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Extraordinary Balsall Parish Council Meeting

Approved Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 August 2020 at 7.30 pm by video call

Minutes

Present: Councillor Andrew Burrow (Chairman), Councillor Marion Keeley, Councillor Richard Drake, Councillor Richard Lloyd and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies from Councillor Kay Howles, Councillor Keith Tindall, Councillor Elizabeth Macdonald and Councillor Richard Drake were noted.

Ward Councillors Diane Howell, Tony Diccico and Ken Allsopp indicated they would not be able to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Forum

A member of the public queried whether the councillors were aware of an article in the Birmingham Post regarding the provision of sites for sporting facilities in Solihull to complement the increase in residential numbers in the next decade and if so, has anything been done about it and if not, will something be done about it.

Councillor Burrow indicated that he was aware of the article and the issue is part of the remit for the joint Berkswell and Balsall Common Working Group. The infrastructure survey conducted by the group earlier in the year included consideration of green spaces and enhanced provision for sports and recreation. This work has been submitted to SMBC as part of work to encourage investment in facilities to meet the needs of housing growth. Provision of improved sports facilities including an all-weather sports surface was raised in consultations for both Balsall Common and Berkswell NDPs.

4. Proposal to amend the council's bank accounts as follows:

(4.1) To open a current account with Unity Trust Bank including making an application for internet banking with dual authorisers. Bank signatories and 'authorise only' permission (restricted access to view the account and authorise) to be Councillors Burrow, Macdonald, Howles, Tindall, Lloyd and Keeley. Clerk to have 'view and submit' access to access account and set up payments.

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(4.2) To transfer all current account funds from HSBC Community Account 32432765 and NatWest account 04206398 to the new Unity Trust Bank current account.

Resolved to transfer all current account funds from HSBC Community Account 32432765 and NatWest account 04206398 to the new Unity Trust Bank current account. The transfer to be phased HSBC first and NatWest second.

(4.3) To transfer all existing Direct Debits and Standing Orders to the new Unity Trust Bank current account.

Resolved to transfer all existing Direct Debits and Standing Orders to the new Unity Trust Bank current account.

(4.4) To transfer all deposit funds presently held in the HSBC Business Money Manager account number 32432773 and NatWest Business Reserve account number 43012957 to the Parish Council's Santander Business Account number 03894517.

Proposal amended to include 'the closure of NatWest and HSBC deposit accounts once funds have been transferred to Santander.

Resolved to approve the proposal as amended to transfer all deposit funds presently held in the HSBC Business Money Manager account number 32432773 and NatWest Business Reserve account number 43012957 to the Parish Council's Santander Business Account number 03894517. Once all deposit amounts have been transferred these accounts will be closed.

(4.5) To initiate online banking with Santander Business Account to give the ability to transfer deposit funds to a current account. Bank signatories to be Councillors Burrow, Macdonald, Howles, Tindall, Lloyd and Keeley.

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(4.6) Clerk is authorised to take all necessary steps to achieve the bank transfer to Unity with Santander being the Parish Council's deposit account.

Resolved to authorise the Clerk to take all necessary steps to achieve the bank transfer to Unity with Santander being the Parish Council's deposit account.

5. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2020, 7.30pm. The meeting is likely to be via video link.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.

Andrew Burrow (Chairman)

DATE