

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
Wednesday, 13 November 2024 at 19:30
The Elmdon Lounge, Parish Hall, Elmdon Road, Marston Green**

Present:

Cllr Mike Kay (Chairman)
Cllr Anne Clarke
Cllr Carole Pearce
Cllr Claire Kelly
Cllr Clive Hill
Cllr Mark Noblet
Cllr Philip Clover

Deputy Clerk: Wendy Kent

Clerk: Julie Brennan

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C 24 - 0208 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C 24 - 0209 The Public

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council knew of what could be done with derelict properties in the village. They were advised that residents

should contact Solihull Council

A member of the public asked if there was any update with regards to the incident that recently occurred in the village. They were advised that the only information was that that was provided by the Police.

C 24 - 0210 Apologies

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Paul Powell & Cllr Leigh Trevis.

C 24 - 0211 Declaration of Interest and Dispensations

None.

C 24 - 0212 New Councillor

Cllr Mike Kay confirmed that the recommendation of the interview panel was to appoint Dave Fenlon as a Councillor for the Marston Green Ward.

Resolved: that Dave Fenlon would be coopted to the Parish Council to represent the Marston Green Ward.

C 24 - 0213 To co-opt a new member following the recommendation of the Interview Panel

Cllr Mike Kay invited Dave Fenlon to come forward and join the Parish Council. Cllr Dave Fenlon signed the Declaration of Pecuniary Interests form, the Declaration of Acceptance (which was also signed by the Clerk), and the Code of Conduct.

C24 - 0214 Minutes

The Chairman asked those members present at the 9 October 2024 meeting if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm these as a true and accurate record.

Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record.

C 24 - 0215 Actions update

Cllr Mike Kay confirmed that Gorse Farm has closed.

C24 – 0216 Planning Committee

- a) The minutes of the meetings held on 14 October 2024 and 22 October 2024 were noted.
- b) Planning Application PL/2024/01856/MINFHO (129 Elmdon Lane) was discussed and the observations submitted by the Committee were noted.
- c) The recommendation for Cllr Mike Kay to represent the Parish Council at Solihull Council's Planning Committee meeting with regards to Birmingham Airport's planning application to amend the Section 106 agreement relating to night flights (PL/2024/01917/M106) was approved. Cllr Mike Kay advised that the statement to be made at that meeting would be circulated to Parish Councillors when available.
Resolved: that Cllr Mike Kay represent the Parish Council at Solihull Council's Planning Committee meeting was approved. Also, that Cllr Mike Kay circulate the statement to be made at that meeting with Parish Councillors when available.
- d) The request to consult Richard Cobb in relation to Birmingham Airport's planning application to amend the Section 106 agreement relating to night flights and approval of a spend of up to £400 in respect of his fees was discussed. As Cllr Mike Kay was more up to speed with events, members agreed that this request be declined.
Resolved: the request to consult Richard Cobb in relation to Birmingham Airport's planning application to amend the Section 106 agreement relating to night flights and a spend of up to £400 for his fees was declined.
- e) The request to allocate a budget of £2,000 for professional fees for 2025/26 was approved.
Resolved: that a budget of £2,000 for professional fees for 2025/26 was approved.

C 24 - 0217 Finance & General Purpose Committee

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2024 were noted.
- b) The budget/expenditure report was noted.
- c) The quarterly budget report was reviewed and noted.
- d) The amended Standing Orders were approved.
Resolved: that the amended Standing Orders were approved.
- e) The installation of Starlink services, VOIP phones and the porting of the office telephone number from BT was discussed. The purchase of Starlink at a cost of £347.00, service of £96.00 per month, and the quote of £782.00 plus VAT from GH Services (UK) to install the equipment was approved. The quotes for VOIP phones was also discussed and the quote from SPOKE at a cost of £9.99 per phone per month fee and a £25.00 one off port fee was approved.
Resolved: the purchase of Starlink at a cost of £347.00, service of £96.00 per month, and the quote of £782.00 plus VAT from GHS Services (UK) to install the equipment was approved. The quote of £9.99 per phone per month fee and a £25.00 one off port fee for VOIP phones from SPOKE was also approved.

C 24 - 0218 Recreation Committee

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2024 were noted.
- b) The budget/expenditure report was noted.
- c) The request for the Parish Council to support the application by Birmingham Baseball to the National Highways Social Value Fund was approved.
Resolved: the request for the Parish Council to support the application by Birmingham Baseball to the National Highways Social Value Fund was approved.
- d) The quote of £336 plus VAT from Smith of Derby to provide an annual service of the Clock in the Garden of Memory was approved.
Resolved: the quote of £336 plus VAT from Smith of Derby to provide an annual service of the Clock in the Garden of Memory was approved.
- e) The draft letter to Paul Tovey of SMBC giving support in principle to the proposed traffic calming measures on Holly Lane was approved.
Resolved: the letter to Paul Tovey of SMBC was approved as drafted.
- f) The Guidance for Funeral Directors document was discussed and approved subject to the following amendment: "Handles shall be made from metal or biodegradable materials or other

material at the discretion of the Parish Council.”

Resolved: The Guidance for Funeral Directors was approved subject to the following amendment:
“Handles shall be made from metal or biodegradable materials or other material at the discretion of the Parish Council.”

C 24 - 0219 WALC AGM

Cllr Paul Powell was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, this item to be carried over to the next Parish Council meeting to be held on the 11 December 2024.

Action item: carried over item to the December Parish Council meeting agenda.

C 24 - 0220 To approve the Finance Approval List

The payments detailed on the expenditure report were considered and approved.

Resolved: that the expenditure payments detailed in the report were approved.

C 24 - 0221 Initiative to involve young people

Cllr Anne Clarke advised that she was seeking guidance from members with regards to developing an initiative that involved young people in the local community, preferable between the ages of 16-18. Cllr Dave Fenlon advised that he had some previous experience of working with young people. It was proposed that Cllr Anne Clarke and Cllr Dave Fenlon work together to explore options and to compile an action plan, to be submitted to a meeting of the Finance & GP Committee for consideration.

Action item: Cllr Anne Clarke and Cllr Dave Fenlon to compile an action plan, to be submitted to a meeting of the Finance & GP Committee.

C 24 - 0222 Local Government Pay award 2024/25

Members noted the decision on rates of pay from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 detailed in the communication from NALC dated 23 October 2024.

C 24 - 0223 Carols Around the Tree

Members approved a budget of £30.00 to supply refreshments.

Resolved: that a budget of £30.00 was approved to supply refreshments for the Carols Around the Tree.

C 24 - 0224 Reporting Issues to SMBC

Cllr Paul Powell was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, this item to be carried over to the next Parish Council meeting to be held on the 11 December 2024.

Action item: Carried over item to the December Parish Council meeting agenda.

C 24 - 0225 School Street issues

Cllr Paul Powell was unable to attend the meeting, therefore, this item to be carried over to the next Parish Council meeting to be held on the 11 December 2024.

Action item: carried over item to the December Parish Council meeting agenda.

C 24 - 0226 Correspondence

The latest Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine was noted.

C 24 - 0227 External Committee Reports

- a) **Parish Hall Trustees** – Cllr Clive Hill confirmed that there was no update to share at this time.
- b) **Marston Green Village Charitable Trust** – Cllr Clive Hill provided an update on their recent meeting noting that the Trustees were meeting with Solicitors to agree a new lease for the Scout Hut.
- c) **Airport Matters** – Cllr Mike Kay advised that there was no update but that the next meeting of the ACC was due to take place on the 5 December 2024.
- d) **HS2 Update** – Cllr Mark Noble advised that there was a meeting on the 24 October 2024, which he was unable to attend; however, when the minutes of that meeting are issued he will provide a

report. Cllr Philip Clover gave an overview on the site visit with HS2 on the 7 November 2024 that he, Cllr Clive Hill and Cllr Mike Kay attended, and if any other Councillors wished to attend, to liaise with the Clerk. Cllr Philip Clover advised that they were unable to visit the A45/Coventry Road section; however, they may be able to visit this section in the new year.

- e) **M42 J6 update** - Cllr Philip Clover provided an update on the M42 J6 noting the current situation and that the new relief road is due to be opened on the 18 December 2024.

C 24 - 0228 Date of the next meeting: 11 December 2024 at 19:30

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

The meeting closed at 20:22