

SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023 AT 4.30 PM.

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr A Duffen.

Councillors: Cllr M Caddick, Cllr D Cornock, Cllr G Craig, Cllr Mrs J Lloyd.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

In attendance: Cllr Jean Hamilton (Solihull MBC), David Maguire and Claire Lune (Smith's Wood Alliance).

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany.

2. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

a.) Minute number 3.a.) SASS.

Members were informed that Cllr Craig and Cllr Hendry met with Paul Tovey to discuss the rainbow crossing. They expressed their concerns regarding the crossing and Mr Tovey was inclined to agree. It was suggested that the rainbow crossing could be moved further down the road or reinstated in a different manner either as a plaque or a bench. Mr Tovey stated that the rainbow crossing would not be replaced with a normal crossing as it would interfere with the parking bays. Mr Tovey added that he would recommend that 20mph signage indicating the school be installed. He asked the Parish Council to send a letter to him regarding the rainbow crossing that can be presented at the next meeting scheduled to be held on 6th September 2023.

4. Public Participation.

a.) Smith's Wood Alliance.

Mr Maguire asked the Parish Council if there was any update on the funding for the goal posts, as they were currently using another football teams venue, at a cost of £60 each match. The Clerk informed Mr Maguire that the latest status of the funding was 'Grant to be accepted', but there was no date given for receiving the funds if the application was successful.

Mr Maguire asked the Parish Council if they would fund a 50/50 split with the Alliance for goal posts, if the funding did not come through in time for the 2023/24 season. A vote was taken on this request: 5 votes in favour, motion carried.

5. Borough Councillor Report.

a.) Cllr Jean Hamilton.

Cllr Hamilton updated the Parish Council on the following issues:

94 bus route - Claribel and Diamond bus no longer operating as not making a profit.

Smith's Wood Academy Ofsted Report - worse report ever read, concern that Smith's

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Wood children are not safe at the school.

Rainbow crossing - agrees with Parish Council that it should be removed.

Wheatfield Close - calls from residents to reinstate as a cul-de-sac.

Cars Area Together - Sophia attended last meeting, 2 years to go, Community Anchor Organisation could work in conjunction with the Parish Council to bring services to residents of Smith's Wood, Community Family Hubs in all areas - Smith's Wood perhaps in Elmwood Place, Cars Area Together to cover all of Smith's Wood at the end of the 2 years, Playing field adjacent to Auckland Hall may be given to Cars Area Together.

6. Correspondence.

- a.) AJD Domestic & Commercial Scaffolding - Re: Quotation for scaffolding as part of the decorating programme.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the quotation be accepted.

- b.) Site Maintenance Services - Re: Quotation for tree survey.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the quotation be accepted.

- c.) Cars Area Together - Re: Latest reports.

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

- d.) Helping Hands Home Care - Re: Request to have their link on the Parish Council's website.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the web link be placed on the Parish Council website.

- e.) West Midlands Pension Scheme - Re: Discretionary Policy Update.

It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be forwarded to Cllr Hendry read through.

- f.) CAVA in Solihull - Re: Solihull Bulletin.

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

- g.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts: West Midlands Fire Service needs YOU!; Just 2 weeks to go! Can you help us reach our fundraising goal for youth work?: Serving the residents of Kingshurst, Smith's Wood and Castle Bromwich.

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

7. Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications received.

8. Minutes of the Community Gym Committee.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Gym Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

9. Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

There were no reports received.

11. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

There were no requests received.

12. Dates of the Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council provisionally book the following date for the next meetings at Elmwood Place:

Community Gym Committee Meeting: Monday 4th September 2023 at 4.30pm

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 11th September 2023 at 4.30pm.

Full Council Meeting - Monday: Monday 18th September 2023 at 4.30pm.

13. Council Recess and Executive Powers.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Standing Orders be suspended and the Clerk be given Executive Powers, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, during the Council Recess.

14. 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.

Chairman's Initials:.....