

The Parish Council of Hockley Heath

Minutes of Meeting held 7.30pm on Thursday 15th December 2011 at King George Memorial Hall, Hockley Heath, West Midlands.

Present: **Parish Councillors;** Rayson (Chair), Redman, and Vernon.
Apologies; Cllr Pal, Cllr Atkins, SMBC Cllr Courts
Clerk; H Goodreid
Public Attendees; Approx. 15 members of the public

Min No.	Item	Action
429 416.1	Apologies & Acceptance of Apologies These were received and accepted.	
430 417.1	Declarations of Interest None	
431 431.1	Chairman closed council meeting for Public Session Residents Association: requested that the Parish Council considered covering insurance for the 2012 Bonfire Event and underwriting any loss made by the event.	Council agreed to consider.
431.2	Nick Davies: requested that the Parish Council look to fund a survey and ecological study on the site which could potentially be considered by SMBC for travellers and gypsies.	Council agreed to consider.
431.3	Jason Good: Referred to an article in the local paper quoting SMBC Cllr Meeson requesting a parish referendum when it was proposed that a traveller / gypsy site is established in a village. Felt that HHPC should consider this should the School Road site come forward.	
431.4	Alec Steventon: was a new member of the residents association and was keen to co-ordinate the bonfire for November 2012. He requested that the Parish Council underwrite the costs of the event (circa £5k) with a grant of £1,000. It was suggested that a Small Grant Application form be completed and submitted as soon as possible to the Parish Council for consideration.	Council awaited the formal application.
432 432.1	Chairman reopened Council meeting for Minutes of meeting held 20th October 2011 The minutes were read and agreed Proposed: Cllr Vernon, Seconded: Cllr Redman	
432.2	All matters arising had been dealt with or were on the agenda for discussion.	
433 433.1	Planning Applications The following planning application was considered: 2011/1675 - various tree work to two trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders at Hockley Heath Recreation Ground. No Comment.	
434 434.1	Tree Work At the November Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to award the contract for the recent phase of tree work to Midland Forestry. Since the contract had been awarded, two requests had been submitted to HHPC for additional tree work. This included:	
434.2	Opening up of canopy to two trees bordering Bowling Green	

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434.3	<p>Reduction of Silver Birch adjacent to Bowling Green Reduction in mass of conifer trees adjacent to Bowling Green Reduction in mass of trees No 2, 3 and 4 rear of Meadow Close</p> <p>An additional quote had been received from Midland Forestry (as the lowest tenderer) which was £1,560 plus VAT. It was agreed to add this work to the schedule. Proposed: Cllr Redman, Seconded: Cllr Rayson</p>	Clerk to add new work to existing quote.																					
<p>435 435.1</p> <p>435.2</p>	<p>Grounds Maintenance Contract Previously the grounds maintenance contract has been let on an annual basis. The Council discussed the proposal to change this to a 3 year contract beginning April 2012. This was agreed. Proposed: Cllr Rayson, Seconded: Cllr Redman</p> <p>The current contractor had already submitted a quote for the three years and the council considered whether to accept this quote or to go to tender. As the overall contract would be in the region of £30,000, it was agreed to go out to tender and consider three comparable quotes. Proposed: Cllr Rayson, Seconded: Cllr Redman</p>	Clerk to seek 2 additional grounds maintenance quotes.																					
<p>436 436.1</p> <p>436.2</p> <p>436.3</p>	<p>Correspondence An email had been received from a local resident concerning parking on Stratford Road/Aylesbury Road. The requested that a large U shaped parking area be created for the benefit of adjacent residents. Clerk had contacted SMBC and had received a response from Solihull Community Housing explaining that financial constraints meant that the work could not take place.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed and agreed that it was felt that parking arrangements had improved now the public house car park was available for local use, and also felt that the loss of the green space would be a detriment to the village.</p> <p>Notice had been received from SMBC concerning refuse collections over the holiday period. A notice would be place in front of the Post Office. <u>Refuse:</u> Crews would not be collecting on 26th and 27th December but would collect double the amount on the 2nd and 3rd January. <u>Recycling:</u> crews would not be collecting on 26th and 27th December but would collect all recycling two weeks later. <u>Green Collections:</u> are finished for the winter but residents can purchase winter collections by calling 0121 704 8000.</p>	Clerk to write a formal response to resident.																					
<p>437 437.1</p>	<p>Finance The following payments were approved</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1619 1289 1850"> <tr> <td>H Goodreid – mileage, telephone, printing</td> <td>Cheque 100045</td> <td>£167.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fairways – emptying dig bins October, November 2011</td> <td>Cheque 100046</td> <td>£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family Care Trust – Ground maintenance</td> <td>Cheque 100047</td> <td>£995.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Access Diggers – security</td> <td>Cheque 100048</td> <td>£.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EmmsIT – web site maintenance</td> <td>Cheque 100049</td> <td>£</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SMBC – property maintenance</td> <td>Cheque 100050</td> <td>£</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Management Committee</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1912 1289 1946"> <tr> <td>Ashley Commercial Finance - cleaning</td> <td>Cheque 100118</td> <td>£350.88</td> </tr> </table> <p>Proposed: Cllr Rayson; Seconded: Cllr Vernon</p>	H Goodreid – mileage, telephone, printing	Cheque 100045	£167.25	Fairways – emptying dig bins October, November 2011	Cheque 100046	£270.00	Family Care Trust – Ground maintenance	Cheque 100047	£995.00	Access Diggers – security	Cheque 100048	£.00	EmmsIT – web site maintenance	Cheque 100049	£	SMBC – property maintenance	Cheque 100050	£	Ashley Commercial Finance - cleaning	Cheque 100118	£350.88	
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438.1	None	
439 439.1	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>A request had been received for funding from a local action group concerning the potential gypsy and traveller site on School Road. After discussion, Council agreed to support the needs of the village by taking professional guidance on the type of analysis which would be appropriate on this site. A further decision would then be taken on developing a study on the site examining all matters.</p> <p>Council agreed to engage a planning consultant to offer initial advice. Proposed: Cllr Rayson; Seconded: Cllr Redman</p>	Clerk to seek professional advice on nature of analysis.
440 440.1	<p>To resolve that due to the special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.</p> <p>Members of the public left the room</p>	
441 441.1	<p>To discuss and resolve any actions regarding any items of correspondence or matters considered confidential.</p> <p>It was agreed that Clerk contact solicitors to write two letters concerning the matter.</p>	

Meeting Closed at 08.40pm. The next meeting would be Thursday 19th January 2012 at 7.30pm to be held at the Memorial Hall.

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