

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024 AT 4.30 PM.**

Those present

Chairman: Cllr Adrian Duffen.

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

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received 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 18th December 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

4. Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

5. Borough Councillor Report.

a.) Cllr Jean Hamilton.

Cllr Hamilton informed members that the new Boundary changes had been proposed by Solihull MBC and that she would forward any documentation that she had on this. She added that under the current proposal, the Cars Area would be transferred to the Castle Bromwich Ward and the area of housing by the Labour Club will be transferred to the Smith's Wood Ward. The new school, on the old Bosworth Wood School site, had now opened, currently has 8 SEND pupils per class with the possibility of 16, as they are building up the intake, not sure if children from Smith's Wood are being given priority at this stage. Work on Elmwood Place to form the new Family Hub had started and was scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2023. The Cars Area Together are writing a plan for the end of the project, with a bid put in to the Charity Incorporated Organisation for funds to be available to Auckland Hall. That a request for Auckland Hall, as a community asset, to be transferred to the Cars Area Together group. That the legacy continue and grow to incorporate the whole of Smith's Wood. Lanchester Park to have a Friends Group with persons from both Castle Bromwich and Smith's Wood. The Woodlands Campus is progressing with the Litter Lottery to try to improve the area surrounding the campus. The former Arran Medical Centre is to go back to the planning stage as the proposed redevelopment did not have affordable housing.

6. Correspondence.

a.) Dominic - Afternoon Tea - Re: Request to hire the car park to host a 90th Birthday Afternoon Tea on Mother's Day.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the request be accepted and the cost of staffing be charged.

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- b.) SGP Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance Ltd - Re: Request to submit a quotation.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk inform SGP Landscaping that they can put a quotation for grounds maintenance services in before the next precept meeting.
- c.) Louis Farrell (Winner Sports - Solihull MBC) - Re: Request to run HAF at Smith's Wood Primary Academy during Easter holidays.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be deferred to the Private Section of these minutes.
- d.) Anthony Pratt (Solihull MBC) - Re: Request for discount for hall hire.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the request for a discount be granted. The hourly charge will be £20.00.
- e.) Emma Garner (Clerk - Chelmsley Wood Town Council) - Re: Firework Display.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk inform Emma Garner, that budgets have been approved for this financial year and that costing would need to be provided as well as confirmation of Solihull MBC approval before any decision could be made.
- f.) Solihull MBC - Re: Leader's Message - 19 January and 26 January.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.
- g.) Solihull MBC - Re: Solihull Local Plan - Update 19 January 2024.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- h.) Solihull MBC - Re: Community Development Team - Community Updates.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted. The Clerk is to contact Solihull MBC to see if this information could be sent in a different format that would make it viable for Facebook.
- i.) Solihull MBC - Re: C.A.V.A. - Solihull Bulletin.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- j.) Solihull MBC - Re: Stay Connected - Latest News: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 26th January.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.
- k.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts: Upcoming Chelmsley Wood Princes Trust Team Programme; Free Bike Security Marking Event Solihull; Policing Operation Across Solihull Today; Weekly Update; Let us know your thoughts on Op Advance Solihull.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.

7. Planning Applications.

There were no planning applications received.

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8. Minutes of the Community Gym Committee.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Community Gym Committee meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 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 held on Monday 15th January 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted .

10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

There were no reports received.

11. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

a.) Fun Day / Dog Show.

Cllr Mrs W Bray asked members if the Parish Council could hold a Fun Day with a Dog Show incorporated to help promote the Parish Council and the Community Gym to local residents. Cllr Mrs Bray stated that she can provided the Kennel Club licence and rosettes and judges. All proceeds to go the local Food Bank.

It was **RESOLVED:** That if Cllr Mrs Bray takes on the responsibility of organising the Fun Day, the Parish Council would be happy to proceed

b.) Frozen Waters.

Cllr Mrs W Bray asked members if a letter could be sent to the Primary Academy asking if they would put out a newsletter to parents warning of the dangers of children playing on frozen lakes.

12. Dates of the Next Meeting

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

Community Gym Committee Meeting: Monday 5th February 2024 at 4.30pm.

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 12th February 2024 at 4.30pm.

Full Council Meeting: Monday 19th February 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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