

SMITH'S WOOD PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2024 AT 4.30 PM.

Those present

Chairman: Cllr K S Paul.

Councillors: Cllr S Bray, Cllr Mrs W Bray, Cllr D Cornock, Cllr H Hendry, Cllr Ms D Ramsey, Cllr M Rashid.

Councillors absent: Cllr M Caddick, Cllr A Duffen, Cllr Miss S Nasreisfahany

Officer: Karen Woods (Acting Clerk).

1. **Public Participation.**

a.) Mark Phillips - Wheatfield Close.

Mr Phillips informed the Parish Council that he had attended a deputation and attended a Cabinet Portfolio meeting at Solihull MBC to discuss funding to turn Wheatfield Close into a closed road. He has been informed that the residents would need to set up as a charity or an institution to receive funding from HS2. Mr Phillips asked if he could have a letter of support from the Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council provide Mr Phillips with his letter of support.

2. **Apologies.**

There were no apologies received.

3. **Declaration of Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

4.. **Dispensations.**

There were no dispensations given.

5. **Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting.**

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

6. **Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Borough Councillors.**

There were no Borough Councillors present and no report received.

Cllr M Rashid attends the meeting at 4.50pm.

8. **Correspondence.**

a.) Cllr Graham Craig - Re: Letter of Resignation from Parish Council.

Members were informed that Cllr Craig had tendered his resignation after he received a letter of complaint from another Parish Councillor after a very toxic meeting.

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Cllr Craig informed the Clerk, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, that the accusations in the letter of complaint were completely unfounded and untrue.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council send a letter thanking Cllr Craig for all the work he carried out on behalf of the community. To thank him for over 35 years public service as a Borough Councillor, Parish Councillor on both Kingshurst and Smith's Wood and as a Governor on the board of Smith's Wood School. Cllr Craig will be sorely missed and a wealth of experience has been lost to the Parish Council.

- b.) Juliet McCarron - Smith's Wood Primary Academy - Main Front Driveway Gate Intercom in Metal Post - previous quote will stand as SWPA pay into an SLA with Camera One to receive discounted repairs - contract attached.

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

- c.) Danielle Givens - Smith's Wood Primary Academy - top pane of glass broken on the main hall doors when wind caught door and smashed into post - invoice to follow - see attached email.

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

- d.) West Midlands Police Updates - Cybercrime Survey.

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

- e.) WALC Round Up - 4th December 2024.

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

- f.) West Midlands Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey - Clerk emailed to all Councillors to take part.

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

- g.) Solihull MBC - Latest News 4th December 2024, 6th December 2024, 9th December 2024, Wednesday 11th December 2024, 13th December 2024.

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

- h.) Solihull MBC - Future Solihull Newsletter.

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

- i.) Laura Watson Solihull MBC - Smith's Wood Gym Signage - proof for approval.

It was **RESOLVED:** That a site visit be arranged in the New Year to discuss options.

- j.) Solihull MBC - Solihull Community Development Team - Community Updates.

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

- k.) Solihull MBC - Leaders' Message Monday 9th December.

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

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l.) Solihull MBC - Solihull HAF Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

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

m.) Solihull MBC - Re: Council Tax Base - 2025/2026.

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

9. Minutes of the Marketing Strategy Sub-Committee

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Marketing Strategy Sub-Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

a.) Minute Number 4.) Meeting with Staff.

The Clerk asked members of the Sub-Committee what the Terms of Reference were for the meeting with staff. Members stated that they wished to meet all the staff at the same time and the aim of the sub-committee is to hear what experiences the staff had during the Marketing Strategy.

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 2nd December 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

11. Reports From Outside Bodies.

There were no reports presented.

12. Members Requests at the Chairman's Discretion.

a.) Cllr S Bray.

Cllr Bray asked permission from the Parish Council to attend a meeting with Councillors from Castle Bromwich Parish Council and West Midlands Police to discuss the current car crimes incidents that have occurred in both parishes. Members stated that they had no objections and ask for a report at the next Full Council meeting.

13. Dates of the Next Meeting

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

Joint Marketing Sub-Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting:

Monday 13th January 2025 at 4.30pm.

Full Council Meeting: Monday 27th January 2025 at 4.30pm.

14. 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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PRIVATE SECTION

15. Private Section of Minutes.

a.) Full Council

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Private Section of the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

b.) Finance and General Purposes Committee.

It was **RESOLVED:** That the Private Section of the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED THE MEETING CLOSED AT
5.05pm**

Chairman's Signature:.....