hayes asked Cllr Knibb to inform Cllr Mrs. Knibb of this meeting. Cllr Mrs. Allen hoped to attend.

17. Report of the Chairman

On Sunday, 21st February, the Vice-Chairman and he had attended the Castle Bromwich District Guide Association Centenary Thinking Day Service at St. Clements Church. The service had been to remember Brownies and Guides all over the world and to celebrate 100 years of Guiding. He expressed thanks to the District Commissioner for a most enjoyable time. The Chairman reminded everyone of the forthcoming Charity Quiz night on Friday 26th March.

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