

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8.30pm at The Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common**

**Present**

Cllr Raymond Ritchie (Chair), Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Marie-Louise Marsden, Cllr Judy Lea, Cllr Liz Macdonald, Cllr Will Heard, Cllr Sheila Cooper and 30 members of the public to include Keith Tindall (Residents Association) and Cllr David Bell

**Headings are those set out on the Agenda**

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Chairman's Report**

Chair presented his report as attached.

Chair advised that this meeting was a forum for the public to make views known so that the Parish Council may consider these when dealing with matters.

**3. Public Forum**

3.1. A resident raised issues concerning the airport route trials and noise. Chair advised that the Parish Council through its representatives has made representations to the airport. David Ellis provided an update of the problems regarding option 6 trials. Cllr Will Heard emphasised the importance of following the complaints procedure and logging the issues.

3.2. Mark Tattum a member of the Fair Flight Campaign also provided detailed information. Issues arose over the noise of planes flying over the village. There are issues over when London Air control takes over the plane. The timing of this is not clear and it may be a problem outside Birmingham airport's control.

3.3. Discussion took place over Solihull Council's role in the Masterplan and consultation process. It was felt that Councillors were not aware of the consultation. The report from officers stated that Balsall Common would benefit from the extension on the basis that the planes would be more accurate. On this basis, the committee agreed.

3.4. Solihull Council also agreed for the airspace change to be handled by the CAA. Birmingham airport only gave option 5 and this was agreed to by SMBC despite Parish Councils objecting to this and requesting Option 6.

- 3.5. It has also been discovered that officers reported that calculations had been carried out but disclosure suggests that no such calculations were undertaken. No environmental assessment has taken place.
- 3.6. Residents requested that the Parish Council acts to pursue this matter further and ascertain whether there has been any form of breach by Solihull MBC. It is important that the Parish Council is fully informed as to what is happening.
- 3.7. It was agreed that the Parish Council will look into this matter.
- 3.8. Other issues that were raised by members of the public concerned the through traffic in the area where this is preventing safe exit and access to car parking spaces
- 3.9. It was agreed that the centre of the village is a problem. In particular, the parking for Heart of England staff and students is a major problem. It was suggested that the school considers building a multi storey car park to accommodate the vehicles using the site
- 3.10. A long term issue is to move the school as with the increasing number of users, the site and surrounding roads cannot cope with the parking
- 3.11. A resident raised the question of whether a consultant will be appointed to look at the parking problem in the village.
- 3.12. It was agreed that this will be considered further
- 3.13. Cllr Liz Macdonald provided a display and asked all residents present to provide feedback for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It is important to take into account all areas and matters

4. Chairman's closing remarks

Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed..... Dated.....

**Cllr Raymond Ritchie**  
**Chair**  
**Balsall Parish Council**