

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom in accordance to Covid-19 2020 regulations on Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 7.00pm. following Planning

Present: Parish Councillors: B Holland (Chairman), M Adams, Mrs S Adams, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs K Ewart, T Jeavons, S Jenkinson, N Loftus, Mrs A Morrison, & P Wright; **Parish & District Councillor:** Mrs M Barrow & J Michell
Parish & County Councillor: B Spencer

Three members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked about information from Public Health England, could more information be given on this when putting on the Parish Council website regarding Covid-19. The resident also suggested perhaps it would be a good idea to have a "Good Citizen Award" for the people of Codsall who volunteer their time to helping out in the village.

An allotment holder of Watery lane raised concerns over the prolonged closure of the allotment site and the way this was communicated to the whole community. Allotment holders could not retrieve their tools, water was not turned back on until 26th May. Allotments should be a key industry, instead heavy-handed approach, damage to health and welfare, the closure was unwarranted.

Chairman Cllr Holland said the Parish Council took the advice from the Cabinet Office and opened the allotments when it became practical to do so. The Treasurer of Codsall PCC spoke with regards to their recent grant application of £6,000.00. The Treasurer advised the meeting that for the past 11 years, this amount has not increased. The money is vital and goes towards the cost of mowing, tree works and general upkeep. Codsall PCC have a statutory right to hand the upkeep of the Church yard out to the Parish Council if wished to do so. New paths need to be laid at the new extension graveyard. Further expansion of the graveyard means there will be more to maintain, more costs, this will cause the charity cashflow issues.

4. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 be approved and signed as a true record.

5. POLICE REPORT

5.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for Locality 4

Cllr Spencer said there is to be a new Chief Inspector within the next few weeks and also a PCSO.

Unmarked Police cars are driving around Codsall.

There is to be a County Lines meeting in the next few weeks.

PCSO Louise Jones is back in the area. Louise is to take on the Co-ordinator role for the Oaken Neighbourhood Watch Group.

A recent incident in Bilbrook resulted in a co-ordinated response to resolve the issue, it is good to see in times of need that a co-ordinated response effort works.

Cllr Barrow said four parked cars at Codsall Village Hall were playing loud music and drinking during the early evening.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

6.1 Annual General Meeting 2020 – in accordance to Covid-19 2020 regulations for the Parish Council's consideration was given by members for the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 8th July meeting or postpone until May 12th 2021

Resolved the Parish Council unanimously approved that the 2020 AGM will take place on 8th July 2020.

6.2 Grant Request - Codsall PCC Grant request Codsall PCC Graveyard – a grant request application for £6,000.00 towards costs of the upkeep and maintenance of St Nicholas Graveyard was considered.

Resolved approval of awarding a grant of £6,000.00 to be paid in two half yearly instalments.

6.3 Tarmac bicycle track – a resident's email suggesting a bicycle track for children to use on one of the open spaces in Codsall was considered. A discussion took place and a number of Councillors felt this is not the right time to be thinking about a cycle track when there are other priorities at the moment and as plans to replace and add new equipment to the play park at Codsall Village Hall are currently underway.

Some Councillors felt money would be better invested in improving cycling from A to B, with more cycle and pedestrian lanes, to get people cycling generally, better for the health and wellbeing for all age groups, funds are being made available from County Initiatives to help safer cycling. Councillors felt that children have the opportunity to ride their bikes in a safe environment on the pathway around the Wheelfield.

Resolved Councillors decided not to support a tarmac cycle track in the Parish of Codsall

6.4 SLCC – Annual membership renewal – renewal of Annual membership at a cost of £202.00 (£210.00 last year) was considered.

Resolved approval for the renewal of the Annual Membership at a cost of £202.00.

- 6.5 Open Spaces – Codsall Village Hall Playground** – *[update to planning meeting 22nd January 2020, item 7.1 and main meeting 11th March 2020, item 6.5.2]*
 councillors were advised that the first stage application to Veolia for a grant for the new proposed play area at Codsall Village Hall has been submitted and notification was received today that the application had got through to the second stage, the closing date for second stage submissions is the 9th July 2020, decisions will be made on 9th September.
Matter of report.

7. ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 Resolved** that a report on Council Finances for year to 31st May 2020 be approved.
- 7.2 Resolved** that the schedule of payments to 10th June 2020 be approved.
- 7.3** Confirmation by the Chairman of the authorisation of the Clerks time sheet.
Matter of report.

8. ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

- 8.1 Resolved** that the Income & Expenditure Account for year-end 31st March 2020 and year end accounts be approved.
- 8.2** The Annual Return for year-end 31st March 2020 be approved was **received and approved.**
- 8.3 Resolved** that the Annual Governance statement be **approved**, and **authorisation** given for the Chairman of the Meeting and the Responsible Financial Officer to immediately sign the document.
- 8.4 Resolved** that the accounting statements be **approved**, and **authorisation** given for the Chairman of the Meeting to immediately sign the document.

9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from County Councillor Bob Spencer.

- Covid-19, there is a pressure to spend money, the £500 grant given to the Bilbrook Initiative Hub, also covers Codsall the group supply Wellbeing Kits to the over 70's; isolated and vulnerable people in the community.
- South Staffordshire Council are offering a start-up grant of £500 to encourage more groups to set up in Codsall.
- More potholes in the area have now been done.
- Fly tipping is on the increase; rubbish tipped in Strawmore Lane and Whitehouse was removed the following day after being reported. If you have any concerns let Cllr Spencer know and he can report the issues and chase up if needed.
- Codsall has seen an increase in rat infestation, the problem appears to be from the culvert from the railway line and the Bentlands, let Cllr Spencer know of any problems. Pest Control has now been outsourced by Staffordshire District Council.
- Speed is a main concern within the village. Also issues whilst Wood Road was closed, vehicles were using Moatbrook Lane which is not designed to take large vehicles, people chose not to use the diversion route. An incident of speeding along Wolverhampton Road, a car crashed into a wall at Dam Mill. The person involved was offered a

speed awareness course. The proposed yellow lines for the Chillington estate, people have until 23rd July for any objection.

- Recent works carried out at the junction of Codsall railway station has been completed. The cobbles that have been set in place are reflective, not what was proposed, they have since been replaced. Stage two of the works to put a path to carpark/Oaken Field have been put on hold, Cllr Spencer said he is confident this will still go ahead. Cllr Holland said the area where the workman's porta cabin was has been left in a mess.

10. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CVHMC)

None

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillors advised the meeting.

- There are no committee meetings at the moment and no discretionary powers so not able to give an update with the bids for the extension to the Council building.
- People are starting to move back again in the Council offices.

12. Councillors and Clerks Report

The Clerk advised the meeting that the workmen are slowly catching up on their work schedule following the disruption of lockdown.

13. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Cllr Wright said there are blocked drains on Wood Road and Moatbrook Lane.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th July 2020

[Meeting closed 8.38pm]