

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20th August 2007 in the Village Hall at 8.20 pm.

Present

Ms Weaver (Chair), Mr Goodsir, Mrs Goodsir, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Kipling, Mrs Lee and four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Mrs Markham, Mr Markham and District Councillor Bell.

2. Declaration of Interest

The Chair invites members to make declaration of personal and prejudicial interest in respect of items on the agenda of meeting.

None declared.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting, having been circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

No matters arising.

5. Correspondence / Communication

01) . Prior to formal meeting.

Jerry Dutton and John Gibbins of Castle Bromwich spoke on their experiences and benefits of Village Appraisal of 2001

Need to look at 5 to 10 year plan, it is a community project not Parish Council .Start with a steering group including 2 Parish Councillors, a Chair, Treasurer and a separate bank account. Grants and bursaries are available. Questionnaire based on household, deliver by hand, personal contact. Software has 300 questions, but, Castle Bromwich used 75 questions in 10 topics.

1) Coventry CC

Consultation on Local Development Framework Core Strategy: The Options.

Report on circulation, response required by 8th September. Housing development proposed for Upper Green Lane.

AGREED

For Chair to respond.

2) Rotary Club of Meriden

Request the use of the Playing Fields for Meriden Motorcycle Megaride, Sunday 8th June 2008. Funds raised will be given to County Air Ambulance. Activities are covered by insurance provided nationally for Rotary events.

As Solihull MBC proposes to sell Playing Field by end of March 2008 recommend letter is referred to Solihull.

RESOLVED

The Parish Council is happy for Rotary Club to use Playing Field for Megaride next year but copy of letter must be passed to Solihull for information.

3) Solihull MBC

Elected members agreed to make a dog control order covering the whole of Solihull. Under the provisions the authority is required where practicable to erect signs. A sample vinyl sign was enclosed. These are to be applied to existing signs and is not intention to plaster the area with signs.

4) Liverpool University.

Invite members to a workshop on 'A Health Impact Assessment of Birmingham International Airport's Runway Extension'. Three locations are listed for early September, is anyone interested?

AGREED

Mr Kipling and Ms Weaver to attend.

5) Solihull MBC

Meriden has been put through to the final round of Solihull in Bloom and is invited to presentation evening at Notcutts Garden Centre 18th September.

AGREED

Brian Ball is asked to attend if available.

6) Letter from Resident.

Complaint from resident living on school side of Fillongley Road regarding bonfires on the allotments.

Question that the allotments concerned belong to the Parish Council, a possibility as the other allotments on Leys Lane are nearer Fillongley Road and run in the same direction and Tenants do have bonfires.

AGREED

To respond giving name of contact for other allotments.

7) Letter from Resident.

Copy for each Councillor of further letter regarding the state of Millison's Wood and lack of response from Solihull MBC and the standard of workmanship. Asks the Parish Council what their intentions are towards the problems.

AGREED

To chase, discussions already held with District Councillor Bell and his promise to speak with Jim Harte of Solihull MBC and the quality and reliability of work done by Contractors.

8) Dressing Rooms, Playing Fields

Someone has taken bricks (approx. 1m x 1m) out of the outer wall of dressing rooms. This could create a Health and Safety problem, therefore a request has been made to a local builder for the brickwork to be reinstated as soon as possible.

6. Receive Reports.

No reports.

7. Village Matters.

1) Village Appraisal

Open meeting planned for 24th September with presentations by Ms Weaver and Mr Roxburgh. Mrs Hamilton to arrange for someone to prepare tea and coffee. Microphone / speakers and screen display required, Ms Weaver to follow up.

2) Communication Strategy.

Presentation of action proposals for website produced by Mrs Lee.

RESOLVED

Mrs Lee to proceed with instruction of website at a cost of approximately £500.

8. Planning Matters

1) P/A 2007/1508 - 2 Birmingham Road.

Ground floor side extension to form toilet and cloak room.

RATIFIED

Leave to Neighbour Notification.

2) P/A 2007/1231 Decision - 8 Whichcote Avenue.

Full plans approval for ground floor rear extension to form a porch.

3) P/A 2007/1308 Decision - 53 Strawberry Fields.

Full plans approval for ground floor rear extension to form a conservatory.

4) P/A 2007/858 Decision - Meriden Garage, Birmingham Road.

Full plans approval for amended plans have been submitted to Solihull MBC for three storey apartment block containing 8 no. 2 bedroom apartments and 6 no. 1 bedroom apartments. This means the apartment is moved 0.4 metres to the east easing the apartment block away from the Green Belt.

5) P/A 2007/1569 - Bulls Head, Main Road.

Erection of an additional 300mm to the height of a parapet wall.

RATIFIED

Leave to Neighbour Notification and Conservation Committee.

6) P/A 2007/1521 - Appletrees, Fillongley Road.

Single storey garage extension to front and single storey conservatory extension to rear.

RATIFIED

Object: Over intensification: Conservatory already in existence.

7) P/A 2007/1724 - Illusions, The Green.

Erection of a first floor office over existing shop.

RESOLVED

Object: Create terracing effect; Fenestration would be out of character and harmony of street scene; Office use create extra vehicular activity in area already suffering problems from intense use; Property would have adverse impact on adjacent Conservation Area.

8) P/A 2007/1730 - 67 Strawberry Fields.

Two storey rear extension to form kitchen extension at ground floor and bedroom extension at first floor.

RESOLVED

Leave to Neighbour Notification.

9) P/A 2007/1332 Decision - 158 Main Road.

Full plans approval for first floor extension over garage to form bedroom and bedroom with en suite and creation of a pitch roof over existing porch.

10) P/A 2007/1661 – 261 Fillongley Road

Alteration to window on side elevation.

RESOLVED

No observations.

11) P/A 2007/1508 Decision - 2 Birmingham Road.

Full plans approval for ground floor side extension to form toilet and cloak room.

12) P/A 2007/1496 Decision - Meriden C of E School, Fillongley Road.

Full plans approval for single storey extension to form nursery classroom to front of existing primary school.

13) P/A 2007/1595. - 33 Strawberry Fields

Ground floor side and rear extension to form a garage with 1 no. bedroom over. Ground floor rear extension to extend kitchen.

RESOLVED

Leave to Neighbour Notification.

9. Accounts

01) Clement Keys.

An unqualified audit opinion has been given for Annual Return 2006/2007.

Accounts approved.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Sub-Committee Meeting is Wednesday 12th September and Parish Council Meeting is Monday 24th September both starting at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chair RW

Date 24.09.07

