

**SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 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, Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany, Cllr Ms D Ramsey.

Councillors absent: Cllr A Duffen, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr Mrs J Lloyd, Cllr M Rashid.

Officer: Mrs K Woods.

1. Apologies.

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

2. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

3. Dispensations.

There were no dispensations given.

4. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

5. Matters Arising.

- a.) Minute number 9.a.) Former Excellence in the Community - St John the Baptist School.
Members were informed that no reply had been received to date.

6. Provision of Youth Sessions.

- a.) Sue Mellor (Solihull MBC) and Alison O'Connell (West Midlands Police).
Ms Mellor and Ms O'Connell informed members that they had secured funding for two years to set up youth sessions in Smith's Wood and that the preferred venue is the facilities run by the Parish Council at the Smith's Wood Primary Academy. Members were informed that there would be two sessions a week, split over three hours, that Wednesday was the preferred day and are looking to start as soon as possible after the proposal has been put out to tender.
After Ms Mellor and Ms O'Connell left,
It was **RESOLVED:** That a charge of £45 be set to be split between two sessions.

7. Public Participation.

- a.) Sarah Steven - Scouts.
Ms Steven informed members that the Scouts were currently hiring Auckland Hall on Mondays and that the charges are set to increase. Ms Stevens asked if there was any room for storage of their equipment, could they have use of the playing field for camping and cooking and would they be able to put up signage.

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Ms Steven was informed that the only storage available was lockers for small items such as arts and crafts, that the playing field would be available for use camping and cooking with the permission of the school and that signage would be allowed on the day that the Scouts were hiring the hall.

After Ms Steven left,

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Scouts be offered the use of the hall free of charge for the first month and then £10 per session to be reviewed in three months if the attendance numbers increased.

8. Borough Councillors.

There were no Borough Councillors present and no report received.

9. Correspondence.

- a.) Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee - Re: Minutes of last meeting held on 5th September 2024 and date of next meeting, 5th December 2024.

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

- b.) Solihull MBC - Re: Latest News - 18th September; 20th September; Leader's Message; Sampad Takeover event moves to the Core.

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

- c.) West Midlands Police - Re: Neighbourhood Alerts - Crime Updates.

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

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

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

10. 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 16th September 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

11. Minutes of the Recruitment Sub-Committee.

That the Minutes of the Recruitment Sub-Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

12. Reports From Outside Bodies.

There were no reports presented.

13. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

- a.) Basketball Court.

Cllr Miss Nasreisfahany asked if the brambles could be removed from the basketball hoop on the Playing Field.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the grounds maintenance contractor and ask for this to be done at their earliest opportunity.

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14. Dates of the Next Meeting

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

Marketing Strategy Sub-Committee Meeting: Monday 7th October 2024 (this meeting is closed to the public).

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting: Monday 14th October 2024 at 4.30pm.

Full Council Meeting: Monday 21st October 2024 at 4.30pm.

Recruitment Sub-Committee: Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 9.30am.

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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