

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
 CASTLE BROMWICH PARISH COUNCIL
 HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
 ON WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2010
 AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Riordan

Councillors:	Cllr R Amos	Cllr I Hiley	Cllr A Terry
	Cllr Mrs. P Allen	Cllr J Horne-MacDonald	Cllr Miss J Ward
	Cllr M Hayes	Cllr M Rashid	Cllr J Whelan
	Cllr Mrs. A Haywood	Cllr Mrs. J Smith [Item 4-end]	Cllr Mrs. B. Wilkins [Item 4-end]

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

Public: 4 members of the public [Items 1- 10 only].

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr E Knibb were noted for the reason given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Resignation – Timberley Ward.

Members noted the resignation received from Cllr Mrs. Knibb and the Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Council for her contribution to the work of the Parish Council.

4. Co-option – Vacancy Bradford Ward.

The candidate, Mr. Whelan, had applied to be co-opted. At the invitation of the Chairman, he said he had lived in Castle Bromwich for 37 years and his children had been schooled locally. He had worked at Fort Dunlop for 38 years until retiring a few years ago. There were two reasons he wished to be a parish councillor – he missed work and wanted to keep his mind active and he believed he had business expertise and knowledge that he wanted to use for the benefit of where he lived. The Chairman invited questions. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Mr. Whelan be co-opted as a councillor for the Bradford ward.

5. To Receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and the Chairman welcomed the new member to the Parish Council. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Smith, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the declaration be accepted and that Cllr Whelan serve on the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The Chairman explained the opportunity to serve on Leisure Services Committee and working parties.

6. Minutes of the previous Meetings.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Smith, with 11 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday 31st March, 2010, be accepted as a true and correct record of the Meetings.

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7. Questions from Councillors.

None submitted.

8. Questions from 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. and Mrs. Beebee of Beebee Productions, 6 Marlborough Road referred to their most recent and successful hire event at Arden Hall. They had thanked staff for their hard work but had since heard that concerns of dissatisfaction had been raised so respectfully asked where this information was coming from. As the Chairman had no knowledge of this, Cllr Mrs. Wilkins and Cllr Mrs. Allen clarified what they had been aware of when attending the event. Mrs. Beebee commended the organisation of the Duty Manager and bar staff and confirmed that as the organizers there had been no complaints received from patrons or made by them as hirers. Mr. Beebee was pleased with the excellent working relationship between Arden Hall and Beebee Productions.

The Clerk gave feedback from Bor. Cllr Richards about a new 6 month pilot scheme that would allow residents with a B36 postcode to use the nearby Birmingham municipal tip. It was hoped that more information would available when details were finalized.

9. Communications.

Members noted the information listed and endorsed the endeavours to introduce a Shopmobility scheme in Chelmsley Wood. The Clerk would confirm this support.

10. NALC Business Plan.

Members considered the consultation documents and questions and **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond accordingly with the responses agreed.

11. Correspondence received from Member.

As the correspondence referred to personal circumstances of a councillor, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that for this matter, and Items 12 (legal proceedings) and Item 13 (commercial agreement), 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. Members of the public withdrew.

After full consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred until additional information is obtained.

12. Land Matters.

Under confidential terms, members noted the professional advice given at a recent meeting with the Clerk. The Hob Farm licence sales were proceeding as agreed. Members endorsed the conditions previously resolved in July and October 2009 to the potential developer interested in access from the Village Green. This would therefore continue to be non-negotiable. The solicitors advice to defer revisions to the sporting agreements until nearer the expiry date of 31st December 2012 was accepted.

13. Business Tenancy.

Under confidential terms, members noted the professional advice to separate the licence

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agreement from the commercial arrangement for refurbishment works. Members noted a revised agreement was awaited but the planning application for 'change of use' would be instigated.

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14. Standards Committee – Notice of Decision.

Members noted the recommendations made to the Council and the additional information from the Monitoring Officer. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders Working Party should consider reviewing Standing Order No. 27 at the next meeting. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk request clarification from the Standards Committee on the reasoning behind their recommendation for the council to undertake equality and diversity training and on what was deemed 'appropriate' training as some members already undertook this as a condition of their employment. The second matter was therefore deferred. The Clerk sought advice from Council on a matter noted previously and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Finance and General Purposes Committee consider the Standards for England notification procedures at a future meeting.

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15. Working Parties.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that the Village Green Working Party had met and recommended the installation of a new memorial stone within the shrine boundary in the autumn, possibly funded by forthcoming open space income or table top proceeds. Members asked that further consideration be given to finance, location and possibly design. Research arrangements were provisionally made to visit the National Memorial Arboretum. The Working Party further recommended that another 2 rows of slabs were needed at the sensory garden to enhance access and reduce the planting requirements. The Clerk undertook to pass this information to the Youth Council. Cllr Mrs Allen reported that it was not her decision to not provide hot food at the recent Table Top Sale. Dates were set for the Standing Orders Working Party to meet on 26th May at 7.30 pm and the Buildings Working Party on 5th May at 7 pm to discuss new disabled parking provision.

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16. Report of the Staff Panel.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 4th March 2010, having been circulated, be noted.

17. Report of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 7th April 2010, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesdays 31st March and 14th April 2010, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

19. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that on Saturday, 3rd April she had attended the Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Easter Event and was grateful for the invitation. On Thursday 15th April she had attended as a Trustee to see the 'Animals in Hands' event but unfortunately the weather had been very cold.

Cllr Riordan reported that on Tuesday, 13th April he had attended the WALC County Committee meeting in Warwick. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and various

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reports presented and members could arrange to see the paperwork for this via the Clerk. On Thursday 15th April he had attended the WALC Solihull Area Committee meeting in Hampton in Arden. The guest speaker was Mr Philip Lloyd-Williams, Director of Corporate Governance for Solihull MBC and he had given an update on the work of the Standards Committee. He also talked about the elements that made up a successful council meeting and offered to put on a training event to cover this topic. This would be progressed by the Area Committee. Another topic on the agenda was the proposed High Speed Rail Link and input was made by the parish councils affected. Minutes of the SAC previous meeting were agreed and a copy could be viewed by contacting the Clerk.

20. Report of the Officer of the Council.

Members noted that advice had been tabled from the Standards for England for all members on acting as Charitable Trustees and declaration of interests under the Code of Conduct. The Clerk was delighted to report that the Youth Council application to Birmingham International Airport Community Trust Fund had been successful with an award of £1,500 for the Village Green Sensory Garden/Peace Project. One urgent matter was considered and members agreed the Clerk should utilize delegated powers to remove one set of goal base posts on pitch number 5 and replace with grass, if the council were minded to consider purchase of an alternative set of mobile junior goals for next season.

21. Report of the Chairman

On Saturday, 3rd April, the Chairman had attended the Easter Event at Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens. His wife and he assisted the Mayor and Mayoress of Soihull in judging the Easter Hat Parade. This was a difficult task as the standards were so high. He thanked the Trust for their kind invitation.