

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 4.30 PM.**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr K S Paul (Vice-Chairman).

Councillors: Cllr M Caddick, Cllr D Cornock, Cllr G Craig, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr Mrs Joan Lloyd.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

In Attendance: Ms Debi Ramsey.

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 Tuesday 26th September 2023 be approved as true and correct records.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising as the meeting was inquorate.

4. Public Participation.

There were no questions from the public.

5. Borough Councillor Report.

There were no reports submitted.

6. Correspondence.

a.) Smith's Wood Alliance Football Club - Re: Playing Field, Windward Way.

Members were informed that the Clerk had received a complaint from the Smith's Wood Alliance Football Team regarding, the cutting of and the marking out, of the football pitch. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the grounds maintenance contractor and inform them that the Parish Council are not happy with the standard of their work and to ask them to cut the grass and remark the pitch closer to the date of the upcoming football match. The Parish Council also stated that if the situation did not improve, they would seek quotations from other companies.

b.) Cllr James Hughes (Meriden Parish Council) - Re: Date of next Solihull Area Meeting - Thursday 26th November 2023 at 7.15pm in Committee Room 1, Civic Suite, Solihull Council.

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

c.) Scribe Accounts - Re: A to Z list of popular UK Grant Funders open to Town and Parish Councils.

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- d.) Solihull MBC - Re: Solihull Community Updates.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- e.) Solihull MBC - Re: Solihull Active Newsletter - October Edition.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- f.) Solihull MBC - Re: Leader's Message.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- g.) Solihull MBC - Re: Planting Our Future - Autumn 2023 Newsletter.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- h.) Solihull MBC - Re: Stay Connected: Latest News 9 October; Latest Vacancies; Latest News 12 October and 13 October.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted and the latest vacancies be placed on the Parish Council's notice board.
- i.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts: Exploitation can happen to any child anywhere; Burglaries in Solihull; West Midlands Police has stepped up protection of communities amid the Hamas-Israel conflict; West Midlands Fire Service - October Update; Please help us improve this Alert system; Here is your weekly round-up of what has been going on in and around your local area.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.
- 7. Planning Applications.**
- a.) Solihull MBC - Re: Planning Application - 55 Auckland Drive, Single storey front extension to form ground floor wc.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council have no objections to the above planning application.
- 8. Minutes of the Community Gym Committee.**
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Gym Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd October 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 9th October 2023 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cllr Ms Debi Ramsey was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

- a.) Minute number 4.a.) Smith's Wood Academy.
Members were informed that three councillors, Cllr Caddick, Cllr Craig and Cllr Hendry, attended a meeting with the Smith's Wood Academy, organised after the Ofsted report.

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Members were informed that there was a frank and open discussion about the causes of the problems and the plans to put things right. Members were also informed that the school wanted to have a closer relationship with the Parish Council.

- b.) Minute number 5.b.) Rainbow Crossing / Speed Limit and School Signage.
Members were informed that no response have been received to date in regards to the speed limit and school signage. Members asked the Clerk to contact Solihull MBC again regarding this matter.
- c.) Minute number 5.c.) Non .gov.uk Parish Councils.
Members agreed to leave the domain as .org.uk as the .gov.uk was deemed too expensive at this time.
- d.) Minute number 5.d.) Family Hub, Elmwood Place.
Members were informed that the former Excom room would still be available to the Parish Council to hold their meetings when the Family Hub is up and running.

10. Reports from Outside Bodies.
There were no reports received.

11. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

- a.) Boundary Changes.
Cllr Caddick informed members that he had heard that the roads from Birmingham Road to the island incorporating Chester Road and the A452, would become part of Smith's Wood. He informed members that he was not sure if this was just for Solihull MBC Ward Councillors or if it would have an effect on Smith's Wood Parish Council.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact Solihull MBC and ask them for clarification.

12. Dates of the Next Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council provisionally book the following date for the next meeting:

Community Gym Committee Meeting: Monday 6th November 2023 at 4.30pm.

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 20th November 2023 at 4.30pm.

Full Council Meeting: Monday 27th November 2023 at 4.30pm.

13. 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.

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