

Castle Bromwich Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE **LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE** MEETING

HELD ONLINE via ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 1st July 2020, 6.30PM



Committee members: Cllrs K Shaw (Committee Chairman), S Beechey (vice-Chairman), Mrs P Allen, K McCoy, J Riordan, M Strong, Miss J Ward

Committee quorum is 4 members.

Present Councillors: K Shaw, Chairman
S Beechey, vice-Chairman
Mrs P Allen
J Riordan
M Strong

Officers: Mrs Y Smith – Acting Clerk
Mrs R Gorton - Hall Manager
Mrs G Lungley – Support Officer

Members of the public: SBMC ward member, Ted Richards
Martin Clifford, Chairman Castle Bromwich Cricket Club

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20-07/01 **Chairman's Welcome**
Cllr K Shaw welcomed all to the meeting.

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20-07/02 **To note apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr K McCoy

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20-07/03 **To receive members' declarations of disclosable interests**
None received

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20-07/04 **To receive and consider members' dispensation requests, if any**
None received

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20-07/05 **Public Forum - To hear from members of the public**
Martin Clifford, Chairman Castle Bromwich Cricket Club spoke to their plans for returning to the club's home ground making use of the pavilion and playing team sports, post Covid-19. Full details for complying with the coronavirus regulations were provided including insistence on safety, risk assessments, restrictions on numbers and cleaning protocols.
The extent of the alcohol licence was queried.
With reference to the Club's plans for refurbishing the pavilion, Martin undertook to forward the plans to the Council in due course. Martin thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to speak and left the meeting.

Cllr Strong left the meeting due to connection issues, and soon re-joined.

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20-07/06 **To receive and consider the minutes of the previous meeting**
The draft minutes of the committee meeting held 3rd June had been circulated and were agreed a true and accurate record of what took place.

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20-07/07

Hall Manager's report (see also pp 5 and 6)

No progress regarding the broken window; Covid-19 disruption.

The Hall Manager presented her report for the last month. Staff have been measuring the space available for users to comply with the Covid-19 capacity limits bearing in mind the majority of hires are for physical exercise. Hirers have been issued with a questionnaire asking about their use requirements and their flexibilities. More time will be needed between hires to ensure a thorough clean is carried out.

Maintenance works include repair to the boiler for hot water and re-painting of the hall facilities.

The pavilion is being given attention in the light of the Cricket Club's plans to return for social activities and planning return to team sports.

Risk assessments have been carried out for all staff and facilities at all sites – Arden Hall, Pavilion and Council Office. Mobile duties have been increased to three days per week to improve tidiness.

The school children's prom that had been booked for 10th July has been cancelled.

Work is ongoing with regard to invoices, chasing bad debts and related paperwork. Plans for return of hirers are also being worked on working within the government guidelines including provision of a one-way system, extra cleaning materials etc.

There was discussion relating to the Cricket Club's plans for returning to the pavilion for social gatherings. The Club Chairman had provided the Hall Manager with details of what steps they are taking to comply with the new regulations and their risk assessment had been appropriately updated. Members were made aware of the 'Covid-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities' via GOV.UK which was not as clear and straightforward as had been hoped with regard to the number of people who could be allowed inside the pavilion. It was noted the events would be ended by 8pm, same time as park closure.

SMBC Coun Ted Richards was invited to comment regarding alcohol limitations at Arden Hall park and the SMBC-wide restrictions on drinking which operates alongside the licence granted for alcohol consumption at the pavilion.

Members were in favour of the Cricket Club events taking place as long as the appropriate assessments and compliance arrangements were followed as instructed by the Hall Manager and following advice from the licensing department.

The Hall Manager was thanked for her report.

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20-07/08

Progress report on items considered previously:

A)

.1) **Small Green tarmac.** See minute 20-07/10.

Ongoing items carried forward:

- i. Bradford Gardens double ditch and mound
- ii. Play equipment / zip wire
- iii. Funding opportunities – for new and improved play equipment; Arden Hall improvements
- iv. Temporary access via Delamere Close gate
- v. Village Green drainage from Old Croft Lane – SMBC had asked if the Green had previously been dug up, no member was aware that it had been.

B) Arden Hall:

- i. **Follow-up works** to Spencer Lounge area after asbestos removal; SMBC have signed off the removal work. Some further work is required to supply and fit new lighting and shadow battens, as included in the purchase order.
- ii. **Refurbishment to front of stage.** Cllr Beechey has this in hand.
- iii. **Promotion of facilities.** The Hall Manager will take steps to take control of the Arden Hall Facebook page.
- iv. **Arden Hall improvements** and maintenance eg door entry systems and telephony. Quotes are being obtained for all improvements.
- v. **Report of broken window** – as noted in the Hall Manager’s report.
- vi. **Plumbing repairs to hot water heaters** – as noted above.
- vii. **Extra cleaning (this item was discussed towards the end of the meeting, but is included here for relevance)** – members were notified of the increase in cleaning costs due to Covid-19, to ensure the safety of members of staff working at Arden Hall, the Pavilion and council office, and prepare for future hires. Council members urged caution and over-view in the amount and costs of cleaning materials being purchased. It would be expected that hirers would provide their own face masks, but basic cleaning and hand sanitiser should be made available by the council.

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20-07/09

New items for consideration

A Employer responsibilities for provision of tools.

A policy detailing the provision of tools, both hand and power, to members of staff was put forward for approval. Members of staff are not expected to provide their own tools for use at work. It was noted that in the past, tools purchased by the council had gone missing, members therefore agreed to establish a system for keeping track of each item under the control of the Hall Manager. Any lost tools must be paid for by the member of staff who had signed it out.

It was AGREED

- To purchase a toolkit for use around the council's sites of both hand- and power tools; specific list to be drawn up by Hall Manager and wardens for review by council members before purchase from the maintenance budget.
- No member of staff is expected to provide or use their own tools.
- All council tools will be signed out and back in again by the Hall Manager; any tool lost during that time to be replaced by the user named.
- All tool-use to be risk assessed and operators to be provided with appropriate PPE and training if necessary.
- To adopt the amended Policy on the provision of tools and equipment for use on parish council property and the use of staff's own equipment.

B Arden Hall park

- i. Request from the family of late ex-parish councillor Peter Bagnall to plant a rose in the Garden of Memory.

It was AGREED

To accept the request and allow a rose to be planted in the Garden of Memory in the name of Peter Bagnall.

- ii. CCTV and local policing support
CCTV is being used by staff and the local policing team is proving supportive.
- iii. Response to ad hoc requests to use Arden Hall sports field for organised football teams

Members were notified that requests were received in the office from time to time seeking to make use of the playing fields by teams other than Bromford Lions, but due to use of the fields now at full capacity these requests were turned down.

C Pavilion

- i. Castle Bromwich Cricket and Social Club request for re-furbishment; not considered at this time.
- ii. Safe use of pavilion by the Cricket Club: considered earlier in the meeting.
- iii. Terms of hire for all user groups / review of hire agreements
It was AGREED
To review all hire arrangements.

D Open Spaces, Environment and Highways

- i. Grass verges, Water Orton Road
SMBC had received a petition from residents objecting to the wildflower planting along these grass verges, as part of the Wildflower Ways initiative.

SMBC ward member Coun T Richards left the meeting.

- ii. War Memorial repair, renovation and cleaning
The budget for this is £2,000.
It was AGREED
To initially clean the memorial and quotes for cleaning would be sought.
- iii. Pedestrian crossing outside St Clements Church
SMBC had responded to concerns raised by Cllr Mrs A Haywood about the safety of the crossing in Green Lane, noted.

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20-07/10

In the interest of the public, the meeting was closed to the public to allow for discussion of an issue that should properly be considered in confidence.

Small Green access

Parking across the access was an ongoing problem. Members considered re-surfacing the access and installing No Parking signs.

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20-07/11

**Date and time of next meeting of this committee:
Wednesday 02/09/2020 at 6.30pm online**

This meeting ended at 8.30pm

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Signed
Chairman, Leisure Services Committee

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Dated

MANAGERS REPORT.

June 2020

01/06/2020 to 30/06/2020

A. BOOKINGS AND HIRERS:

Still no hirers due to Covid 19

So at the beginning of the month we measured out 2m distancing within the Spencer Hall and the Windsor room. The S/H capacity would be 24 and W/R capacity would be 9. Obviously since the Prime Minister has announced 1m plus we can now offer 48 in the S/H and 18 in the W/R as long as they wear face masks. Most of hirers are still unable to return but I have drawn up a questionnaire for the hirers about their return which will be emailed/posted this week.

B. BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Ongoing safety checks are still being carried out.

We haven't had hot water for a few weeks but a quote was received and accepted and the plumber came on Monday.

While we have been closed the Hall has been cleaned and redecorated throughout. Both committee rooms, backstage corridor, front foyer, Spencer toilets, Windsor room and chair store have been painted and we are now about to start on the Spencer Hall.

C. PAVILION

Still closed but checks are still being carried out.

Cricket club have requested to open from the 4th July (see attached, CC RA, CC request, HM RA)

D. STAFF ISSUES

I have completed risk assessments for Arden Hall staff, Arden Hall hirers, the Pavilion and council office. (see attached)

E. PAID CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

F. UPCOMING EVENTS AT ARDEN HALL

G. OPEN SPACES


I have added an extra day for the mobile duties as mentioned last month.

H. BAR

We have a children's prom booked in for 10th July which we are going to cancel.

Period	Net. Bar Sales 2019-20	Targets for 2020/2021		PLU Actual for 2020/2021		
		Month	Net Target	Gross	Net	+/-
01/4-30/04		April	1000			
01/05-31/05		May	2000			
01/06-30/06		June	2000			
01/07-31/07		July	2500			
01/08-30/08		August	2750			
01/09-30/09		September	3000			
01/10-31/10		October	2500			
01/11-30/11	4157.63	November	3500			
	4242.33	December	4250			
01/01-31/01	2728.58	January	2500			
01/02-29/02		February	3500			
01/03-30/03		March	2500			
		END OF YEAR				
	29700.65		32000/16250	13354.25	11128.54	878.54

New Targets based on last year's figures



 Rachel Gorton
 Hall Manager