

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 6 October 2021 at 19:30
The Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green

Present:

Cllr Clive Hill – Chair
Cllr Mike Kay
Cllr Mark Noblet
Cllr Karen Dunn
Cllr Kim Wallace
Cllr Sue Rogers
Cllr Carole Pearce
Cllr Trevor Wills
Cllr Wayne Hadley

Clerk: Julie Brennan

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4125. The Public

4125.1 A member of the public let the Parish Council know that she had been liaising with SMBC and Cllr Bob Sleigh regarding speeding cars between the islands on Station Road. SMBC had proposed applying hatching lines to the road to force drivers to use it as a single lane which it was hoped would help to slow traffic. Options including speed bumps and speed cameras were discussed and members were invited to sign a petition which it was hoped would allow Cllr Sleigh to list the matter which in turn would lead to SMBC taking measures to slow the traffic down. It was noted that, due to issues in other areas, it was difficult to increase police presence. The Clerk was asked to provide a list of PCSOs to the member of the public and to invite representatives from the Police to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

Acton item: Clerk to confirm the names of the PCSOs to the member of the public and to invite a representative of the Police to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

4125.2 A member of the public confirmed that the issue of strong cooking smells coming from the Piri Fino restaurant on Station Road had been investigated by SMBC and that it had been found that they had breached their planning permission. It was anticipated that action would be taken shortly.

4126. Apologies

Cllr Hill confirmed that apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Jon Horton.

4127. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

To be covered during the course of the meeting as necessary.

4128. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 September 2021

The Chairman asked the Councillors if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Noblet

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour

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



4129. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 1 September 2021

4116 – Covid 19 Relief Monies - After discussion on who might benefit from the remaining Covid 19 Relief monies it was agreed that this should be referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Action item: Finance Committee to look into the original purpose of the Covid 19 monies and advise on who could benefit from the monies remaining.

4122 – Remembrance Day Parade – Cllr Hill confirmed that plans for the Remembrance Day Parade were underway but help would be needed on the day. He asked anyone who could help to come forward. It was noted that Cllr Mike Kay would be laying the wreath at the Bickenhill service on behalf of the Parish Council.

4130. Matters arising from the Recreation Committee meeting 21 July 2021

1581 – CIL matters – Cllr Mike Kay (School Governor), Cllr Karen Dunn (School Governor) and Cllr Kim Wallace (employed by Marston Green Junior School) each declared a conflict of duty/interest in this item. It was agreed that Cllr Kim Wallace would not take part in the vote as she was directly employed by the Junior School.

The members discussed the CIL matrix and the need for a minimum score but it was agreed that, as the Recreation Committee made recommendations only and all applications were brought to the full Parish Council meeting for approval, this was not necessary.

Cllr Hadley outlined his proposal which had been detailed in the papers sent out with the meeting pack. Cllr Hill confirmed that the proposals had both scored 9 out of 12 on the CIL matrix and that the recommendation from the Recreation Committee was for approval. Given the likelihood of prices increasing, it was proposed that a cap of £16,000 be applied to the spend for each school and noted that payment would be made by the Parish Council, not the schools.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour - Cllr Clive Hill, Cllr Mark Noblet, Cllr Karen Dunn, Cllr Sue Rogers, Cllr Carole Pearce & Cllr Wayne Hadley

Abstained – Cllr Kim Wallace

It was resolved that Cllr Wayne Hadley's proposals for CIL monies to be spent on Marston Green Infant Academy and Marston Green Junior School were approved.

1590 – Request for Parish Council discretion to allow an ashes interment for a non-resident – Cllr Hill confirmed that the Recreation Committee recommendation was to refuse the request to inter the ashes on this occasion as the deceased was not a resident.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Noblet

Seconded: Cllr Mike Kay

All in favour

Abstained – Cllr Trevor Wills

It was resolved that permission to allow the ashes to be interred was refused.

1591 – Request for Parish Council discretion to allow the pre-purchase of an ashes plot to a non-resident – Cllr Hill confirmed that the recommendation was to refuse the request to allow the pre-purchase of an ashes plot as the applicant was not a resident.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Noblet

Seconded: Cllr Mike Kay

All in favour

Abstained – Cllr Trevor Wills

It was resolved that permission to allow the pre purchase of an ashes plot was refused.

4131. Staffing Committee

Cllr Hill noted that since Cllr John Fox had resigned and Cllr Karen Dunn had stepped down from the Staffing Committee it was necessary to appoint two further councillors. Cllr Mike Kay and Cllr Carole Pearce had previously been identified from the Skills Matrix as potential committee members and it was therefore proposed that they be asked to join the Staffing Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Karen Dunn

Seconded: Cllr Kim Wallace

All in favour

Abstained – Cllr Wayne Hadley who was absent for this item

It was resolved that Cllr Carole Pearce and Cllr Mike Kay be appointed to the Staffing Committee.

4132. Matters arising from the Planning Committee meetings – 31 August 2021 & 24 September 2021

Cllr Clive Hill summarised the minutes from the two Planning Committee meetings noting the following:

124 Elmdon Lane – a decision on the appeal has yet to be received.

1 Ivy Lodge Close – concerns that the new facility will increase traffic and could encroach on the three properties on Station Road.

Land south of Solihull Parkway, Blackfirs Lane – Comments have been submitted to the appeal regarding the car park and a decision is awaited.

4133. Matters arising from the Finance Committee Meeting – 27 September 2021

Cllr Mike Kay asked for approval of a budget of £500 for the remedial works to be carried out at the Burial Ground following the removal of the soil.

Proposed: Cllr Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

All in favour

It was resolved that a budget of £500 was approved for the remedial works at the burial ground.

Cllr Kay asked for approval of a budget of up to £750 plus VAT for Thursfield's legal fees to register the pond at Bickenhill in the Parish Council's name.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Karen Dunn

All in favour

It was resolved that a budget of up to £750 plus VAT was approved in relation to Thursfield's legal fees to register the pond at Bickenhill in the Parish Council's name.

Cllr Kay confirmed that a meeting to discuss the budget had been set for 11 October 2021.

4134. Request for approval of Finance Approval List

The proposal to authorise the payments detailed on the expenditure report was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

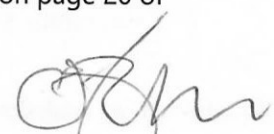
Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the expenditure payments detailed on the report.

4135. Updated Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Cllr Kay confirmed that he had reviewed the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and proposed the changes highlighted in tracked changes in the documents. He clarified the change relating to budget control. Cllr Karen Dunn noted a spelling mistake on page 20 of



the Standing Orders at item 19d which read 'staffomg' rather than 'staffing'. The documents were approved subject to the correction of the spelling mistake.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Mark Noblet

All in favour

It was resolved to approve that the amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were approved.

4136. Fencing at the Burial Ground

The Clerk explained that, due to an error in measuring and incorrect instructions being given to the sub contractor, the works to replace fencing at the Burial Ground had not been completed. The sub contractor had removed a section of fencing that had been incorrectly identified for replacement by Fairways and had used up all 165 metres of fencing that had been allowed for in the quote. Fairways had proposed to finish the 40 metre section of fencing incorrectly removed free of charge and to charge the Parish Council £2,300 ex VAT to replace the section of fencing at the back of the burial ground that was still due to be replaced. The Clerk was asked to confirm the price per metre from the original quote which was £37.75 per square metre and the price per metre from the new quote, which was £57.50 per square metre. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a price per metre from another fencing contractor and ask Fairways if they would match this. The invoice for the works already completed was not to be paid whilst the issue was unresolved.

4137. External Committee Reports

Parish Hall Trustees – There was nothing to report at this time.

Marston Green Village Charitable Trust – There was nothing to update on at this time.

Airport Matters – There was nothing to update on at this time.

HS2 Update – There was nothing to update the Parish Council on at this time other than the compound issues covered by the Planning Committee minutes.

4138. Correspondence

Mist netting at Millennium Wood

Cllr Hill asked if everyone had read the information provided in relation to the request to carry out mist netting at Millennium Wood and asked for approval of the request.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Noblet

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the request to carry out mist netting at Millennium Wood.

Request to use the 3Ms field for half term softball workshop

The Clerk outlined a request received to use the 3Ms field for a softball workshop during the half term. The organiser had offered to pay £100 for the week and, following discussion, this fee was agreed subject to the organiser accepting that no parking was allowed on the road and no indoor space would be provided other than toilet facilities.

Proposed: Cllr Karen Dunn

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

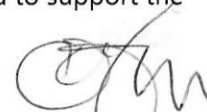
All in favour

Abstained – Cllr Kim Wallace

It was resolved that the Softball workshop was approved subject to payment of the fees and the restriction on parking.

HGV Weight Limit

The Clerk outlined the request received from a resident regarding the enforcement of weight limits within Marson Green. The councillors discussed the request and agreed to support the



enforcement where possible. They asked the Clerk to let the resident know that any HS2 contractors seen driving through the village should be reported to HS2 who would take action.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Clive Hill

All in favour

It was resolved that the Parish Council will support efforts to enforce weight limits within Marston Green where possible.

CB Future Fit – unable to pay full pitch fee in one payment

The Clerk advised that CB Future Fit, one of the football teams who played at the Recreation Ground, were unable to pay the full pitch fee for the current season. They had offered to pay half of the £560 fee now and half in December and approval was sought for this proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Mike Kay

All in favour

It was resolved that CB Future Fit be allowed to pay half of their £560 pitch fee now and the other half by 1 December 2021.

4139. The Parish Council meeting closed at 22:10

4140. Date of next meeting 1 December 2021 at 19:30

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