

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 4.30 PM.**

Those present

Chairman: Cllr H Hendry (Acting Chairman).

Councillors: Cllr M Caddick, Cllr D Cornock, Cllr Ms D Ramsey.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

In Attendance: representatives of West Midlands Police, a Councillor from Kingshurst Parish Council and a member of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman members elected Cllr H Hendry as Chairman for the meeting.

1. Co-Option of Councillor.

It was **RESOLVED:** That Stephen Bray be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

2. West Midlands Police.

Members asked the attending police officers to give their report at the start of the meeting. Members were informed that the police representatives were a team of 5 PC's and 3 PCSO's that were responsible for patrolling Castle Bromwich, Kingshurst and Smith's Wood. Members were informed that the team deal with burglaries, robberies, car thefts, etc and that the team were working in conjunction with other police forces to tackle county lines and also specialist officers including riot police, traffic department and Off Road Bike team. Members were informed that the team visit primary schools within their team area and will visit the Family Hub on a regular basis when it is up and running.

3. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr G Craig and Cllr Mrs J Lloyd.

4. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

5. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. Public Participation.

a.) Member of the public.

Members were informed that during the regeneration of Mull Croft, Wheatfield Close and Chaffinch Drive, Wheatfield Close and Chaffinch Drive were opened up onto Mull Croft. More traffic now accesses the two roads from Starling Grove and Auckland Drive. Members were informed that there is a park with access on the road and the car park to the social club opens onto the road and residents are concerned that motorists are driving too fast along these two roads to get access to Mull Croft. Residents have contacted Cllr Jean Hamilton and a Solihull MBC Officer to request that the roads be turned back into no through roads.

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Cllr H Hendry informed the resident that the Parish Council have no powers to put the road back, but can make representation to Solihull MBC on behalf of the residents.

The member of the public also raised the issue with the proposed plans for the former Medical Centre off Mull Croft. Members were informed that the social club car park is not marked out and will interfere with residents accessing the new flats when the social club is busy.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk obtain copies of the planning applications for the two issues raised and forward a copy to the member of the public.

7. Borough Councillor Report.

There were no reports submitted.

8. Correspondence.

a.) Solihull MBC - Re: Solihull Council responds to Ofsted report.

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

b.) Solihull Community Housing - Re: Availability of Auckland Hall during January to April 2024.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council would prefer to hire Auckland Hall on Wednesdays.

c.) Solihull MBC - Re: Leader's Message.

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

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

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

e.) Solihull MBC - Re: Stay Connected - Latest News: 20, 22, 23 and 24 November.

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

f.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts: Police recruitment drop in session, Cannabis factories - help us shut it down, Daily Crime Update 25 and 26 November.

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

9. Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications received.

10. Minutes of the Community Gym Committee.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Gym Committee meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

11. 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 20th November 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

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12. Reports from Outside Bodies.

There were no reports submitted.

13. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

There were no requests received.

14. Dates of the Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED:** That the dates for the next meeting is as follows:

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

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 11th December 2023 at 4.30pm.

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

15. 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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