

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

7TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors C. J. Spencer (Chairman), H. J. Jones (Vice-Chairman), C. Allen-Jones, S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, M. T. Buxton, S. R. Colella, B. T. Cooper, G. N. Denaro, R. L. Dent, M. Glass, J. M. L. A. Griffiths, R. E. Jenkins, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, L. C. R. Mallett, K.J. May, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, M. A. Sherrey, R. D. Smith, C. B. Taylor, P.L. Thomas, M. Thompson, L. J. Turner, S. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker

56\15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. J. Deeming, C. A. Hotham, C. M. McDonald and P. M. McDonald.

57\15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

Item 4 – Community Governance review for proposed Boundary Changes to Hagley and Clent Parish Council Areas

Councillor M. A. Sherrey declared an other disclosable interest as a Member of Clent Parish Council.

Councillor C. A. Allen-Jones declared an other disclosable interest as a District Councillor for the Belbroughton and Romsley Ward.

Councillor S. R. Colella declared an other disclosable interest as Chairman of Hagley Parish Council and the District Councillor for the Hagley West Ward.

Councillor R. E. Jenkins declared an other disclosable interest as a Member of Hagley Parish Council and the District Councillor for the Hagley East Ward.

Item 6 Disposal of Council owned Assets at Hanover Street Car Park/ George House

Councillor M. T. Buxton declared an other disclosable interest as the District Councillor for the Sanders Park Ward.

58\15 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015**

Garden Waste Collection Charge 2016/17

The recommendation from Cabinet was proposed by Councillor P. J. Whittaker and seconded by Councillor R. D. Smith.

In proposing the recommendation Councillor Whittaker referred to the success of the Garden Waste collection service in terms of improved efficiency of the service and its popularity with residents as indicated by the increased take up for the service.

Councillor Whittaker stated that the proposed increase in the Annual Fee from £38 to £40 meant that this Council's charges would still be in line with charges made by other Authorities in Worcestershire, whilst an increase in usage of Direct Debit as a method of payment would bring additional efficiencies.

Whilst recognising the service was valued by residents, some Members raised concerns regarding the balance of the environmental costs of the garden waste service as opposed to the benefits.

RESOLVED that the charge for the garden waste service be increased to £40 with effect from 1st February 2016.

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RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ELECTORAL MATTERS COMMITTEE

Community Governance Review for Proposed Boundary Changes to Clent and Hagley Parish Council Areas

(Councillors S. R. Colella, M. A. Sherrey and R.E. Jenkins left the room during the consideration of this item.)

The recommendations from the Electoral Matters Committee were proposed by Councillor G. N. Denaro and seconded by Councillor J. M. L. A. Griffiths.

In proposing the recommendations Councillor Denaro referred to the additional plan which had been circulated which illustrated the effect of the proposal. Councillor Denaro reminded Members that this was the proposal contained within the original petition.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 18.3, the following details of the voting were recorded:

For the recommendations: Councillors C. Allen-Jones, S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, M. T. Buxton, B. T. Cooper, G. N. Denaro, R. L. Dent, M. Glass, J. M. L. A. Griffiths, H. J. Jones, R. L. Laight, P. Lammas, L. C. R. Mallett, K. J. May, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, R. D. Smith, C. B. Taylor, P. L. Thomas, M. Thompson, L. J. Turner, S. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (23)

Against the recommendations: (0)

It was therefore

RESOLVED:

- (a) that following the consideration of the Final Recommendation contained in Appendix 1 to the report and in the light of statutory criteria, an Order for the Reorganisation of Community Governance in Hagley and Clent under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, be made by the Council; and
- (b) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services to finalise the Order and the consequential arrangements to be agreed between the Parish Councils, and to seek a related alteration to the District Ward boundaries from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

60\15 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

That under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business the subject of the following minute on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, the relevant part being as set out below and that it is in the public interest to do so.

<u>Minute No</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
61/15	3

61\15 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2015**

Disposal of Council Owned Assets at Hanover Street Car Park and George House

The Council discussed recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 7th October 2015 relating to receipts from the proposed disposal of Council assets and agreed the consequential revisions to the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

The meeting closed at 6.50 p.m.

Chairman