

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 4 July 2018
Church Hall Church Lane Bickenhill**

Present:

Cllr Frank Bunce - Chairman
Cllr Karen Dunn
Cllr Wayne Hadley
Cllr Clive Hill
Cllr Jessica Rathbone
Cllr Peter Tennant
Cllr Barbara Tocher
Cllr Donna Williams

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 5 members of the public

2617 The Public

Mr Holdsworth raised the issue with regard to the surface on the bridge in Marston Green Park. The Clerk advised that Solihull MBC have looked at the issue but don't have the budget to carry the repair.

Mrs Jackie Haggett raised the issue of her family's letter which had been sent to the Parish Council. However she now understood that the Parish Council are to approve the response. She raised the question about the number of ornaments on graves and if this matter was being considered. The Clerk advised this was a separate issue and headstone/tablets are a permanent fixture.

A resident of Bickenhill asked about the 900 bus service and the fact that the bus no longer serves Bickenhill Village after some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact West Midlands Travel to raise the issue.

Action item: Clerk to contact West Midlands Travel

2618 Apologies

The Clerk advised Cllr Jon Horton and Cllr Kim Wallace had offered their apologies and these were duly accepted. Cllr Bob Sleigh had contacted the Clerk to offer his apologies.

2619 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None

2620 Approval of the Parish Council Minutes - Held on Wednesday 6 June 2018

Cllr Frank Bunce asked members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Peter Tennant

All in favour

It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record

Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on the 6 June 2018

Minute no 2613.1 Cllr Alison Rolf – Youth Club – Meeting Dates

The Clerk advised she had new dates for the meeting and it was agreed that the meeting should take place on the 26th July 2018 at 3pm in the Parish Office.

2621 Matters arising from the Recreation Committee Meeting – 13 June 2018

Minute no 2621.1 Lych Gate WW1 Memorial (1181.1)

The Clerk had obtained a quote for the design plus a new memorial bench. The total cost is £1675.00 + vat

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Donna Williams

All in favour

It was resolved the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 2621.2 (1181.2) There but not There Figures

The Recreation Committee were proposing the purchase one figurine to assess suitability.

Proposed: Cllr Barbara Tocher

Seconded: Cllr Donna Williams

All in favour

It was resolved the Clerk is to raise the order

2622 Matters arising from the Planning Committee Meeting – 28 June 2018

Cllr Clive Hill advised there was nothing contentious being proposed. However, the committee had commented on the application regarding 21 Hall Drive.

The Clerk asked for the minutes to be approved.

Proposed: Cllr Karen Dunn

Seconded: Cllr Jessica Rathbone

All in favour

2623 HS2 Update

Cllr Karen Dunn had not received the information from HS2 regarding the recent roadshow, she will contact them for a copy of the slides.

2624 Airport Matters

Nothing to report

2625 Internal & External Committee Reports

Cllr Frank Bunce advised that the AGM of the Parish Hall Trustees had been cancelled as the Auditor had not been able to complete the year end accounts.

Cllr Clive Hill said he had spoken with the Solicitors who are dealing with the sale of the Village Hall and they have advised this should be completed by the end of July.

2626 Finance – Payments for Authorisation

The proposal is to authorise the payments detailed on the expenditure reports.

Proposed: Cllr

Seconded: Cllr

All in favour

It was resolved to accept the expenditure payments detailed on the reports

2627 Correspondence

Minute no 2627.1 Letter re Burial Ground – Approval

The Clerk asked members to please respond to the draft letter to confirm approval.

It was resolved the Clerk to action following full approval

Minute no 2627.2 Donation re St Leonards Church

The Clerk read a letter from St Leonard's Church, they are planning a community outing during the summer holidays. This will be a day trip to Weston-Super-Mare, tickets will cost £15 for adults and £5 children. Unfortunately, this will not cover the cost of the coach hire and they were requesting a donation of £200.00 from the Parish Council. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that a donation of £200.00 is made.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Frank Bunce

All in favour

It was Resolved that the Parish Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Parish Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of £200.00 for supporting a community event.

2628 Roads and Rights of Way

Cllr Barbara Tocher said she had been approached by the Church Warden to ask if the Parish Council would consider funding some private car parking signs for the parking area by St Peter's Church. Cllr Frank Bunce advised they should get a quote for the signs and formally write to the Parish Council to request a donation.

2629 Bus and Train Services

Nothing to report

2630 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at 19:30

Venue: Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green