

SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023 AT 4.30PM.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr A Duffen.

Councillors: Cllr M Caddick, Cllr G Craig, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr K S Paul.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

1. Co-Option of Councillors

It was **RESOLVED:** That Don Cornock and Mohammed Rashid be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs J Lloyd and Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany.

3. Election of Chairman

It was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr A Duffen be elected to service the Parish of Smith's Wood as Chairman of the Council for the year 2023/2024.

4. Election of Vice-Chairman

It was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr K S Paul be elected to service the Parish of Smith's Wood as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2023/2024.

5. Alterations to Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Risk Assessment.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Terms of Reference for the Community Gym Committee be added to the Standing Orders and alterations be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference, where items are duplicated.

6. Committee Structure

It was **RESOLVED:** That the committee structure be as follows:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chairman: Cllr D Cornock.

Vice-Chairman: Cllr H Hendry.

Members: All members of the Full Council.

Community Gym Committee

Chairman: Cllr K S Paul.

Vice-Chairman: Cllr G Craig.

Members: All members of the Full Council.

School Academy Liaison Committee

Members: Cllr D Cornock, Cllr G Craig and Cllr H Hendry.

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7. Other Representatives

It was **RESOLVED:** That the other representatives be as follows:

Birmingham Airport: Cllr M Caddick

Big Lotto Steering Group: Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany

Press Officer: Cllr H Hendry.

Health and Safety Officer: Cllr H Hendry

8. Minutes of the Full Council

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

Cllr M Brain arrived for the meeting at 4.45pm.

9. Matters Arising.

a.) Minute number: 4.a.) SASS.

Cllr Hendry stated that the Parish Council had received only one response from Solihull Political Party Leader regarding Solihull Council Officers lack of response to queries raised by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk resent the letter and ask for a response.

Members also asked the Clerk to contact Paul Tovey regarding an update on the rainbow crossing in Burton's Way.

10. Correspondence.

a.) Solihull MBC - Re: Telecommunications Mast SOL17189 Lanchester Way, Smith's Wood.

Cllr Hendry stated that the Parish Council had objected to both the Telecommunications Company and Solihull MBC, stating that this application to install this mast was too close to residential housing

It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.

b.) Dave Cuthbert (Hampton-in-Arden PC) - Re: NALC response to consultation on Permitted Development Rights.

It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.

c.) Debi Ramsey (SASS) - Re: Update on former Excellence in the Community pod.

Members were informed that SASS were still awaiting a response from the school regarding turning over the former Excom pod to the community.

Cllr Brain stated that the funding was provided by both Solihull MBC and the diocese before being completely handed over to the diocese when funding ran out. The building, in its current state is too small to do anything with it. The diocese want to build a two storey building with offices and the first floor with the lower floor being used for the community. This would cost between £70,000 to £100,000. The stumbling block at the moment is getting a coherent business plan in place. Cllr Craig stated that, if/when the building is completed, it should be for all the community and not just SASS.

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It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.

- d.) Solihull MBC - Re: 20mph Maximum Speed Limit Order 2022 - Green Lane, Castle Bromwich and Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich.

It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.

- e.) Solihull MBC - Re: Community Development Team - Community Updates.

It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.

- f.) Solihull MBC - Re: Solihull Active Newsletter - May 2023.

It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.

- g.) Solihull MBC - Re: Stay Connected: Latest News 25th April; Kingshurst Village Centre Regeneration; Latest News 28th April; Latest Vacancies; Latest News 3rd May; Election Results; Latest News 10th May; Latest Vacancies; Latest News 12th May.

It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.

- h.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts: High value vehicle thefts; Murder investigation after man stabbed to death in Castle Bromwich; Teenager arrested on suspicion of Castle Bromwich murder; Solihull Police arrest 3 people on suspicion of vehicle crime; May edition of OUR NEWS; Helping Communities Fund Voting Panel in Solihull; Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras Solihull.

It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.

11. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

12. Accounting Statements.

12.1 Annual Internal Audit Report.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Annual Internal Audit Report be received and noted.

12.2 The Annual Governance Statement.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 be approved.

12.3 The Accounting Statements

It was **RESOLVED:** That the members of the Parish Council approve the Accounting Statements.

13. Signing of the Accounting Statements.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Chairman sign the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements.

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14. Exercise of Public Rights.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Chairman set the commencement date for the Exercise of Public Rights.

15. Dates of Next Meetings.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the dates for the next meetings are as follows:

Community Gym Committee: Monday 5th June 2023 at 4.30pm.

Finance and General Purposes Committee: Monday 12th June 2023 at 4.30pm.

Full Council: Monday 19th June 2022 at 4.30pm.

16. Exclusion of Public and Press.

It was **RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the following Agenda item: Private Section of Minutes.