

Parish Council of Balsall

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2012 at 8pm at The Jubilee Centre, Balsall Common

Present

Cllr Ian Hedley (Chair), Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Judy Lea, Cllr King, Cllr Raymond Ritchie, Cllr Douglas Money, Cllr James Hope, and 16 members of the public to include, Cllr Graham Lock (Chair, Berkswell Parish Council), Cllr Don Hitchcock (Berkswell Parish Council), Cllr Andrew Burrow (Berkswell Parish Council), Cllr Tony Diccicio, Cllr David Bell and David Felthouse (Chair, Residents Association)

Chair informed members of the public that Cllr James Hope has obtained leave to appeal the disqualification and therefore the disqualification has been suspended until the Appeal is heard.

Headings are those set out on the Agenda

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Peter Lea

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 19th November 2012**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

5. **Public Forum**

Mr Paul Lucas questioned why the Parish Council has not addressed the Consultation on HS2. Mr Lucas expressed concern that there is silence from the Parish Council regarding this issue. Cllr Andrew Burrow confirmed that he wished to support Mr Lucas's view. Chair advised that he accompanied delegation to meet Minister and felt heartened after the meeting. The proposal for the tunnel has been put forward. The matter of mitigation and compensation must be looked at much more closely.

Cllr Don Hitchcock asked that now a further Tree Warden has been reinstated, it is assumed that Cllr Hope will attend the meeting. Cllr Hope confirmed that he would

6. Correspondence

6.1. E-mail from Berkswell Parish Council and Residents Association relating to Waiting room at Berkswell Station

Clerk to write in similar terms

6.2. E-mail from Berkswell Parish Council and Residents Association relating to pedestrian crossing at Station Road

6.3. E-mail from Residents Association relating to Fast Aid

6.4. E-mail from West Midlands Police regarding Lease at Police Shop

6.5. Letter from SMBC relating to Indicative Council Tax Base

6.6. Letter from Birmingham Airport relating to the proposals for changes to the Runway 33 Instrument Approach Procedures at Birmingham Airport

6.7. Letter from Jubilee Committee

7. Committee membership – To agree member to be appointed for the Lant Trust following disqualification of Mr James Hope

Chair advised that the Lant Trust have informed the Parish Council that they have adequate numbers and no further appointment is required. This position was accepted and Cllr Hope is removed as member

8. Chadwick End Village Hall – **PROPOSAL** - To refer the matter to the Chadwick End Working Group to consider and agree action following recent flood

An update of the current position was given. The village hall had become flooded following the recent heavy rainfall. The drying process has begun.

RESOLVED – That the matter is referred to the Working Group

9. Magpie Lane – To consider recommendation of Planning Committee to consider rescission of previous resolution

This item is adjourned to the next meeting as a recommendation by the Planning Committee has not been made

10. Reports from Committees

10.1. HS2

Cllr Lloyd provided an update. Various tunnel proposals and realignment have been suggested. A further judicial review may take place once a decision is made regarding the route and the form it will take

10.2. Birmingham Airport

Cllr Lloyd provided a brief update. The Hampton turn is to be taken out

10.3. Joint Working with Berkswell

Chair advised that the Parish Council are committed to continue to work together

11. Clerk – **PROPOSAL** –To agree payment of additional hours completed by Clerk since employment and to undertake a review of Clerks hours

This item is deferred to a later meeting

12. Accounts & Governance

12.1. Bank Mandate – **PROPOSAL** – To pass resolutions in accordance with Co-operative Bank Mandate to appoint Authorised signatories

RESOLVED – That Bank Mandate at the Co-operative Bank is altered to remove the following signatories as they are no longer members of the Parish Council or employees of the Parish Council. The signatories to be removed are:

Mr Godfrey Chesshire

Mr Alan Smith

Mrs Lesley Dury

The following signatories are added as signatories:

Mr Ian Hedley (Chair)

Ms Shafim Kauser (Clerk)

The address for correspondence shall be changed to:

9 Grovefield Crescent

Balsall Common

CV7 7RE

The existing Mandate will continue in all other respects until the Parish Council gives the Bank a replacement Mandate

12.2. Financial Report

12.3. **PROPOSAL** - To approve list of Payments for Approval and Payments Made

RESOLVED – That the payments are approved for payment

12.4. Budget – To consider draft Budget for 2013/2014 and provide indicative Precept figure to SMBC

It was agreed that a separate Finance Meeting will be held to discuss the Budget

13. Governance

13.1. **Casual Vacancies** – **RESOLVED** – That any future Vacancies be advertised without the need to pass a resolution at a meeting and the Clerk is appointed to advertise such vacancies

13.1.1. PROPOSAL – That if no request for an election is made, the vacancies be filled by co-option and to agree Profile for Member as set out in guidance by NALC

RESOLVED - That the vacancies are filled by Co-option and Member profile shall be that set out in the guidance of NALC

14. Date for next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting shall be held on Monday 14th January 2013 at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Centre, Balsall Common

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm

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

Cllr Ian Hedley
Chair
Balsall Parish Council