



**17/07 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio members of all committees:

Planning Sub Committee	Councillor Doidge (Chair) Councillor Sellars Councillor Cuthbert
Maintenance Committee	Councillor Beresford (Chair) Councillor Blomer Councillor Sandells
Communications Working Group (including Youth Affairs)	Councillor Sellars (Chair)
Neighbourhood Plan Working Group	Councillor Sandells Councillor Blomer (Chair) Councillor Doidge Councillor Sellars Councillor Cuthbert
Remembrance Day	Councillor Blanch Councillor Doidge
HS2 Sub Committee	Councillor Woodall (Chair) Councillor Doidge Councillor Blanch

**17/08 APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

Footpaths & Right of Way Representative	Councillor Cuthbert
Airport Consultation	Councillor Sandells
Airspace Change Stakeholder Group	Councillor Blomer
Solihull Area Committee WALC	Councillor Doidge Councillor Cuthbert
Conservation Advisory	Councillor Cuthbert
Quarry Liaison	Councillor Blomer

The Parish Council also appoint trustees to:  
The Charity of George Fentham

Mrs C Eley  
Dr M Shalley  
Mr T Beresford  
Mr G Hollway  
Councillor Blanch

The H-in-A Recreational Trust

The Chair requested that the Clerk make enquiries with the Trust to ascertain whether Mr Hollway is appointed as a trustee by the Parish Council or the Trust and that, should it be the latter, the Parish Council will need to appoint a further trustee to the Recreational Trust.

**CLERK**

**17/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**17/10 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2017**

The minutes were approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Woodall.**

**17/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**

**16/110** Councillor Cuthbert stated that a speed watch had not taken place in Catherine de Barnes. Councillor Cuthbert will follow up with SMBC/Phil **DC**

- Farrington-Lloyd
- 16/110 The Chair confirmed that the valve cover is still missing at the Junction of High Street and Fentham Road. **CLERK**
- 16/92 Dog Fouling: Councillor Sandells has today approved the signs and the Clerk confirmed that the approval has been sent to Inktree. **DS/CLERK**
- 16/71 The Chair reiterated that official e-mail addresses are now in place for all Councillors and asked that all Councillors use those. Councillors were requested to use the corporate signatures and that, should anyone have any queries on how to do that, they should contact the Clerk. **ALL**
- 16/71 Scout and Guidehut: Councillor Beresford confirmed this is ongoing. **TB**
- 16/71 Football Training: Ongoing, Councillor Beresford will send details to the Clerk. **TB**
- 16/73 The Common: Councillor Cuthbert confirmed works have been undertaken and that a further day's work is planned for September. Councillor Cuthbert will liaise with the Maintenance Committee in advance. The Chair confirmed his understanding that the Japanese knotwood had been treated and Councillor Cuthbert confirmed this to be correct. The Clerk confirmed that SMBC has been notified about the knotweed on the land owned by Tarplins. **DC**
- 16/73 Allotments: Contact now made with all allotment users. **CLERK**
- 16/77 Packington Estates: The Chair confirmed that there is nothing further to report. **MB**
- 16/80 TfWM: Councillors Cuthbert, Doidge and Woodall have attended a meeting in Meriden. Ring & Ride not an option at present. Councillor Doidge stated that Meriden have a 550 person petition and sought the Council's permission to allow Meriden to link up with Hampton in Arden. All agreed. Councillor Doidge confirmed that Councillor Alison Rolf had stated her intention to arrange a meeting in Hampton for the residents of Hampton in Arden. The Council needs to establish how many residents use the services provided and whether there is a demand for additional support services. Councillor Doidge is to discuss the matter with the Practice Manager at the surgery in order to ascertain further data. The Chair will make further enquiries via the lunch club and also with the Trust's elderly support worker, Eve Hickman. **JD/MB**
- 16/03 Recreation Ground Car Park Drainage: Ongoing, the Chair will chase a response from Oliver Monk. **MB**
- 16/07 School Play Area: **Resolved.**
- 16/29 Roads and Footpaths: **Resolved.**
- 16/116 Airport Night Flying Policy Response: Councillor Cuthbert has an opportunity to present at an upcoming AAC meeting. The community group is united in resisting any increase in night flights and is also proposing a reduction in the current noise violation level of 85 dBA. Councillor Cuthbert and Councillor Sandells will meet to discuss noise averages separately. **DC/DS**
- 16/118 The Clerk confirmed that there will be no Village in Bloom this year. Councillor Sellars confirmed that a village tidy up is to take place on 24 June 2017, the weekend before the festival. Councillor Cuthbert requested that the Clerk notify Councillor Alison Rolf of this date. **CLERK**
- 16/122 Broadband: Councillor Beresford confirmed that there has been no change to the present situation. **TB**
- 17/12 REPORT AND MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2017**  
The Parish Council accepted the draft minutes of the meeting, which will be adopted at the next Annual Meeting.

**17/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MEETING**  
None.

**17/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:

1. From Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP details of new business support package to increase the entrepreneurial skills and sustainability of voluntary and community organisations in Solihull over the next two years.
2. Dates of future meeting of Solihull Area Committee.
3. News from SMBC
4. Partnership with the Woodland Trust with grants of up to £1,500 for local projects.
5. Grant funding from Playforce for community sports facilities.
6. Request from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to assist with a survey of wild flowers and wildlife in the Churchyard.
7. Details of Channel 4 Village of the Year 2017.
8. Invitation to investiture of the new Solihull Mayor.
9. Invitation to UK Central Spring Stakeholder Forum.
10. Notification of withdrawal of Balsall and Berkswell Neighbourhood Area designation for Neighbourhood Plan.
11. War Memorials Trust – Grant Application details.

**17/15 FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 2016**

Councillor Sellars ran through the minutes (copies of which had already been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting).

Chronicle: Councillor Sellars requested articles for the Chronicle. Councillor Cuthbert confirmed he would provide an article on the work done to the Common. Councillor Sellars stated that she would also include an article regarding the neighbourhood plan and the Chair sought clarification regarding the referendum date. Councillor Sellars confirmed that the date has been set for 6 July. The Chair confirmed publicity for the referendum will be arranged in due course.

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Festival: Councillor Sellars confirmed that Councillor Beresford is the link between the Parish Council and the festival organisers. Councillor Beresford confirmed that the Parish Council will have a stand and sell raffle tickets. Councillor Beresford confirmed that it has been stated that a company will be at the festival offering pony rides. Councillor Beresford has requested that any information in that regard to be sent to the Parish Council in advance. The Chair will coordinate the organisation of the stand for the Parish Council which will be shared with the Trust and Society.

TB/MB

**17/16 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

The Chair referred to his report, already circulated. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council has received a first CIL payment totalling £2,308.50 and said that further payments will be made. Payments being received in April and October each year.

The Chair explained to Councillors that CIL money can only be spent on

specific categories and that funds must be spent within 5 years. The Councillors discussed a number of areas where the funds could be utilised, those included contributing to new play equipment with Councillor Sandells obtaining some initial quotes. It was further discussed whether the fund could be utilised alongside the HS2 Community and Environmental fund with regard to traffic calming and further investigation would be made in that regard.

DS/VW

**17/17 PITCH COVERS TO THE CRICKET SQUARE – RECREATION GROUND**

Councillor Beresford referred the Councillors to the literature sent around prior to the meeting. He explained that Mick Fuller, who is part of the Cricket Club, has obtained a grant for removable covers to the cricket square stating that in the summer they will simply be wheeled on and off the pitch and in the winter months they will be stored away securely. No objections were raised. Councillor Beresford will liaise with Mick Fuller to confirm the Council's position.

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**17/18 BOUNDARY CHANGES**

The Chair expressed disappointment at SMBC's recent committee decision not to move forward with the proposal for a boundary change. Councillor Cuthbert further expressed disappointment. Councillor Doidge sought approval from members for a letter to be sent to Deborah Merry seeking a response as to what is meant by insufficient evidence. The Chair confirmed that he will prepare a draft and send it to Councillor Doidge and Cuthbert for their views.

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**17/19 TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN**

Councillor Blanch referred to a report already circulated and briefly summarised confirming that a budget estimate has now been received totalling £120,385.83. Councillor Blanch referred to the HS2 Community and Environmental fund and stated that the maximum allowed from that was £75,000 per application. Councillor Blanch referred to the recent Annual Meeting and Councillor Bob Sleigh's comments that he would do all he could to support. Councillor Blanch feels SMBC should fund the shortfall, failing which; an agreement should be reached between SMBC and the Parish Council.

Councillor Sandells enquired what would happen to the revenue should the Parish Council partially fund the project. Councillor Blanch stated that further investigation would need to go into that and Councillor Sellars sought clarification regarding ongoing future costs.

Councillor Blanch confirmed that in the first instance he would work with Councillor Doidge to put forward an application to the HS2 fund to see whether we were successful in obtaining the £75,000; the next step would be working with highways to obtain formal approval from them. Moving forward Councillors Doidge and Blanch will prepare the application to the HS2 fund.

JD/KB

Councillor Cuthbert referred to an issue on Bickenhill Lane where a HGV has caused damage en-route to Bickenhill Industrial Estate. Councillor Cuthbert enquired whether it is possible to get signs put up. The Chair confirmed that

MB/

this will need to be raised with highways. The Chair will arrange with the Clerk to contact Phil Farrington-Lloyd in order to arrange a meeting regarding HGV's using Bickenhill Lane. **CLERK**

**17/20 ALLOTMENTS**

The Chair referred to a report already circulated. The Chair stated that we have previously been approached by people outside the village to let allotments within the village. The Chair sought approval from members that going forward allotments would be for residents only. This was approved as **proposed by Councillor Cuthbert and seconded by Councillor Doidge.**

**17/21 REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS**

Rent Review Recreation Ground: Councillor Beresford confirmed there are two leases, sports club and Astro turf. A rent and then a separate maintenance fee. It was agreed an RPI increase of 10% from £2,760 to £3,035 for the sports club with maintenance payments being based on a reasonable figure. With regard to Astro turf the rent is fixed for £400 for the duration of the lease. The maintenance payment has been reviewed and increased to £170 increasing the overall figure to £570.00. Councillor Beresford sought approval. All in agreement. Councillor Beresford confirmed that increase will take effect from 24 March 2017. **CLERK**

Care Village and Affordable Homes Schemes: The Chair raised two meetings that have taken place recently, one with Donna Savage of Richmond Care Villages and a further with Barney McElholm of Elegant Homes. Both are in early stages and subject to a formal planning application. The Chair explained that one of those companies, Richmond Villages, have extended an invitation to the Parish Council to visit one of their care villages in Oxfordshire. Councillor Cuthbert stated he did not feel it was appropriate to accept on the basis that this will be a formal planning application and the Parish Council is a statutory consultee. Councillor Doidge agreed and all others were in agreement. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council would decline the invite as a result. **MB/  
CLERK**

Councillor Sellars explained that she had recently met with the Wildlife Trust alongside Councillors Doidge and Woodall. Lines of communication are now open with a good idea of what is going on strategically. Councillor Sellars will prepare a proposal and work together with the Wildlife Trust to identify areas of enhancement. **CS/JD/  
VW**

**17/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor Doidge presented the current planning applications which were noted.

Motorway services: further deferment until the end of the June.

58 Meriden Road: Objections were made and a retrospective application has been refused.

**17/23 FINANCE**

The end of year accounts and summary of accounts and authorisation of payments were accepted as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded**

by Councillor Woodall.

**17/24 APPROVAL OF FINANCE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Annual Return and completed Annual Governance Statement were received and approved as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Woodall.**

**17/25 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2016/2017**

The approval of Accounting Statement were received and approved as **proposed by Councillor Beresford and seconded by Councillor Woodall.**

**17/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Maintenance Meeting: 7 June 2017 at 7pm (Sports Club)

Parish Council Meeting: 5 July 2017 at 7:30 pm

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Julie Barnes  
Clerk

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