

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 3 November 2021 at 19:30
The Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green**

Present:

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

Clerk: Julie Brennan

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4141. The Public

4141.1 A member of the public asked for an update regarding the IAC car park appeal. Cllr Clive Hill confirmed that the Parish Council had objected and made comments on the appeal and that a decision was still awaited.

4141.2 A member of the public asked for an update on the M42 Junction 6 works. Cllr Jon Horton advised that the Parish Council had lobbied for a new strategy regarding the compound sites and that this had led to satellite compounds being set up. He noted that disruption was still being experienced and that this was likely to continue for the next two and a half years.

4141.3 A member of the public stated that the hanging baskets and planters looked lovely and asked for the Groundsmen to be thanked.

Action item: *The Clerk to pass on the feedback regarding the planters and hanging baskets to the Groundsmen.*

4142. Apologies

Cllr Hill confirmed that apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Karen Dunn.

4143. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

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

4144. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 October 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 Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Wayne Hadley

All in favour

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

4145. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 6 October 2021

4129 – Remembrance Day Parade – Cllr Hill confirmed that volunteers were still needed to act as Marshalls and asked if anyone could help or if they knew of anyone who would be willing to help, to contact the Clerk.

4131 – Staffing Committee – Cllr Hill noted that the next meeting of the Staffing Committee was due to take place on 12 November 2021.

4146. Matters arising from the Planning Committee meeting – 13 October 2021

Cllr Horton highlighted a recent street licence application for a pizza van to be sited near to the petrol station and junior school. He confirmed that the Parish Council had objected but the application had been withdrawn before the deadline.

4147. Matters arising from the Recreation Committee meeting - 20 October 2021

1597 – CIL matters – Cllr Hill stated that an application had been received from the Scouts which would be considered at the next Recreation Committee meeting.

1598/1517/2 – Biodiversity project with the Infant and Junior schools – Cllr Hill noted that the project was underway and that Cllr Wayne Hadley was working with the schools to create a schedule of works.

1598/1583 – Defibrillator for Recreation Ground – Cllr Hill confirmed that quotes were being obtained for the cabinet and installation of the defibrillator.

1598/1585 – Request of trees to be cut down on land between the houses and amenity land allotments – Cllr Hill confirmed that quotes had been obtained but agreement was being sought from Birmingham Airport for the works to be undertaken.

4148. Matters arising from the Finance Committee Meeting – 25 October 2021

719.1 - Cllr Mike Kay noted the recommendation to approve Fairway's quote of £50 per square metre to replace 40 square metres of fencing at the Burial Ground. He also noted that Fairways had agreed to complete the work free of charge on an additional area of 40 square metres where the fencing had been removed in error.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Mike Kay

All in favour

It was resolved that Fairways carry out the fencing works at the Burial Ground at a rate of £50 per square metre for an area of 40 square meters and that remedial works would be completed free of charge where the fencing had been removed in error.

719.2 – Cllr Kay noted the recommendation to approve a request for £132.90 (ex VAT) to purchase ten hawthorn hedge plants to fill in an area of hedge at the Burial Ground where three conifers had been removed.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour

It was resolved that ten hawthorn hedge plants be purchased at a cost of £132.90 to fill in the hedge at the Burial Ground.

719.3 – Cllr Kay outlined a proposal to replace 25 bins over a three year period and noted the recommendation to approve the request for £2,189.40 (ex VAT) to purchase the first ten new bins which would be sited at the Recreation Ground.

Proposed: Cllr Jon Horton

Seconded: Cllr Mark Noblet

All in favour

It was resolved that the first ten bins be purchased at a cost of £2189.40.

727 – Cllr Kay noted the recommendation to approve Thursfield's' legal fees of between £800 and £950 plus VAT and disbursements relating to the review of the lease with the Cricket Club.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Kim Wallace

All in favour

It was resolved that Thursfield's legal fees of up to £950 plus VAT and disbursements were approved in relation to stage one of the review of the lease with the Cricket Club.

4149. Request for approval of Finance Approval List

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

Proposed: Cllr Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

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

4150. Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Cllr Hill asked for approval for a donation to be made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. It was noted that a sum of £86.50 had been donated every year since 2017. The recommendation was for a donation in the sum of £100.00.

Proposed: Cllr Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Kim Wallace

All in favour

It was resolved that a donation of £100.00 be made to the Royal British Legion.

4151. Fencing at the Burial Ground

This item was covered at minute number 4148 item 719.1.

4152. Prologis/IAC soak away/pond

Cllr Hill outlined the works which had been carried out on the Prologis/IAC soak away which were detailed in the note compiled by Cllr Karen Dunn. It was agreed that Cllr Jon Horton and Cllr Clive Hill would draft a note on behalf of the Parish Council asking SMBC to insist that the site to be put back to its original condition or a retrospective planning application made immediately.

Action item: Cllr Jon Horton and Cllr Clive Hill to draft a note to SMBC on behalf of the Parish Council asking for the site of the Prologis/IAC soak away to be put back to its original condition or a retrospective planning application made immediately.

4153. Recruitment of Parish Councillors to 2 vacant posts

The Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with SMBC and approval had been given to advertise the two current councillor vacancies with a deadline for requests for an election of 30 November. It was noted that applications would need to be sought and an interview panel agreed. Cllr Trevor Wills, Cllr Jon Horton, Cllr Wayne Hadley and Cllr Mark Noblet all expressed an interest in taking part.

4154. Potholes in Bickenhill and Marston Green

Issues with potholes were noted in both Bickenhill and Marston Green, in particular on the bus lane which runs along Bickenhill Lane and on Elmdon Lane. Cllr Horton and Cllr Kay agreed to send photographs of the potholes in Bickenhill to the Clerk which were to be forwarded to Paul Tovey at SMBC for review. It was noted that the bus lane on Bickenhill Lane was not in use and the Clerk was asked to contact SMBC to ascertain if it was to be reinstated or if the signage and markings would be removed to return the road to a dual carriageway. The Clerk was also asked to enquire if the A452 Chester Road at Chelmund's Cross would be returned to a dual carriageway to ease traffic congestion at peak times.

Action item: Cllr Jon Horton and Cllr Mike Kay to send photographs of the potholes in Bickenhill to the Clerk for forwarding to Paul Tovey of SMBC.

Action item: The Clerk to contact SMBC to enquire (1) if the bus lane on Bickenhill Lane will be reinstated or returned to a dual carriageway and (2) if the A452 Chester Road at Chelmund's Cross will be reinstated to a dual carriageway.

4155. External Committee Reports

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

Marston Green Village Charitable Trust – Cllr Hill confirmed that the money from the sale of the Village Hall had now been deposited into an investment account and that any interest earned would be made available for grants at a later date.

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.

4156. Correspondence

Letter from the headteacher of MGIA

The letter from Beverley Elliot, headteacher of MGIA, thanking the Parish Council for their support with the CIL monies was noted. Cllr Wayne Hadley confirmed that he had received a similar letter from the Junior school.

Solihull Climate Action

It was agreed that information on Solihull Climate Action would be shared on the Parish Council's website and Facebook pages to help raise awareness of their group. Cllr Sue Rogers agreed to look into a climate action group that involves parish councils and to report back. Cllr Trevor Wills stated that he would be interested in taking part in such a group. Cllr Wayne Hadley suggested that an item should be added to the 5 year plan to consider what actions the Parish Council should take and the associated costs for the budget.

Proposed: Cllr Wayne Hadley

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour

It was resolved that information on Solihull Climate Action would be shared on the Parish Council's website and Facebook pages.

Action item: Cllr Sue Rogers to report back on the climate action group for parish councils.

Action item: The Clerk to add an item to the 5 year plan to consider climate action.

4157. The Parish Council meeting closed at 20:57

4158. Date of next meeting 1 December 2021 at 19:30
The Elmdon Lounge, Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green

