

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLE
BROMWICH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2009
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Riordan

Councillors:	Cllr Mrs. P Allen	Cllr M Hayes	Cllr Mrs. T Knibb
	Cllr Mrs. S. Baker	[Items 3-end]	Cllr M Rashid
	Cllr Mrs. A Haywood	Cllr N Harris	Cllr A Terry
		Cllr E Knibb	Cllr Miss J Ward
			Cllr Mrs. B. Wilkins

Officer: Mrs. C Tibbles

Public: 12 members of the public

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr R Amos and Cllr Mrs. J Smith were accepted for the reasons given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Co-option of new member for Bradford Ward.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Hayes stated his reasons for wishing to become a parish councillor. Mr. Hayes had lived in Castle Bromwich since 1991 and felt it was time to take his turn to contribute himself instead of feeling ‘someone should do something’. Members had no questions and **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Mr. Hayes be co-opted as a councillor for the Bradford Ward. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and the Chairman welcomed Cllr Hayes to the Parish Council. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the declaration be accepted and that Cllr Hayes serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

4. Review of Standing Committee Membership and Working Parties.

In light of the recent appointments, members agreed that duplicate membership of committees was no longer necessary and following discussion and consent, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to fall in line with former practice and membership revised as follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Councillors Mrs. P Allen, R Amos, N. Harris, M Hayes, Mrs. A. Haywood, E Knibb, J Riordan, Mrs J Smith, A Terry.

Leisure Services Committee.

Councillors Mrs. P Allen, Mrs. S. Baker, Mrs. A Haywood, Mrs. T Knibb, M Rashid, J Riordan, Miss J Ward, Mrs. B Wilkins and a vacancy.

Buildings Working Party:

Cllrs Mrs. Allen, R Amos, Mrs. A. Haywood, J Riordan, Miss J Ward, Mrs. B. Wilkins

Events and Promotions Working Party:

Cllrs Mrs. Allen, N Harris, Mrs. A. Haywood, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. B. Wilkins

Village Green Working Party:

Cllrs Mrs. Allen, Mrs. T. Knibb, Mrs. J Smith, Miss J Ward, Mrs. B. Wilkins

ACTION

Grants Working Party:

Cllrs R Amos, M Hayes, J Riordan (to research funding opportunities for disabled improvements for Arden Hall and other projects).

5. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17th December, 2008 be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

12. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

The Chairman explained that if the minutes of this meeting were ratified, it would change the way of recording questions from the public. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to bring forward item 12. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 14th January, 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

6. Questions from Councillors.

Cllr Mrs. Wilkins asked the following question: I fully understand that the Council has a legal responsibility to provide clean and safe surfaces on the tennis courts, and football and cricket, for use by the general public for recreational activities but does that surface we are obliged to provide have to be of a standard that would be required by a club hiring them for practice and match use?" As Chair of the Leisure Services Committee, Cllr Mrs Haywood replied that advice had been sought from the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils who stated that the Council was not obliged to meet league standards and was able to decide what type of club they wished to accommodate on their grounds. Reference was also made to extracts of the council's own policy on Sports and Physical Activities.

7. Questions from the Public.

Standing Orders were suspended so that members of the public could ask questions. Following an explanation of procedures by the Chairman, including the newly ratified decision to again include details of this session in the main public minutes, 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.

Mr. Woodhouse, Blandford Avenue, asked the Parish Council to question Sgt. O'Reilly at Chelmsley Wood Police station urging action be taken on a recent incident of criminal damage in his road. Members agreed this should be done to improve public confidence in the neighbourhood policing policy. Mr. Siviter, Blandford Avenue, asked if there was still a dispersal order in place at Green Lane? The Chairman replied there was not and the Council's recent request for new orders had been refused. Mr. Gibbins, Kingsleigh Drive, asked for a review of office opening hours and provision of parish councillor surgeries. The Chairman would refer this matter to Committee. Mr. Holland, The Green, asked the Parish Council to be mindful of antisocial behaviour when considering siting of benches. He also asked if problems with broken glass would recur for dog walkers and pedestrians if the Coach & Horses licence application to the Borough Council to remove conditions were successful? The Chairman replied that consideration of benches for Village Green was on the agenda this evening and the Coach & Horses application had been considered earlier this evening at the Finance and General Purposes Plans meeting. Members had found the application confusing and the information incomplete. The Chairman said that residents affected would need to make their objections to the Licensing Committee.

Clerk
14/2

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Resident, The Green, had asked Bor Cllr Richards to be made aware of potential noise and nuisance to neighbours if it increased from the beer garden at the Coach & Horses. The council meeting then continued.

8. Village Green.

The Chairman reported that 49 homes had been consulted about replacing the stolen benches and 20 replies received, with 8 replies in favour and 12 against. Some members expressed their views, especially on behalf of elderly people who needed somewhere to rest and other residents not consulted but the Chairman strongly urged members to read the responses. Therefore, **IT WAS RESOLVED** to defer a decision until the February meeting and for members to read and circulate the responses before then.

All members
25/2

9. Anti Social Behaviour.

Members noted that the statement requested by the Parish Council in December had been referred to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership so there was no information yet available to report to the public. The Parish Council still strongly supported the need for antisocial behaviour in Castle Bromwich to be properly and firmly addressed.

10. Precept 2009/10.

Further to prior consideration, members **RESOLVED** that the word 'general' be inserted in the penultimate line of the breakdown information, in preference to other suggestions available.

Clerk
4/2

11. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by the Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 7th January 2009, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

13. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Knibb reported on 6th January he had attended the Youth Council meeting which was addressed by Alison Lush and Steve Crook who were facilitating their proposal to the Parish Council for a sensory garden on the Village Green, along with other interesting projects. On 12th January he had attended the Finance and Procurement governors meeting at Castle Bromwich Junior School, which concluded the school continued to be well managed and financed, with planned refurbishments and IT provision. Also on 12th January he attended the Richard Knight Charitable Trust meeting with Cllr Mrs. Wilkins where formalities were completed to transfer funds to the Dame Mary Bridgman Trust, which would facilitate a more cost efficient method of operation and distribution of trust funds in future years. On 14th January he attended a county members meeting of WALC at Warwick. Numerous appointments were made to various bodies and discussions on national and regional affairs that had no direct bearing on this council. On 19th January he attended a C&C governors meeting of the Junior school where new governors were welcomed and an inspection day arranged for 5th March. On 26th February he attended the full governors meeting when a demonstration of the new Extranet was given as the school had been granted pilot status. It was hoped that over the coming years it would become an exciting and stimulating format for learning as it engaged teachers, students, governors and parents both at home and at school.

14. Report of the Officer of the Council.

The Clerk confirmed the builders contracted to replace the frontage of Arden Hall were due to start on Sunday 1st February. The Clerk had received a request for access to

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archives from 1918 and sought advice from WALC, which confirmed that confidential minutes from more than 50 years ago should be safe to release.

15. Report of the Chairman

The Chairman reported that on 20th December he had attended the Age Concern Christmas Party at Arden Hall and had a most pleasant afternoon. He thanked Margaret and Albert Turner for their kind invitation. He reminded everyone of the forthcoming Chairmans Charity Quiz Night on 13th February and invited those present to join him for an entertaining evening.