

HAMMERWICH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on **Wednesday 15th October 2014** at 7.30 p.m. at the WI Hall, Hammerwich

PRESENT: Councillors V. Wasdell (Chairman), , R. Campbell, D Bayliss, , Mrs J Davies, J. Turnbull, Mrs. M. Greenway, Cllrs Mrs V Richards, Viv Evans (Parish Clerk), and 13 members of the public

APOLOGIES Cllr P. Chapman, Mrs J Pope, Mrs R Bailye

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Action

1.1 As above

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Cllr Mrs Richards for planning applications

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

3.1 Cllr Mrs Greenway was not present and the water supply problems identified by a resident were off Overton Lane, not Coppy Nook Lane

3.2 Subject to those corrections, the minutes were approved

3.3 Cllr Chapman proposed and Cllr Mrs Davies seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record

3.4 **RESOLVED:** the minutes are accepted as a true record

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 The gap in the hedging at Hospital Rd still remained and the Clerk was asked to resubmit this matter to SCC
4.2 Burntwood Town FC had been questioned with regard to the nuisance behaviour and had been able to advise that it was not them, as they did not use the pitch on the days identified

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4.3 Cllr Mrs Greenway clarified that from her observations, the problems arose with ad hoc use of the facility from groups who were not actually booking it

4.4 The Clerk advised that she had contacted LDC with regard to licences for shotguns and was referred to the police.

4.5 For whatever reason, the gunfire seems to have ceased

6 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1 The Chairman advised the meeting that a card presented that evening contained news of the WI Choir winning their regional heats and that they would be going to the national finals

5.2 All expressed their congratulations and best wishes for the final

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 There were no objections to planning application 14/00923

6.2 However, Cllrs expressed concern that application no ???? was proposing to build up to the boundary . Cllrs were concerned that this would have an adverse impact on neighbours and suggested that this issue should be brought to the attention of planning officers

6.3 With regard to application 14/00912 Members felt the applicant was disingenuous in describing an ancillary (separate) building as an annexe. Cllrs Turnbull and Bayliss felt conditions should be imposed to retain the buildings as one property, standing, as it does, in the green belt

6.4 Altered by Cllr Mrs Greenway, research had been done on applications for planning permissions at Nursery Bungalow, Overton Lane

6.5 It appeared that the Council had not been advised of CLP applications and whilst Cllr Bayliss felt this was purely an officer determined application, Cllr Campbell said that from his knowledge Councils were advised of CLP applications

6.6 The Clerk was requested to clarify the situation

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7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATON

7.1 Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak

7.2 A resident complained that sewage waste, being used for agricultural fertiliser was being dumped in large quantities, not immediately dug in, causing extreme nuisance for local residents, but Cllr Mrs Bailye advised that these matters were closely monitored and that substantial penalties applied if there were any transgressions in the handling of this material

7.3 He also complained of a gap left in the hedge by the developers of the Hospital Road site which allowed vehicles and pedestrians access

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- 7.4 The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the field to advise of the residents' discomfort and request that he site the stockpile further away from residents and to contact LDC to see if any enforcement measures could be taken with regard to the hedge VE
- 7.5 The resident also complained that there was noise from older children at the play area, sometimes up to midnight
- 7.6 PCSO Bennett, who was in attendance at the meeting, agreed to feed back but advised that the PCSO officers finished work at 10.00pm
- 7.7 The resident then raised the issue of the Football Club which seemed to be littering the field and the players were loud and foul mouthed
- 7.8 Another resident raised the issue of water quality in the cul de sac off Copy Nook Lane but Members felt they was nothing they could do with regard to this matter
- 7.9 A resident then complained of the amount of noise from shooting in the village and Cllrs supported the view that the noise nuisance had increased, so they requested the Clerk to seek clarification of the licensing with respect to this activity VE
- 7.10 Residents complained of the state of the footpaths and hedges, in particular in Meerash Lane, Hall Lane, Coppice Lane, Hammerwich Rd and Overton Lane
- 7.11 As the Neighbourhood Highway Team would be in Hammerwich shortly, the Clerk was requested to contact them and the Chairman would ask the residents of Ashmole Close to clear up the areas for which they were responsible
- 7.12 A resident then advised the meeting that from next year and EU directive decreed that hedge cutting should not take place before 1 September
- 7.13 PCSO Bennett then updated the meeting on local crimes which consisted of 4 burglaries, 3 criminal damage and 9 antisocial behaviour but this latter category could just be scrap metal dealers blowing horns, which they were no longer allowed to do
- 7.14 He continued that they monitored scrap metal dealers quite closely now and could confiscate their collections if the accompanying paperwork was not in order
- 7.15 PCSO Bennett, having completed his report, then left the meeting
- 7.16 Cllr Mrs Bailye proposed that Standing Orders be reinstated and this was seconded by Cllr Bayliss

8 REPORTS UPDATE

- 8.1 The Clerk advised that she had commenced work on the draft plan and that she had now asked members of the steering group for their specialist input into the wording of the plan
- 8.1.1 The next meeting of the group would take place on 30 September at the WI Hall to refine the draft plan
- 8.2 The Chairman promoted this issue to allow Neil Turner (LDC Director of Leisure and Parks) to address the meeting with regard to a joint venture to obtain a suitable tenant for Hospital Rd Playing Fields
- 8.2.1 He invited Mrs Richards to give the background to Neil's attendance and she advised that the issue arose from a meeting of LDC Scrutiny which had received a report from him and she felt this matter should be reported to HPC
- 8.2.3 NT went through what amounted to a tender document for those interested in running the facility and he expressed the hope that, given their experience in such matters, LDC had covered every eventuality
- 8.2.4 However, it was agreed that Members should have a chance to review the document and submit comments to LDC for any requested amendments
- 8.2.5 Following Neil's presentation, the Chairman asked if an organisation which was not a sports club could take it on and Neil replied that given the tender brief, that would be unlikely
- 8.2.6 Cllr Mrs Greenway wondered if there could be opportunities for two sporting facilities to share the management eg cricket in summer, soccer in winter and Neil agreed this would be possible
- 8.2.7 Cllr Campbell asked about LDC/Hammerwich Parish Council responsibilities following any handover and was advised that they would still be landowners with the responsibilities that would accrue from that situation
- 8.2.8 Cllr Campbell also suggested an annual review and Neil agreed with close co-operation between parties as this facility was very high profile in the community and needed to be professionally run
- 8.2.9 Cllr Bayliss asked if maintenance equipment would be kept on site and therefore more buildings erected
- 8.2.10 Neil responded that this could not be discounted but felt that any new management might continue to buy in maintenance services rather than tie up capital in plant
- 8.2.11 Cllr Bayliss noted that Cllrs needed to respond to the draft document before next meeting to meet the DC timescale so Members agreed to respond as quickly as they could
- 8.2.12 NT left the meeting at that point, after having been thanked for attending and after Cllr Mrs Richards expressing the hope that Member responses to this report would be supportive of the work undertaken by LDC

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9 ANY MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 9.1 Cllr Campbell asked for the BTC/LDC Dialride scheme to be discussed as the scheme was getting a number of queries from Hammerwich residents who were not currently able to access this
- 9.2 Cllr Chapman advised the meeting that the LDC Local Plan might have been adopted by the next meeting in which case, there should be a report

11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 10.1 The Chairman read out the response from Network Rail with regard to the flooding at Hall Lane Rail Bridge and their assurances that the bridge structure was not a cause for concern
- 10.1.1 Despite Network Rail's assertion that the flooding had been due to a burst pipe the Chairman asked everyone to continue reporting on any flooding which occurred
- 10.2 The meeting was advised that the only comment on the annual audit was that one box had not been dated by the Chairman or possibly Clerk (who may have undertaken to date on behalf of the Chairman)
- 10.2.1 Members were content that the report had only such a trivial matter to raise
- 10.3 The Chairman read out a letter from SCC Cabinet Member Alan White with regard to SCC's continuing commitment to deliver high quality care services

12 CORRESPONDENCE SENT

- 12.1 None other than that which generated the responses above

13 FINANCE

- 13.1.1 Cllr Campbell proposed and Cllr Mrs Bailye seconded that the accounts be approved
- 13.1.2 **RESOLVED:** to approve accounts for payment for September
- 13.2. Members had no queries with regard to the bank reconciliation
- 13.3 Members were advised by the Clerk that the draft budget was her suggestion for the coming year but that Members had until the December meeting to revise these figures
- 13.3.1 Members made a number of suggestions for alterations and it was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting
- 13.3.2 Cllr Turnbull queried why the Council was not getting a better rate of return on its investment but the Clerk advised that she had researched this matter and a better return did not seem to be available

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 14.1 15th October

Chairman _____ 15th October

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm