

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024 AT 4.30 PM.**

Those present

Chairman: Cllr K S Paul.

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

Councillors absent: 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.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received by Cllr H Hendry and Cllr Mrs J Lloyd.

2. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising.

a.) Minute number 6.a.) Smith's Wood Primary Academy - Quotation for control panel.

Members were informed that the school had not claimed on their insurance as there was some doubt by the school's contractors what had caused the damage.

4. Public Participation.

a.) Representatives of Smith's Wood Alliance F.C..

Dave Maguire informed members that he would mark out the football pitch for matches if the Parish Council provided the paint. Members asked the Clerk if the pitch remarking was part of the grounds maintenance contract. The Clerk informed members that this was classed as additional work carried out and did not form part of the contract.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council provide the paint.

b.) Jamie Tennant -Representative for Liam Byrne MP.

Mr Tennant informed members that the office of Liam Byrne MP was at their disposal to help the Parish Council with the most important issues affecting the area of Smith's Wood. The office of Liam Byrne MP is currently based at the Fox and Goose Shopping Centre, but that they are looking to move to a more central area.

Members stated that the main issues within the area of Smith's Wood are: Communication with the local residents, assessments for children with special needs, lack of support for the local schools.

5. Borough Councillors.

There were no Borough Councillors present and no report received.

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6. Correspondence.

- a.) Kate Bunting (Solihull MBC) - Re: Join the Solihull knitted poppy appeal.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk forward this item to the Cars Area Group.
- b.) WALC - Re: Solihull Area Meeting - Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 7.15pm. Venue - Meriden Parish Council, Parish Council Office, The Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park, 10 Main Road, Meriden, CV7 7SP.
It was **RESOLVED:** That Cllr S Bray and Cllr Mrs W Bray will attend the meeting.
- c.) Solihull MBC - Re: Chester Road Service Road, Road Closure, Temporary Traffic Regulation Order 2024. Works on behalf of Severn Trent Water from Monday 29th July to Thursday 8th August, 8am to 5pm.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- d.) Smith's Wood Primary Academy - Re: Water booster pump replacement panel - works to be carried out on Tuesday 27th August, expected to take 4 - 6 hours, with no running water.
Members were informed that there is no time given for when the work is to be carried out.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Community Gym and Council Offices be closed on 27th August and that a notice be displayed informing gym members and residents.
- e.) Birmingham City Council - Re: Consultation on the Birmingham Local Plan - Preferred Options Document.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- f.) Solihull MBC - Re: Leader's Report Friday 19th July.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- g.) Solihull MBC - Re: Community Development Team - Updates.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- h.) Solihull MBC - Re: CAVA Newsletter Issue 12.
It was **RESOLVED:** That this item be received and noted.
- i.) Solihull MBC - Re: Latest News.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items be received and noted.
- j.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts.
It was **RESOLVED:** That these items 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 15th July 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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8. Reports From Outside Bodies.

There were no reports presented.

9. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

- a.) Former Excellence in the Community Room at St John the Baptist RC Primary School.
Cllr Craig asked the Clerk if there had been any update on the future of the former Excom Room. The Clerk informed members that she had heard nothing to date.
It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Diocese of St John the Baptist and also Marcus Brain, to enquire if there is any update.

10. Dates of the Next Meeting

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

Marketing Strategy Sub-Committee Meeting: Monday 9th September 2024 (this meeting is closed to the public).

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 16th September 2024 at 4.30pm.

Annual Meeting: Monday 23rd September 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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