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Inspector outlined measures in place for different levels of problems and urged people to use the contact information in the newsletter to report matters of concern straight to local officers; future of PACT meetings – being assessed by the team; statistics and crime in Hurst Lane North – results of targeted use of resources; public praise given to fast response to incident and follow up care; scrap metal traders – request for vehicle details to support joint initiatives with police and Solihull MBC Trading Standards who bore responsibility for challenging nuisance trading; praise for officers who attended public surgeries. The Chairman, on behalf of the Council thanked everyone for this valuable sharing of information. The meeting was briefly suspended and private requests were passed to Sgt. Dalton for his help.

ACTION

5. Questions from Councillors.

On behalf of the Pavilion Steering Group, Cllr Hiley asked if the Council was genuinely committed to exploring the future redevelopment of the Pavilion? Members agreed there was no change of view and the Council stood by their recent resolution, with report and feedback being warmly welcomed when the Group had news for the council.

Steering Group
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6. Questions from the Public.

In accordance with Standing Orders, the meeting was temporarily adjourned so that members of the public could ask questions.

Bor. Cllr Richards updated members on the latest work of the Borough Council in Castle Bromwich and was thanked by the Chairman for the information. Members responded by asking Cllr Richards to clarify issues on business frontages, car parking on pavements, target numbers for new houses to be built. At a recent surgery, a resident had requested the parish council consider re-opening the gate to the playing fields from Delamere Close. The Clerk gave feedback on Borough Council initiatives to reduce damage to grass verges by parking outside schools and also on speed calming measures, reporting that the Borough Council had not approved the design of the stickers for the wheelie bins and hoped that a joint meeting could be arranged to discuss alternatives.

LSC
Sept.11

Asst. Clerk
Sept.11

7. Communications.

Members noted the information listed.

8. NALC Legal and Policy Briefings.

Members considered the consultation on Business Rates and, following additional clarification of potentially misleading information, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that any funding passed on would allow further work to be undertaken within the parish and for larger improvements to be made to local facilities whilst easing the pressure on higher precepts.

Asst Clerk
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9. Birmingham Airport Consultation – Biennial review of Night Flying Policy.

Following consideration, members noted that there were few complaints from residents. The Council would oppose any relaxation on rules and felt that current levels should be maintained, balancing this with the communities view that it would not wish to see economic harm to the business operation.

Clerk
Aug.11

10. Castle Bromwich Playing Fields

The Chairman explained that he had asked for the council to consider whether operation of the byelaws would conflict with access and fire exits for pavilion hirers. A hirer had supplied information to him that the doors to the playing field should not be locked and this document had been passed to a member for clarification, although unfortunately not present to report back at this meeting. Although knowing this was old data, the Chairman realized the Clerk had new information for consideration in the absence of this document. Members listened with interest as the emails between the Hall Manager

and the Fire Safety Officer of the Solihull Fire Safety Team was read which confirmed that the exit could be locked (suggesting that notices be displayed to advise hirers that doors may be locked) as there were 3 illuminated fire exit doors which was sufficient for use by up to 70 hirers to safely leave the building in an emergency. The Clerk confirmed that any hirer exiting the building in the event of a fire evacuation would not be in breach of byelaws as number 36(1) took priority over number 2.

11. Secondary Gates – Quotations.

Following consideration of the 3 quotations, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that option 2 of the quotation from G & H Fencing Ltd, for a green single leaf gate 5 metre wide and 2.4 metre high, be duly accepted at a cost of £1,250.00 + VAT, with cost being split between Arden Hall and Pavilion budgets for miscellaneous expenditure.

Clerk
Asap

12. Castle Bromwich Theatre Group.

The Chairman informed members of some questions posed during a recent private meeting. Members recalled that some issues had previously been considered by the Leisure Services Committee and **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Hiley, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the hirer, sending a copy of the questions, and invite them to nominate a representative to speak to the Hall Manager if they wished.

Clerk
Aug.11

13. Payments.

Following clarification of queries, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments and retrospective salary costs be approved.

Admin Asst
28/7

14. Charity Events.

Members were updated on the arrangements for the forthcoming charity match for the Irish Guards Welfare Fund and thanks were expressed to those able to help, particularly Cllr Mrs. Allen who would be co-ordinating helpers on the day. Members also considered the request of Smiths Wood Football Club to hold a soccer tournament to raise funds for the youth teams. **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the council approve the request in principle and the payment of £250 for a day's hire of 2 pitches, with arrangements being referred to the Clerk and/or Leisure Services Committee as appropriate.

Clerk/LSC
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15. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Allen, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 6th July 2011, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

16. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 13th July 2011, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

17. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on Tuesday 12th July the Youth Council had held a working party meeting at the Civic Suite, courtesy of Solihull MBC, when they had the opportunity of meeting the Mayor of Solihull, with photographs being taken. They were pleased to be shown the replica chain that the past Mayor had presented for use by schools and young people in the Borough. This may be requested for the next Remembrance Parade. The Youth Council then watched the

Council meeting, from the public gallery, being pleased with their warm welcome from the Mayor during her introduction. On Wednesday, 20th July, some of the Youth Council, accompanied by Cllr Riordan, the Clerk and herself, joined pupils and 2 staff from Park Hall Academy on a coach trip to visit the Houses of Parliament in London. This was followed by a boat trip on the River Thames, followed by some free time and then a trip around the Jewel Tower. The day in London had been most enjoyable, except for the coach travel which had presented some problems by not keeping to the schedule. Dr. Browne from the Academy made a lengthy and prompt complaint explaining the disappointment to the students and received a full refund. The Youth Council may decide to put the refunded money towards the new sign on the Village Green, to be considered at their next meeting. On Thursday 21st July, Cllr Mrs. Allen was joined by three youth councillors to finish tidying the sensory garden at the village green. Carl Ferris of Halls Garden Supplies kindly donated lots of new plants to fill the empty spaces from the latest thefts and this added extra colour for the judging. On Friday 22nd July, she had supported the 3 youth councillors when they met judges at the Village Green to explain their entry in the community garden category of the Solihull in Bloom competition. The newly finished Project Book was shown to judges and the youth councillors explained the progress they had made. Everyone then attended the reception at Blythe Valley, being pleased to meet the Deputy Mayor of Solihull, Cllr Ian Courts and his wife. The Youth Council were asked to speak to other guests and the organizers said the judges had been very impressed with the sensory garden and the work of the Youth Council. This had been another interesting and enjoyable day.

Youth
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Cllr Riordan reported that on 7th July he had attended the North Solihull Partnership Forum Meeting at the Onward Club in Chelmsley Wood. A verbal update was given by Steven Hayes of Centro about the bus changes implemented on 27th March. In the question session following, the disparity in the frequencies of buses from North Solihull into Birmingham City Centre as opposed to those going to Solihull Town Centre was raised. He stated that Centro was keen to improve bus journeys into Solihull and would be exploring ways to achieve this. The major part of the meeting was then given over to community safety. A presentation was made by Jim Sinnot, Operations Commander, West Midlands Fire Service covering Solihull's Community Safety Partnership's assessment of crime & antisocial behaviour in Solihull. Data was provided covering Solihull Borough and data specific to the Northern Wards. Two interesting pieces of data were that in the north area criminal damage (including arson) and ASB rates were more than twice as high as Solihull and that Hurst Lane North was ranked the highest in Solihull for business robbery, fraud, theft from shops & stalls and vehicle crime. Members had now heard Inspector Portman's response to this statistic. A copy of the presentation slides and notes of this meeting can be obtained from the Clerk and the next meeting of the Forum is on 27th October. On the 14th July Cllr Riordan had attended the WALC Solihull Area Committee meeting at Fentham Hall in Hampton in Arden when 3 guest speakers were present. The first was Inspector Keith Portman, West Midlands Police who talked about the changes in neighbourhood policing, as he had spoken to this Council this evening. The second speaker was Cath Hemming, Solihull MBC Rural Neighbourhood Team Manager who spoke on Neighbourhood Management and the corresponding role and influence of Parish/Town Councils. A copy of her presentation could be obtained from the Clerk. The final speaker was Dave Simpson, Solihull MBC Planning Policy Manager who spoke on the interaction between Parish Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, the Statutory Development Plan and the Localism Bill. A copy of his presentation could also be obtained from the Clerk. The SAC AGM took place after the guest speakers. Members were appointed to the following positions:- Chair, Deputy Chair, note taker, representatives to the Standards Committee, representatives to the County Committee, representatives to the Strategic Partnership subgroup. The meeting concluded with reports from Committee Members. The next meeting will be on 13th October and a Localism Bill seminar was planned for November.

Cllr Knibb reported that on Monday 4th July he had attended the WALC County meeting at

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Leamington Spa Town Council. The meeting started with the new Chairman, Cllr Vaughan Owen welcoming new members to the association. Points on interest agreed were the new subscription rate recommended for 2012/13 after a very lively debate, due to the withdrawal of WCC annual grant of £20,000 towards administration costs, as from next year; further arrangements for the organisation and management of WALC; the Big Society and WALC's role in WCC's vision of what this would mean; various reports from NALC on their outside bodies and briefing events. If any members are interested in any of these items, reports were available from the Clerk.

ACTION

18. Report of the Officer of the Council.

Members noted that in the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Mrs. Haywood had expressed in interest in attending the event on Open Public Services White Paper on 16th August. A letter had been received regretting that further help regarding a boundary issue could not be given and the Council would need to write directly to the householder, with additional information being reported to the Clerk by a member. The Clerk reminded members of the strict confidentiality of information contained within the monthly 'residents concerns' listing and following confirmation by all present that they had not breached this ruling, **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk contact all recipients to remind them of their obligations as a breach appeared to have occurred. The Clerk thanked Cllr Mrs. Allen for her help in attending recent events to support the Youth Council.

Members
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Clerk
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19. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that he had been honoured to represent Castle Bromwich at the Mayor Making in Solihull on 10th July, which had been a most enjoyable occasion. He had also been pleased to welcome the judges at the beginning of the Solihull in Bloom judging day on Friday 22nd July and thanked Cllr Mrs. Allen and the Youth Council for their endeavours, hoping they would be duly rewarded when results were announced. On 26th July, he had attended a meeting with 3 representatives of the Cricket Club and the Asst. Clerk to address on-going booking problems and confirm again their dates. As a result the Club's Booking Secretary asked members to address 3 Club oversights for urgent needs on 29th July for the Pitch, with extended hours for existing Clubroom booking, the 4th August for the Pitch and new booking for the Clubroom; for Clubroom monthly meetings, for permission to book at 7 days notice instead of 6 weeks and for pitches for 2012 fixtures. An undertaking was given for better management by the Cricket Section for the next season. Following discussion, careful consideration and in light of renewed assurances, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that requests 1 and 2 for bookings be accepted. Item 2 covered part of request number 3 and the remaining items were to be referred to the September meeting of the Leisure Services Committee. Members re-affirmed the need to protect staff from further assaults, to reduce risk to staff, to improve safety for staff and security of buildings, and the actions of the Clerk, taken following the July Leisure Services Committee meeting, to change locks and re-secure the Pavilion during evening hire periods, which had been temporarily overruled by the Chairman, was endorsed and **AGREED** as correct. As the Club had failed on several occasions to abide by the security agreement made with the Chairman when giving additional access, **IT WAS ALSO AGREED** that the hirer had to remain until the end of the hire period as booked as the flexibility offered by the Duty Managers had been abused. Other matters were discussed but the Clerk advised that two matters were being handled by the council's Staff Panel soon and that due process would be followed.

Clerk
28/7

20. Pavilion Security and 21. Hirer Complaint.

As the account was still in arrears, members felt unable to discuss these matters further.