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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 7pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill

Present: Mrs C Dawson – Chairman, Mr R Birch, Mr G Birt, Mrs S Bollen, Mr S Ford, Miss S Gregory, Mrs H Molyneux, the Clerk and two members of the public

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Resolved to accept apologies from Mr Allan, Mr Bowshall, Mr G Blunt, Mr A Hossack and Mrs Kirkpatrick

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest (*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should one become apparent*)

Mrs Bollen, Mr Birch and Mr Ford in respect of Item 11 on the Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2014

Resolved to adopt

4. To Consider Matters Arising from Previous Parish Council Meeting above and not on the Agenda

None

5. To Consider Requests for Dispensations

None

6. To Allow Public Consultation

Mrs Plummer spoke on behalf of Action4OurCare. Her points included: following a question in the House Mr Jeremy Hunt confirmed that he had asked for a solution to found; the group had written to all surgeries in the area to request a meeting; they had found out that the United Hospitals Bristol NHS had cancelled operations and appointments due a dispute over money – these have been re-instated. Mrs Plummer asked for the opportunity to speak to the May meeting of Council – this was agreed

7. To Receive the Clerk's Report

All on the Agenda apart from the registration of the Recreation Ground and the fact that the Council had only been charged for disbursements as the District had taken so long

8. Policing in the Parish

Mr Ford reported that Buryzed was open one night a week and that the young people appeared not to be supervised resulting in them running around the area. Two windows had been broken at the Hall – Clerk to report this to Monmouthshire Windows. Mr Ford further reported an incident at the Sedbury Hall playing field where a child had been injured – two bolts had been removed by persons unknown from the one football goal mouth top bar resulting in it falling. The police have been informed and the bar has been removed (as has the opposite goal mouth bar in case it had received the same vandalism, it was found to be in perfect condition) temporarily pending further inquiries. Mr Ford also gave an account of his call to 101 which had resulted in him being put through to Welsh police and then being transferred – a formal letter of complaint to be sent to the Police Chief

9. To Receive the Financial Statement

Resolved to approve the payments monthly financial statement

10. To Approve Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolved that the final document will be prepared and presented to the next meeting for final approval

11. To Approve the Damp Proofing and Electrical Work at Sedbury Hall

The three members named in Item 3 left the room for the discussion and voting. This was a matter of finally agreeing the expenditure on the damp proofing and the electrical work. The damp proofing was discussed and **Resolved** to approve. The lighting was then discussed and Mr Ford was asked to return to the room to ask him questions about the choice – he left the room for the voting. **Resolved** to approve the work using the 5ft double energy saving fittings

12. To Approve the Replacement of the Fort at Tidenham Recreation Ground (the final choice of equipment to be decided by Amenities Committee) In the absence of any Recreation Trust being present there were no Declarations of Interest. It was **Resolved** that a replacement should be sought and to proceed provided that the new equipment was below the figure agreed previously at £17,000 including VAT

13. Correspondence Received to Date:

- An email was sent to all detailing a car which was thought to be involved in burglary in the parish – noted

14. To Receive Committee Drafts and other Reports:

- Planning, Development Control & Highways Committee

15. To Receive Councillor's Reports on Local Matters and Matters for the next Agenda

- Mr Birch reported that he been approached by a parishioner about the level of weeds in the pathway between Bigstone Grove and Gloucester Road – he had recommended that she write to Cllr Patrick Molyneux
- Mrs Bollen reported that PC Assirati told the attendees at the Annual Parish Meeting that drugs had been found within the Parish

16. To Note the Following Dates: 23rd April Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee and 21st May 2014 full Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.59pm

