

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 3 October 2018
Parish Hall Elmdon Road Marston Green**

Present:

Cllr Frank Bunce - Chairman
Cllr Clive Hill
Cllr Jessica Rathbone
Cllr Peter Tennant
Cllr Barbara Tocher
Cllr Kim Wallace

Clerk: Carole Cox

Public: 9 members of the public

2644 The Public

Alison Holdsworth said that the signs and cones had not been removed following footpath repairs.

Trevor Wills said that he had spoken to Solihull MBC regarding the traffic on Elm Farm Avenue and the flouting of the enforcement that had been put in place. He advised that a member of West Midlands Police was due to attend the next meeting of the Residents Association.

Bob Bazeley said he thought that the council had faced a lot of criticism at the last meeting, he wished to go on record to thank the Parish Council for all that they do. Members of the Council expressed their appreciation.

The Clerk said at the last meeting Colin Hastings had produced a copy of an article from the Coleshill Post, she asked him to clarify the reason why he had handed it to the Parish Council. Colin Hastings said it was because of the CIL money. The Clerk advised that she had made enquiries about the article to ascertain the facts. The article did mention that £35,000.00 was being given to the town from the developers for various projects, but this had been granted by North Warwickshire Borough Council not Coleshill Town Council.

At This point Colin Hastings interrupted and said it does mention CIL money and demanded the Clerk read the article. The Clerk read the article to all present. She then added that in fact, when Colin Hasting interrupted the meeting again and asked that one of the Councillors to provide the update stating "that you are just the Clerk". The Chairman pointed out to Mr Hastings that the Clerk is the "Proper Officer" of the Council, and she had on behalf of the Council researched the information you presented to the council at the last meeting. The Clerk then continued to advise that Coleshill Town Council had, indeed, objected to the application and despite there being a Neighbourhood Plan in place the application had been approved.

2645 Apologies

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Donna Williams, Cllr Karen Dunn and Cllr Jon Horton and these were duly accepted.



2646 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None

2647 Approval of the Parish Council Minutes - Held on Wednesday 5 September 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 Jessica Rathbone

All in favour

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

Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on the 5 September 2018

No matters for further discussion.

2648 Matters arising from the Recreation Committee Meeting – 17 September 2018

Minute no 2648.1 (1173) Projects - Millennium Wood

The Clerk advised members that the 1st Marston Green Cubs were planting 1,000 English Bluebell bulbs into Millennium Wood tonight as part of our community projects.

Minute no 2648.2 (1275) Allotments

Cllr Clive Hill advised that an inspection had been carried out on the plots and it had been agreed that a general letter had been sent to all allotment holders regarding the poor upkeep of the plots.

Minute no 2648.3 (1277) Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Clive Hill advised that the first planning meeting had been held and the road closure application had been submitted to Solihull MBC.

2649 Matters arising from the Finance & General Purpose Meeting – 24 September 2018

Minute no 2649.1 (469.1) Groundsman's House

The Clerk had obtained two quotes to relay the patio and provide a new fence to the house.

Westwood Properties: £13,950.00 and Flowers: £5,955.00

The quotes had been discussed at both committees and due to the considerable difference between the quotes, Cllr Wayne Hadley was arranging for the Flowers quote to be checked to ensure this is value for money. He confirmed that this was the case, the Clerk asked if members are happy for the quote to be proposed.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Jessica Rathbone

All in favour

It was resolved the Clerk is to raise the order

Minute no 2649.2 Order for Christmas Trees

The Clerk advised that she had raised the order for this year's Christmas Trees. For the 2 x 20 ft. trees, plus the cost of installation at both sites, the total order was for £620.00.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Peter Tennant



All in favour

It was resolved the expenditure is duly noted

2650 Matters arising from the Planning Committee Meeting – 27 September 2018

Cllr Clive Hill advised the Committee had discussed this month's planning applications. In relation to planning application PL/2018/02643 it was agreed to contact Richard Cobb to formulate a reply on our behalf. When the Clerk is in receipt of the draft she will circulate a copy to members for approval.

Action item: Clerk to circulate the draft for approval

Trevor Wills raised an issue so the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:52 to allow him to ask a question regarding the new planning application for Birmingham Business Park.
Meeting re-opened at 19:54

The Clerk asked for the minutes to be duly noted.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

All in favour

2651 HS2 Update

Nothing to report.

Again, Mr Wills interrupted the meeting at 19:56 and the Chairman closed the meeting to answer another question him. He wanted the Parish Council to provide an update regarding the HS2 meeting which had been held in camera early this evening. He felt that the Parish Council should inform members of the public about the meeting.

Cllr Frank Bunce advised that it was at the request of HS2 that the meeting be held in camera. Kim Wallace advised that we were not in a position to discuss the matter and that the public would be informed by HS2 in due course, in fact households should have received a leaflet regarding a Community Events program, which would provide residents with the opportunity to see the plans for the interchange station.

The meeting was re-opened at 19:58.

2652 Airport Matters

Nothing to report.

2653 Internal & External Committee Reports

Nothing to report.

2654 Finance – Payments for Authorisation

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

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

All in favour

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

Minute no 2654.1 Donation to Poppy Appeal



The Clerk advised that the donation had been £125.00 last year which included the wreaths. The Royal British Legion had changed their system which means the wreath have been paid for at a cost of £38.50 therefore, £86.50 requires approval to match last year's donation.

Proposed: Cllr Jessica Rathbone

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved that a further donation of £86.50 to the Poppy Appeal

Minute no 2654.2 Letter St Peter's Church

The Clerk read a letter from St Peter's Church requesting the council to consider a donation towards the repair of the clock. In principle the council would wish to support a donation, however, they also would like the PCC to advise on how much they were willing to contribute. The Clerk will write to the Church Warden to ask the questions and report back to the next meeting.

Action item: Clerk to write to Church Warden

2655 Correspondence

Minute no 2655.1 CPRE AGM – 2nd November 2018

Minute no 2655.2 Outlook Magazine

Minute no 2655.3 CPRE Donation Request

Cllr Barbara Tocher proposed that we donate £50.00.

Proposed: Cllr Barbara Tocher

Seconded: Cllr Jessica Rathbone

All in favour

It was resolved Clerk is to arrange a donation payment of £50.00

Minute no 2655.4 Draft Response Letter to RT Hon Dame Caroline Spelman

A proposed draft response letter had circulated to members by email. The Clerk was asking for comments or if members were happy to approve.

Proposed: Cllr Frank Bunce

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved Draft letter was approved. Clerk to action

Minute no 2655.5 PKF Littlejohn External Audit Report

The Clerk outlined the following report from PKF Littlejohn, the External Auditors.

"We have not yet completed our review work on the AGAR and supporting documentation. A final report detailing any qualification and 'other' matters will be provided with the certificate of completion, following finalisation of the review".

The Clerk wished it to be put on record that the External Auditor had returned the final notice and report by email which was sent on Saturday, 29th September at 14:00, with the instruction that the final notices should be posted before the 30th September, as this was a Sunday, the requirement could not be met. She had published the notices on the 1st October 2018 and had written to WALC to advise them of the issue.

The external report was duly noted.



Proposed: Cllr Jessica Rathbone
All in favour

Seconded: Cllr Kim Wallace

2656 Roads and Rights of Way

Cllr Barbara Tocher wished to record that there was still problems with taxi drivers parking on St Peter's Lane, Bickenhill.

2657 Bus and Train Services

Nothing to report

2658 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 7 November 2018 at 19:30

Venue: Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green

