

at the airport for problems relating to noise, odours or air quality (0121 767 7433) and he also recommended the information about the airport and flight paths on Google Earth. Questions were answered to clarify that there would not necessarily be increased noise from larger planes; the re-alignment of the A45 would be less disruptive to traffic as mainly built whilst existing road still in use; the perceived increase in night-time flights after 12.15 am being partly attributed to the closure of Coventry airport and low-cost airlines maximizing plane capacity, although the number of flights did not exceed the 5% limit of allowable flights. The Chairman thanked both guests for attending and their most interesting information. The value of the £1500 award to the Youth Council was acknowledged, in addition to the previous award some years ago that funded the hearing loops in Arden Hall and in use at this meeting in the Windsor Room.

5. Questions from the Public.

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

Bor. Cllr Richards referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 8th September and explained that the Borough Council had very little power to deal with disused garage forecourts and sites. He informed everyone that since planning permission had been granted a long time ago for residential development at the former 452 Garage site on the Chester Road, the recession had halted the project and unfortunately the site was once again up for sale. Nations Motors was using part of the former County Garage site and the car wash operation had temporary planning permission to utilise another part of the site. The Borough Council endeavoured to encourage owners to keep their sites tidy.

Mr. Holland thanked the Parish Council and Bor. Cllr Richards for objecting to the 24 hours licence application by Castle Convenience, which he was pleased had been defeated. He then expressed his perplexity at the companies who left their vacant business sites in a derelict state, one requiring a recent visit by the rodent officers. He asked that if the owners were not going to develop or preserve the sites then could they be taken off them? The Chairman said his concerns had been noted by members.

Feedback was given by the Clerk on a previous issue as confirmation had been received from Solihull MBC on 2nd September that the trial use of the Birmingham refuse tip could continue indefinitely. Bor. Cllr Richards explained how the trial had been instigated and he was pleased to report on the co-operation of the Local Enterprise Partnership. Monitoring of usage would continue by Birmingham City Council.

6. Questions from Councillors.

None submitted.

7. Communications.

Members noted the information listed. The Clerk confirmed that the deadline has not been extended and the parish council had therefore not been able to respond to the consultation about powers to cap billing authorities' Council Tax and Parish Councils' Precept levels.

8. Motion by Cllr Hayes (Amendment to Standing Orders).

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Horne-MacDonald, a motion was put for the council to make audio recordings of meetings to assist the clerk in writing minutes, the recordings would then be destroyed the following month when minutes have been agreed and signed off by the council. In accordance with Standing Order 80, the Chairman declared that the motion would add, vary or evoke a Standing Order and would therefore stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the council.

9. Casual Vacancy.

Members noted the vacancy had been advertised, with a provisional closing date for applications of 20th October. Several enquiries had been received and information had been supplied to potential candidates.

10. Department for Transport – Stopping Up of Highway at Lanchester Way, Solihull.

Members noted the Order and a copy of the location map was scrutinized.

11. Solihull MBC – Proposed 30ph Gateway Improvement Schemes

Cllr Hayes commended any measure that would reduce speeding traffic. Suggested locations for future consideration were agreed by members as approach roads from the Clock Garage, Water Orton and the Collector Road. Hall Road was also highlighted as problem where vehicles drove at excessive speed.

12. University of the Third Age – proposals for Castle Bromwich.

Members noted with interest this potential development and **RESOLVED** to support the endeavours of the group to identify need and promote establishment of a U3A. Further literature was available from the Clerk and meetings would be publicised in due course.

13. Grounds Maintenance Tender.

Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Leisure Services Committee be delegated the responsibility for the tender process and finalization of the specification, possibly separating or adjusting the flower bed maintenance at the Village Green to raise current standards.

14. Terms of Reference – Leisure Services Committee.

Following considerations, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the revised terms of reference be approved. In line with normal practice, the document would be duly signed, copied to members and retained in the minute book.

15. Working Parties.

The Chairman reported that some bulb planting had taken place. The Events working party was requested to meet to confirm arrangements for the Carol Concert and a date would be set after the meeting. The Chairman was sad to inform the public that numerous new plants had been stolen from the Youth Council Peace Garden at the Village Green and she had met with Carl Ferris to discuss replacement arrangements. The Village Green working party needed to discuss plants for the new raised garden in the garden of memory.

16. Report of the Leisure Services Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **SECONDED** by Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on Wednesday, 1st September 2010, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

17. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesdays, 28th July and 8th September 2010, having been circulated, be received, approved and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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Members

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Clerk
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Events WP
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Village
Green WP
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18. Representatives to Outside Bodies.

Cllr Whelan had submitted two reports, which were read by the Clerk in his absence. On 28th July he had attended a meeting of the Birmingham International Airport Environmental Monitoring Working Group, which was a sub-group of the Airport Consultative Committee. The purpose of the Group was to enable the Airport management to report on activities which impacted on the environment and for local Council and other representatives to raise any matters of concern. The main points of interest arising at the meeting were as follows: In general passenger numbers across the UK were down with the exceptions of Belfast and Liverpool. This year it was estimated that Birmingham would handle 8.5 million passengers compared with 9.0 million in 2009. It was reported that night flying and engine ground testing were both within the limits agreed with Solihull MBC and that there would be a full review in October. Public transport now accounted for 27% of passengers to the Airport with train travel showing the highest increase. Overall Airport strategy would be reviewed with Solihull in September and Birmingham in January 2011. Amalgamation of the two existing terminals into one was planned. Notwithstanding the demise of Advantage West Midlands there was still high confidence that the runway extension would take place. To counter airspace infringement incidents by small planes it had been decided to establish Visual Reporting Points around the Airport thresholds. This was common practice throughout the UK. There were on average 50 such incidents at Birmingham each year. The next meeting would be on 27th October and in the meantime he would attend the next meeting of the Consultative Committee. Cllr Whelan would be pleased to raise any relevant issues affecting Castle Bromwich at either meeting.

On 8th September, Cllr Whelan attended his first meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee. Following introductions, the Chief Executive of the Airport (Paul Kehoe) gave an overview of activities April to June. A key theme of this was the extent to which the low cost airlines were suffering at the present time. Largely due to discretionary travellers cutting back on expenditure a number of carriers, particularly Ryanair, were reducing their activities. Ryanair had pulled out of Belfast City airport and their expected expansion at Birmingham had not taken place. Whilst Birmingham's route structure had increased significantly over the last 10 years the number of airlines operating from the Airport had reduced from 53 to 49. Whilst this may be explained by consolidation Mr Kehoe reported that attempts to attract new airlines and routes to the Airport notably Air India and Spanair had failed. The outlook for the winter period was described as "stark." In answer to criticism of the Airport's baggage handlers it was pointed out that many of the delays arose as a consequence of incoming flights arriving late and luggage backlogs developing. The One Terminal project was moving to schedule and the first phase would be completed in the next 8 weeks with the opening of the new arrivals hall. The project was scheduled for completion in May 2011. An interesting presentation followed on the way in which Birmingham was cutting CO2 emissions by smarter flying. In essence aircraft were now using a Continuous Descent Approach making a smooth approach on minimum power rather than the classical stepped approach. After just one year 95% of aircraft were using this technique making a saving per flight of 315Kgs of CO2 and 100Kgs of fuel. Most importantly the noise around the airport had been reduced by between one and five decibels per arrival. It was reported that Google Earth now had the facility to show flight paths in and out of the airport. There had been one daytime noise violation attributed to a military VC-10 repatriating casualties from

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Afghanistan. There were no night time violations. There were two Working Groups supporting this Committee - the Passenger Services and Surface Transport Working Group and the aforementioned Environmental Working Group. Membership of both was reviewed and it was agreed that the former would seek to attract new members. The next meeting was scheduled for 24th November 2010.

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The Chairman reported that on Thursday, 5th August she attended Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens as a trustee and the topic under discussion was the new Visitors Centre. On Wednesday 15th September, she had also attended the AGM at Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens. The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr Whelan for his reports and in the absence of Cllr Knibb, requested that he present a report on the Youth Parish Council at the next FGP Committee meeting instead.

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19. Report of the Officer of the Council.

The Clerk reported use of delegated powers and had accepted the lowest quote of £896 to process a planning application to the Borough Council. The police had been thanked for their support to Park staff following abusive behaviour which had resulted in a man being banned from parish council land and buildings. Consultation papers had been tabled from Solihull MBC Standards Committee which members would be asked to consider at the next council meeting.

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20. Report of the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that on Saturday, 11th September she helped plant bulbs at Castle Bromwich Library with Bor. Cllr Mike Robinson and the Scouts, along with Trish Willetts from Solihull MBC. On Sunday 12th September the community planting day took place at the Village Green. She was delighted to work with various helpers including the Youth Council, the Scouts, teacher and students from Park Hall Academy, Bor. Cllr Ted Richards, Pat from Castle Bromwich Lions, Cllr Andrew Terry, Alf Haywood, 5th Castle Bromwich Brownies and Carl Ferris from Halls Gardens Supplies. She thanked everyone who attended for their help and support. On Saturday 18th September, she had attended Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens 25th Anniversary celebrations. This was also attended by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Birmingham and Solihull's Mayor and Mayoress. It had been a most enjoyable day and she expressed her thanks for the kind invitation.

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On Saturday 25th September, the Chairman attended the Parish Council's Macmillan Coffee morning held here at Arden Hall. A most successful and enjoyable morning resulted in £775.63 being raised for the worthwhile charity and she thanked everyone for their help and support. She asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to the Mayor and Mayoress of Solihull for their kind attendance. Finally, a reminder was given for everyone to book their teams in for the Chairman's Charity Quiz night taking place in the Spencer Suite on Friday 8th October at 7.30 p.m.

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Members
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21. Capital Receipts and Land Matters.

As the matter referred to legal proceedings with the council solicitors, **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. Members of the public withdrew. Following consideration and lengthy discussion, members were unanimous in the view that efforts should be made to improve the environment and prevent further

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dereliction of the factory unit which was to the particular detriment of local residents at the Village Green, as well as others. Therefore **ON THE PROPOSITION OF** Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the sale of the access road should proceed for the best possible price, on the condition that prompt development of the site be an agreed priority and with costs being paid by the purchaser. The sale would be concluded after outline planning permission had been obtained, in line with the agreed covenant, and the solicitor to ensure recommendations previously agreed be included. It was hoped that a consultation opportunity would be afforded to local residents at a future Parish Council meeting.

22. Legal Matters – Correspondence from Geldards.

As the correspondence referred to personal circumstances of an individual, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY 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. Following due consideration, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the first option be adopted, unless the solicitor confirmed to the council that previous data had altered significantly.

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