

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 AT 4.30 PM.**

Those present

Chairman: Cllr K S Paul.

Councillors: Cllr Mrs W Bray, Cllr M Caddick, Cllr D Cornock.

Councillors absent: Cllr S Bray, Cllr G Craig, Cllr A Duffen, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr Mrs J Lloyd, Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany, Cllr Ms D Ramsey, Cllr M Rashid.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

In attendance: Cllr Jean Hamilton (SMBC) and Cllr Mark Wilson (SMBC).

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received by Cllr S Bray, Cllr G Craig, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr Mrs J Lloyd and Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany.

2. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising from the previous Full Council meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024.

4. Public Participation.

a.) Resident from Wheatfield Close.

A resident of Wheatfield Close asked members if the Parish Council had looked over the observations and petition that had been forwarded to them back in March of 2023, and if the Parish Council supported the proposals to turn Wheatfield Close back into a Close. Members informed the resident that all documents received had been forwarded onto to Solihull MBC, but no response had been received to date.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk resend the documents to Paul Tovey

5. Borough Councillors.

Members were informed that the Borough Councillors also support the proposals put forward by the resident of Wheatfield Close.

Members also informed that plans for the former Medical Centre in Mull Croft was still pending as the developer could not afford to fund affordable housing. Members were informed that the building was in a state of disrepair and had been set on fire on a number of occasions.

Members were also informed that Jubilee Gardens, former care home, is currently empty and that rumours of a change of use would need planning consent. Members were also informed that there had been some anti social behaviour around the building and that the police were patrolling the area. There are currently no plans to reopen Jubilee Gardens as a care home.

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6. Correspondence.

- a.) Smith's Wood Primary Academy - Re: Quotation for supply and install new control panel to the Smedegaard WB cold water booster set.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk check if the control panel is covered by the Parish Council's insurance and if it is covered by the school's insurance, which the Parish Council contribute towards.

- b.) Brooke McMullan - Re: Request to hire school field for a charity fund raiser by holding a dog event.

It was **RESOLVED:** That a dog show will not be allowed on the school playing field unless run by the Parish Council. That Cllr Mrs Bray draft a list of actions and documents that need to be in place to run a dog show and pass this on to the Clerk. That the Clerk pass the information on to Brooke McMullan.

- c.) Solihull MBC - Re: Invitation for Chairman to attend The Civic Service on Sunday 30 June 2024.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Chairman would not be able to attend. The Clerk to enquire if Cllr Mrs W Bray could attend instead.

- d.) Solihull MBC - Re: Visit Solihull.

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

- e.) Solihull MBC - Re: Your Future Solihull newsletter.

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

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

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

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

It was **RESOLVED:** That this is received and noted.

- h.) West Midlands Fire Service - Re: Monthly Newsletter.

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

- i.) Solihull MBC - Re: Stay Connected articles received since last meeting.

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

- j.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts - articles received since last meeting.

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

7. 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 3rd June 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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a.) Minute number 6.) Dog Show.

Members were informed that a total £175.00 was raised for the North Solihull Foodbank at Auckland Hall, food had been purchased and are to be donated to the Foodbank later in the week.

8. Reports From Outside Bodies.

There were no reports presented.

9. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

a.) Cllr Mrs Bray informed members that she had met with Cllr Pauline Allen, from Castle Bromwich Parish Council and Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick, of St John the Baptist R.C. Church. Both have expressed a wish to meet with the Parish Council to discuss ways of working together. Cllr Mrs Bray also informed members that the Brownies Group, currently based at Auckland Hall, were seeking new premises as Auckland Hall is too small and the hire charge is too expensive.

It was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr Pauline Allen and Fr Fitzpatrick be invited to attend separate Full Council meetings, and that the Brownies be offered use of the hall at £10 per hour, but that if other facilities are used, these are charged separately at £10 per hour.

b.) Winnr Sports.

Members were informed that Winnr Sports would like to hire the facilities during the school summer closure - 4 days a week for 4 weeks commencing on Tuesday 30th July and ending on Friday 23rd August 2024 for HAF.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the request be accepted and that, under current policy, a security deposit of £100 per week be paid in advance with the remaining charges to be paid at the start of HAF.

10. Dates of the Next Meeting

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

Marketing Strategy Meeting: Monday 8th July 2024 (this meeting is closed to the public).

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 15th July 2024 at 4.30pm.

Annual Meeting: Monday 22nd July 2024 at 4.30pm.

11. 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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