

HAMMERWICH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 20th November 2013

PRESENT: Cllrs V Wasdell (Chairman), Mrs M Greenway, J Turnbull, P Chapman, Mrs Pope, Mrs R Bailye (Vice Chairman), R Campbell, D Bayliss, Mrs V Richards, Mrs V Evans (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Action

1 Apologies

1.1 As above

2 Declaration of Interest

2.1 None

3 Approval to Minutes of 17 July and 5 August

3.1 The heading "apologies" had been moved leading to confusion as to who was present and absent

3.2 Save for that correction, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Mrs Pope and seconded by Cllr P Chapman as a true record

3.3 **RESOLVED:** to sign the minutes as a true record

4 Matters Arising (not included as an agenda item)

4.1 Cllr Mrs Bailye asked if there was any update on the damage repair to the village green

4.2 The Chairman reiterated that he had been assured that either the contractors or SSWC would fully reinstate

5 Chairman's Announcements

5.1 The Chairman reminded members of Cllr Mrs Bailye's consideration of resigning as Vice Chair because she felt that she had not been giving enough time to the role

5.1.1 During discussion, Cllr Chapman asked the Chair if he felt he was not being sufficiently supported and the Chairman declared he had not had any problems in that regard

5.1.2 The Clerk advised that Council was not required to appoint a Vice Chair

5.1.3 On receipt of this advice, Cllrs felt that offered an opportunity for Cllr Mrs Bailye to remain as Vice Chair and all declared themselves ready to assist in any way required to support Mrs Bailye

5.2 The Chairman reported that he had attended the Remembrance Service on 10 November 2013 as the HPC representative

5.2.1 He further reported that he had been pleased to see so many young people in attendance and he had been impressed Reverend Hood's engagement with the whole congregation

5.2.2 He advised that he would attend Burntwood Carol Service as the PC representative

5.2.3 Members asked the Chairman to feedback their comments and to seek further clarification on the aims of the scheme

6 Planning and Licensing

6.1 Cllr Mrs Bailye asked if the Gypsy and Traveller provision was separate from this consultation and the Chairman indicated that it was

6.1.1 Cllr Chapman advised that there would be another consultation on housing commencing in January but there were not any anticipated changes for the parish

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- 6.1.2 Cllr Mrs Greenway expressed concern about press reports on the relaxation of planning laws and the Chairman echoed her concerns
- 6.1.3 Cllr Mrs Greenway asked about a reported challenge to the LDC Planning approvals by Burntwood Town Council but Cllr Campbell indicated that it was not so much a challenge but a concern that developer's seemed to be achieving greater success in their applications
- 6.1.4 Cllr Mrs Greenway also expressed concern with regard to Green Belt development but Cllr Bayliss felt some rumours about this were purely malicious
- 6.1.5 The Chairman closed the discussion on this matter by observing that developers had greater opportunities in those areas where, unlike, LDC the Local Authority had not produced an updated Local Plan
- 6.2 Cllrs had no objections to planning application 13/00116ful

7 Update on Local Plan/Neighbourhood Planning

- 7.1. The Chairman advised the meeting of the arrangements for the proposed inaugural meeting of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee
- 7.1.2 Some Council Members felt some volunteers may be being excluded but the Chairman reminded the meeting that there would be full consultation throughout the process and, also, that a steering group of perhaps 30 people would be impossible to co-ordinate
- 7.1.3 The Clerk advised Members that the Committee Room only had a capacity of 12
- 7.1.4 Members continued to express reservations and it was suggested by Cllrs Chapman and Mrs Richards that Clare Eggington of LDC should be invited to the meeting to offer advice VE
- 7.1.5 The Clerk was requested to forward a copy plan and suggested process that she had obtained, together with a suggested agenda for the meeting for Members' consideration VE
- 7.2 Cllr Mrs Greenway reported that youngsters had been captured on phone cam trying to break down fencing at Hospital Rd but that they had rapidly scattered when they heard the phone cam switched on
- 7.2.1 She also reported an incidence of dog fouling and was advised by Cllr Mrs Richards to contact Environmental Health
- 7.2.2 Cllr Mrs Richards advised that any information about the timing of the incidents would be useful to LDC to maximise their chances of successfully catching the dog owner
- 7.2.3 Cllr Chapman reported that he had been contacted by a lady with regard to a tree on the junction of Larkspur Avenue with Warren Road
- 7.2.4 Cllr Mrs Richards advised that LDC will be marking the centenary of the start of the first world war with poppy planting and she raised the issue as some parishes were already asking what they could do
- 7.3 The Chairman advised of a work schedule to the end of the SSWC contract works
- 7.3.1 He further advised that the contractors would like to attend the December meeting for any feedback with regard to the works
- 7.3.2 Cllr Campbell commented that he felt they had been the best of contractors in terms of both work and customer care
- 7.4 Items for the next Agenda were:
Suggestions for marking the centenary of the outbreak of WW1

8 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

- 8.1 **RESOLVED:** to accept draft Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for institution at the next meeting

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9 Response to RoSPA Play Equipment Report and Action Required

- 9.1 Cllr Turnbull remained concerned that the RoSPA report contained warnings of failures of equipment design
- 9.2 However, Cllr Chapman expressed his confidence in Spencer Duvall and Steve Langston of LDC who had been responsible for the equipment installation
- 9.3 The majority view was that the Council should continue to monitor but need take no further action at this time

10 Public Participation

- 10.1 Cllr Mrs Bailye proposed suspending standing orders and Cllr Mrs Greenway seconded
- 10.2 Members of the public had no matters which they wished to raise so Cllr Mrs Bailye moved the reinstatement of Standing Orders Cllr Mrs Greenway seconded

11 Correspondence Received

- 11.1 Notification of a consultation on the Greater Birmingham LEP of which LDC was a partner
- 11.2 Cllr Mrs Richards was able to give an overview of the GBLEP and reassure Members that Birmingham was not able to make a land grab in Lichfield, which may not be totally clear on GBLEP website
- 11.3 The Clerk was requested to forward the consultation link to Members
- 11.4 A letter from the War Memorials Trust on help available for conservation, which, Members advised was not necessary in Hammerwich as their memorial was inside the church

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12 Correspondence sent

- 12.1 The Clerk advised Members that as she was about to send out an order for playing field signs, she realised the company had quoted for one sign and not 4 as she had requested.
- 12.2 With the consequent increase in price, the Clerk asked Members if they felt that 2 signs would be satisfactory, rather than the 4 originally envisaged.
- 12.3 Members agreed that 2 would be satisfactory

13 Finance

- 13.1 Accounts for payment for November were approved and authorisation signed by the Chairman
- 13.2 Bank statements and an accounts printout had been provided for Members which reconciled to the 9 November statement
- 13.3 Members deferred discussion of the draft budget but requested that the Clerk resend to Members by email
- 13.4 **RESOLVED:** to renew the Council's insurance with Zurich Municipal and to take advantage of a small reduction in premium which was offered in return for a 3 year agreement
- 13.5 **RESOLVED:** to set up a new PC website at an initial cost of £470
- 13.6 The Clerk advised that she had responded to the LDC consultation on the mitigation grant in line with the expressed views of Members ie to retain the status quo
- 13.7 Land Registry Fees were approved for the registration application for Triangle and the Greenfields Estate

14 Date of Next Meeting

- 14.1 18 December 2013

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.17 pm

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Chairman
18 December 2013