

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, 4 May 2022 at 19:30
The Elmdon Lounge, Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green

Present:

Cllr Clive Hill – Chairman

Cllr Mike Kay

Cllr Jon Horton

Cllr Kim Wallace

Cllr Mark Noblet

Cllr Trevor Wills

Cllr Karen Dunn

Cllr Claire Kelly

Cllr Sue Rogers

Clerk: Julie Brennan

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4261. Chair's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4262. Apologies

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Wayne Hadley and Cllr Carole Pearce.

4263. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None.

4264. The Public

4264.1 A member of the public asked if it was possible for the Evergreens Club to apply for a grant from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant Scheme. The Clerk stated that she thought an application had been received from the Club and agreed to check this and to update the member of the public.

4264.2 A member of the public asked if there were any plans to address the footpaths at the allotments. The Clerk confirmed that no firm plans had yet been made. The member of the public then asked if the Parish Council could do anything to tackle road safety given the recent accident at the junction of Elmdon Road and Land Lane. The Chairman explained that there was little that the Parish Council could do in relation to highways and that SMBC were best placed to deal with traffic problems. The Chairman mentioned the '20's Plenty' campaign which aimed to slow traffic on residential streets but, whilst this had been popular with Warwick District Council, it has not been pushed by SMBC to date.

Action item: Clerk to contact SMBC to raise the concerns highlighted.

4264.3 A member of the public asked for an update on the postbox that had been removed from Elmdon Road. The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Bob Sleigh was dealing with this and was pushing for a replacement, hopefully to be installed near to the library.

4264.4 A member of the public raised an enquiry regarding a booking with the Parish Hall which Cllr Claire Kelly agreed to progress.

4265. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 April 2022

The Chairman asked those Councillors present at the 6 April 2022 meeting if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Jon Horton

Seconded: Cllr Mark Noblet

All in favour

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

4266. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 6 April 2022

4214 – Meeting with representatives from SMBC - The Chairman asked anyone who could attend a meeting to help with arrangements for the Commonwealth Games to let the Clerk know.

4218/1627/1613 – Five Year Plan – The Chairman confirmed that the first meeting of the Five Year Plan working group had taken place and asked anyone else interested in helping with this to let the Clerk know and to attend future meetings of the working group.

4223 – Platinum Jubilee bunting/signs – the Clerk confirmed that the bunting and flags had been purchased and the groundsmen would be putting them up at the same time that the hanging baskets were installed.

4248 – Tea Room to be used for polling – Cllr Clive Hill confirmed that the Tea Room was set up ready for polling on 5 May 2022.

4267. Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 13 April 2022

The Chairman asked those Councillors present at the 13 April 2022 meeting if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Clive Hill

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

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

4268. Matters arising from the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 13 April 2022

Cllr Jon Horton summarised the update from the Planning Committee noting that Richard Cobb had assisted with the drafting of a letter which had been sent to SMBC and that a decision was awaited.

4269. Matters arising from the Planning Committee meetings – 8 April 2022 & 28 April 2022

Cllr Jon Horton provided an overview of the planning application for change of use to a hot food takeaway at 58 Station Road confirming that an objection had been made on the grounds of the loss of another retail unit, the proximity to the school and neighbouring properties, the opening hours, noise and inadequate parking.

4270. Matters arising from the Recreation Committee meeting – 20 April 2022

1666.2 – Baptist Free Church – Cllr Hill let the members know that this application was still being considered but further information was needed before a decision could be made.

1672 – To consider a request for a bench - The members approved the recommendation for a memorial bench to be donated and installed at the Recreation Ground on a site not identified on the Memorial Bench Policy.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour

Abstained: Cllr Karen Dunn

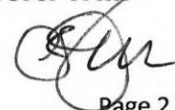
It was resolved that a memorial bench should be accepted and installed on the site requested at the Recreation Ground.

4271. Matters arising from the Finance Committee meeting - 28 March 2022

803 - Cllr Mike Kay noted the recommendation to approve the request to spend £160 on the hire of a scarifier and the purchase of lawn sand to enable the groundsmen to treat various sites within the Parish.

Proposed: Cllr Mark Noblet

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills



All in favour

It was resolved to approve the request to spend £160 on the hire of a scarifier and purchase of lawn sand.

4272. To approve the recommendation to appoint a Deputy Clerk

The Chairman outlined the plans to appoint a Deputy Clerk and the Clerk provided the members with an overview of the experience of the candidate.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the appointment of the Deputy Clerk.

4273. Approval of Finance Approval List

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

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

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

The report on urgent payments made in line with Financial Regulations as detailed in the report was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the urgent payments detailed in the report..

4274. To approve payment by BACS in line with Financial Regulation 6.9

The members considered the payment by BACS and approved this in line with Financial Regulation 6.9

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the payment by BACS in line with Financial Regulation 6.9.

4275. To approve the renewal of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) membership at a cost of £95

The members approved the renewal of the ICCM membership at a cost of £95 for the year.

Proposed: Cllr Trevor Wills

Seconded: Cllr Karen Dunn

All in favour

It was resolved that the ICCM membership be renewed at a cost of £95.

4276. To consider a request for a former resident's interment to be charged at the resident rate

The members discussed the request noting that the former resident had resided in the Parish for 52 years but moved to a care home 3 years ago. The 12 month rule was applied and the fee payable would be the out of area fee of £787.50.

Proposed: Cllr Mike Kay

Seconded: Cllr Jon Horton

All in favour

Abstained: Cllr Karen Dunn

It was resolved that the fee payable would be the out of area fee of £787.50 in line with the 12 month rule.

4277. To consider the request from Edge IT Solutions to use the Parish Council's logo on their website to promote the Epitaph burial ground software

The members discussed the use of the Parish logo but felt that it was not in the interests of the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Jon Horton

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour

It was resolved that permission would not be given for the Parish Council logo to be used by Edge IT Solutions.

4278. To consider a request from the Garden Club to hold a picnic on the Pleck on 3 June 2022 and to weed and plant the surrounding wall

The request to hold a picnic was approved but the recommendation was not to work on the wall as this could cause instability to the stones.

Proposed: Cllr Karen Dunn

Seconded: Cllr Trevor Wills

All in favour

It was resolved to approve the request to use the Pleck for a picnic but not to work on the wall in case of damage to the stone.

4279. External Committee Reports

Parish Hall Trustees – there was not too much to update on but it was noted that a number of new staff had joined.

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

Airport Matters – nothing to update on at this time.

HS2 Update – there was nothing to update on at this time.

4280. The Parish Council meeting closed at 20:55

4281. Date of next meeting 1 June 2022 at 19:30

Venue: The Elmdon Lounge, Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green