



N.B. All Minutes are deemed as draft until formally approved and signed.

Guards and the Clerk undertook to forward details when it was received.

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**9. NALC Legal and Policy Briefings.**

Following consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** The Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the scheme to relax planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential sites be opposed as members felt that power was needed locally to shape our own community based on local knowledge of specific needs. **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that consideration of the Future of Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England be deferred until more information arrived, most likely once Royal Assent was given. It was noted that NALC were not recommending a voluntary code.

**10. Staff and Public Safety in Castle Bromwich Playing Fields.**

Members noted the measures suggested jointly by the police and staff following a recent meeting and supported them being put in place as soon as possible. This was in addition to measures already taken by the parish council to combat antisocial and abusive behaviour by visitors to the park. No decision was reached on establishing a Friends of the Park group. The increased police presence was commended and particularly appreciated by staff and hirers, being clearly evident with 3 visits on one evening recently. Members noted with regret that the Chief Constable had not replied to the council's concerns sent in March 2011.

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**11. Secondary Gates – Quotations.**

Following consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** that the matter be deferred for a third quotation to be sought and a site visit requested from one company.

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**12. Parish and Town Council Liaison.**

The Chairman asked members to consider if there might be any advantage of working together with neighbouring parish and town councils on common issues to share with the Borough Council. Cllr Riordan felt this would be a rival to the Solihull Area Committee of WALC which already existed. **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the existing structure worked well and the Clerk was asked to write to Chairmen of parish and town councils in North Solihull to notify them of this discussion.

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**13. Consideration of HS2 issues.**

Members noted with regret that the request of Solihull MBC for views to submit to their Scrutiny Committee had insufficient time for a response. Therefore, following consideration of the consultation documents that had been circulated, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** The Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the council was opposed to the HS2 scheme.

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**14. Road Safety Issues.**

In the absence of receiving the results of the Chester Road Smart Study, members reviewed the Area Accident Reduction Plan from 1993/94, which Bor. Cllr Richards confirmed had been mostly implemented, except for the road closure options that had been strongly objected to at the time. Concerns were shared about remaining traffic congestion, mainly on the Chester Road by the shops at Hurst Lane North.

**15. Annual Return to External Auditors.**

Members noted the submission of information to the external auditor.

**16. Payments.**

Following clarification of queries, **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** The Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the

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payments be approved.

**17. Charity Football Match.**

Members noted the arrangements for the charity match on 31<sup>st</sup> July at 11 am to raise funds for the Irish Guards Welfare Fund. The Clerk alerted members that assistance may be required on the day.

**18. Terms of Reference.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Horne-MacDonald, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Terms of Reference for the Leisure Services Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee be accepted. They were duly signed as required and would be placed in the Minute book for the remainder of the civic year.

**19. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.**

Further to a query by the Chairman on the accuracy of 2 minor items, which would be addressed at the next Committee meeting , **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Allen, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**20. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Terry, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**21. Representatives to Outside Bodies.**

Cllr Whelan reported that on 26<sup>th</sup> May he had attended the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee meeting, when discussions took place on the following issues: Passenger traffic in Q1 was 3% down on Q1 2010 with signs of growth in the coming months; the Airport continued to work hard to attract more airline custom and discussions were currently underway with Continental; during Q1 some 85% of flights were despatched on time; passenger complaints were up on the previous year but most were attributable to weather related delays with heavy snow across much of Europe; the one terminal passenger facility was fully operational, with benefits of one security area helping to smooth out passenger flow through that area; the new airport identity and logo were officially launched on 13th May by Philip Hammond the Transport Secretary when he had commented that “our proposals for high speed rail could bring Birmingham Airport within 38 minutes of London thus easing airport congestion in the south east; the runway extension was planned to start in 2012 with completion in 2014; a new control tower was under construction and would be operational in December 2012; the first phase of the Instrument Landing System had been completed in January and notice would be given to local communities when the next phase was planned, as there would be some changes to flight approaches etc whilst the work was completed. There had been four noise violations in Q1, two were military which were exempt from penalty, one was within tolerance and the other was allowed on the grounds of safety; night flying policy and engine ground running had been reviewed with Solihull MBC; night flights continued to be limited to 5% of the maximum annual traffic from the last 5 years; ground running was similarly restricted to avoid nuisance to airport neighbours; the Airport and NEC were working to improve bus services as part of a new scheme ANITA (Airport and NEC Integrated Transport Access); extensive roadworks had also

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been carried out in the vicinity and were now open; there were discussions on the Government's consultation document on Air Passenger Duty and the Committee agreed that their Chairman should write to request relief for regional airports who were very dependent on short haul and holiday passenger traffic. As a final point the meeting was alerted to the prospect of increased traffic during the 2012 Olympics when the UK would see some 400 extra flights per day with a heavy demand for landing slots and aircraft parking spaces; this would be discussed further at the September meeting. The Chairman asked if the date was set for roadworks to relocate the A45 which he believed was in the first phase but this date was not yet known.

**22. Report of the Officer of the Council.**

The Clerk informed members that arrangements were progressing for the Britain in Bloom judging on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, which was starting from the Sports Pavilion. The Village Green Sensory Peace garden had been entered into the competition, which she thought may be the first entry made by the Parish Council.

**23. Report of the Chairman.**

The Chairman reported that on 2<sup>nd</sup> June he had met with the Clerk to ensure his availability for likely events during the next civic year and confirmed he was able to meet his obligations at this stage. On 12<sup>th</sup> June he had been pleased to attend the Civic Service, accompanied by the majority of parish councillors and youth councillors and joined by Cllr Irene Chamberlain, Mayor of Solihull, Caroline Spelman MP and the three Borough Councillors, neighbouring town and parish councils and guests. An enjoyable reception at Arden Hall had been provided after the service. On 16<sup>th</sup> June he had been delighted to attend the 237<sup>th</sup> Birmingham (1<sup>st</sup> Castle Bromwich) Scout Group AGM when reports were given on the many activities for over 180 youths. He was pleased to see their successes and the tremendous strength of their leaders that enabled the good work they were doing to continue. On 22<sup>nd</sup> June he had met with 2 hirers, accompanied by Cllr Horne-MacDonald, to listen to grievances they had with the parish council and it was asked that details be dealt with by the council in private.

**24. Hirer Complaint.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, it was 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 information under paras 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Prior to consideration of the complaint, members sought clarification of the previous resolution made at the April meeting. Following confirmation of the details sent to the hirer, members noted that the customer's account was still in arrears and therefore the grievances could not be considered at this point as this would be contrary to the council's previous resolution. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Whelan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that when the account was up to date and the arrears of £2,637.24 was paid in full, that a special council meeting would be arranged at the earliest possible date to give time needed for full consideration of the issues raised. The Chairman asked that his vote against this motion be recorded.

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