

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 4.30PM.**

Those present

Chairman: Cllr A Duffen.

Councillors: Cllr S Bray, Cllr Mrs W Bray, Cllr M Caddick, Cllr D Cornock, Cllr G Craig, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr Mrs J Lloyd, Cllr K S Paul, Cllr Ms D Ramsey.

Councillors absent: Cllr M Rashid.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

In attendance: Cllr Jean Hamilton (Solihull MBC).

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany.

2. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meetings.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on Monday 29th January 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

a.) Minute number 6.a.) Afternoon Tea Party.

Members were informed that the customers had cancelled their booking for Afternoon Tea.

4. Public Participation.

a.) Member of the Public.

The member of the public thanked the Parish Council for providing copies of planning applications. They informed members that they had found a number of inconsistencies within these documents: priority was to be for both pedestrians and cyclists, this has not happened. There was to be traffic calming in the form of a 'S' bend, this has not been installed. The play area appears to have been planned for another area within the development. The drainage in Jura Way, what is the purpose of this, as the area does not flood. The new development of the old medical centre will only make the traffic situation in Mull Croft/Wheatfield Close worse. The member of public informed members that they believe the residents have been misled and that Wheatfield Close should be returned to a close.

Members stated that the Parish Council objected to the drainage in Jura Way, but were informed that all new planning applications for new homes have to have this. Members added that a petition could be drawn up and when completed the Parish Council could forward this to Solihull MBC with their support. Members also stated that any member of the public can attend a Solihull MBC Council meeting to put their case to the cabinet members.

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5. Borough Councillors.

a.) Cllr Jean Hamilton.

Cllr Hamilton informed members that the deputation from the Cars Area to Solihull MBC for the Bosworth field to become a Community Asset has gone through. Wheatfield Close could benefit from a traffic impact report the same as on Buckingham Road, although residents are not happy that traffic calming measures will not be installed. The Cars Area are setting up a Friends of Lanchester Park group. Jersey Croft has been considered for parking bays. The Police Sergeant Sam Dale is moving on. Cllr Hamilton asks if the Parish Council could liaise with Cars Area regarding the proposed Fun Day, so that they do not clash. Cllr Hamilton asked for amendments to be made to her report at the previous meeting: that children from Smith's Wood are being prioritised for placement at the Heights Academy. That the Cars Area want to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and that the drafting bid has started. This is to make sure that what has been achieved over the last 10 years is not lost.

Cllr Hamilton informed members that Cllr Mark Wilson has forwarded an email stating that the former Jubilee Gardens Care Home is, once again, up for sale. The former medical centre in Mull Croft has returned to the planning department as the developer has stated that 40% affordable homes is not a viable option for them.

Cllr Jean Hamilton and the member of public left the meeting at 5pm.

6. Correspondence.

a.) Parish Web and Host - Re: Converting to .gov.uk website domain name.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the quotation be accepted and that the change to take place in June 2024.

b.) Anthony Pratt (Solihull MBC) - Re: Request for invoices for Youth Justice Panel hall hires.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council stick to their policy and that hall hire charges be paid directly to the steward on duty at time of payment.

c.) Solihull MBC - Re: Stay Connected - Latest news - 14th February and 15th February.

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

d.) Solihull MBC - Re: Solihull Local Plan Review - Update 15th February.

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

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

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

f.) Kim Dunger (Solihull MBC) - Re: Smith's Wood DocSpot Actions Update.

It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

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7. Planning Applications.

There were no reports received.

8. Minutes of the Community Gym Committee.

There were no minutes to be adopted as the meeting had been cancelled.

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 12th February 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

There were no reports submitted.

11. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

There were no requests submitted to the Chairman.

12. Dates of Next Meetings.

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

Community Gym Committee Meeting: Monday 4th March 2024 at 4.30pm.

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 11th March 2024 at 4.30pm

Full Council Meeting: Monday 18th March 2024 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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