

Parish Council of Balsall

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th August 2012 at The Jubilee Centre, Balsall Common

Present

Cllr Ian Hedley (Chair), Cllr Lucas, Cllr King, Cllr Peter Lea, Cllr Hope, Cllr Longfield, Cllr Money, Cllr Richard Lloyd and 5 members of the public

Headings are those set out on the Agenda

1. Apologies

Cllr Judy Lea and Cllr Raymond Ritchie

Absent

Cllr Trudi Thomson

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Longfield declared a personal interest in matters relating to Chadwick End Village Hall

3. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th July 2012

An amendment was raised at page 2 to refer to Cllr Hitchcock of Berkswell Parish Council. Subject to this, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Public Forum

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow for public participation. Cllr Hitchcock of Berkswell Parish Council advised that he had provided a drawing of the Cemetery to the Clerk. He had inspected the trees and provided a verbal report.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Letter from Npower regarding energy supply at Chadwick End Village Hall.

6.2. E-mail from resident concerning state of Cemetery

6.3. Letter from the Lions requesting consent to host Bonfire at Willow Park

RESOLVED that the Parish Council consents to The Lions holding annual bonfire at Willow Park subject to appropriate insurance being in place

A request had also been made by the Lions for placing a Memorial bench at the Cemetery
RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objection to a memorial bench being placed at the Cemetery by the Lions

6.4. Letter from WALC advising of course – Localism Act 2011

6.5. Cllr Mike Longfield advised of details of course of interest to Tree Wardens
RESOLVED that Cllr Hope, Cllr Longfield and Cllr Lloyd to attend the course and the Parish Council shall pay the cost

7. **Boundary Review**

An update of the current position was provided by the Chair

7.1. **PROPOSAL** – To consider and agree position of Balsall Parish Council and response to be submitted to SMBC

RESOLVED - It is recommended by the Parish Council that there is no change to the boundary between Berkswell and Balsall Common. As to West Ward, this is subject to a consultation with residents.

8. **Boundaries for Neighbourhood Plan**

8.1. **PROPOSAL** – To consider and agree working with Berkswell Parish Council to agree Boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Peter Lea advised that this will be dealt with as part of the joint working with Berkswell. Agreed that no action is required at present

9. **Joint Working with Berkswell Parish Council – Update from representatives**

Cllr Peter Lea has not met with his counterpart due to the holiday period. The other two representatives were not present

10. **Committees – Clerk to report on Committees and agree way forward**

Clerk had circulated a list of Committee memberships prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Staffing Committee should meet and the Clerk shall obtain draft Terms of Reference from WALC

11. **Report from Committees**

11.1. **HS2 – blight and compensation**

Cllr Lucas provided an update of the position. He has managed to locate a local expert. Cllr Lucas will advise upon further action that may be needed to be taken regarding the compensation issue.

Cllr Lucas recommended that the Parish Council writes to SMBC and MP's about compensation

Cllr Lloyd provided an update regarding the tunnel scheme. Figures for cost could not be provided at this stage.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council writes to SMBC regarding compensation and for SMBC to pay and undertake a study of the tunnel scheme

11.2. **Birmingham Airport**

Cllr Longfield provided an update of the matter. Cllr Longfield and Cllr Lloyd will attend a public forum to discuss preliminary route designs and report back to the Parish Council

11.3. **Chadwick End Village Hall Working Group**

Cllr Hedley advised that the Working Group had met. Cllr Hedley provided an update of the current position.

RESOLVED that the Village Hall is transferred back to the residents of Chadwick End, however such action cannot be undertaken until such time as the Boundary review is completed.

12. **Local Development Framework**

12.1. To consider the position of the Parish Council in relation to the LDF

RESOLVED that Cllr Peter Lea will review the matter and report back to the Parish Council

13. **Website – To agree the cost for updating and redesign of website**

RESOLVED that 2geedesign are appointed to redesign the website

14. **Role of the Clerk and Responsibilities**

This item was deferred to the next Meeting

15. **PROPOSALS**– By Cllr Lloyd

15.1. The Council resolves to seek the establishment of a working party

15.2. The Council resolves to develop a Neighbourhood Development Plan

15.3. The Council resolves to establish a committee to deal with issues concerning the Cemetery at Temple Balsall.

It was agreed to defer items 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3 to a future meeting

15.4. The Council resolves to refer the possible diversion of footpath M148 near Magpie Lane to the Rights of Way committee.

RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to SMBC to oppose the diversion of the footpath

16. Accounts & Governance

17. **Financial Report**

The Financial report is deferred to the next Meeting

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

RESOLVED – That the accounts are approved for payment

18. Date for next meeting – The next Parish Council Meeting shall be held on Monday 10th September 2012 at 7.30pm at The Old Hall, Temple Balsall

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.05pm

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

Cllr Ian Hedley

Chair

Balsall Parish Council