

# CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom in accordance to Covid-19 2020 regulations on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.00pm following Planning

**Present: Parish Councillors** Mrs V Chapman (Chairman), Mrs S Adams, M Adams, K Ewart, T Jeavons, S Jenkinson, N Loftus, P Wright; **Parish & District Councillors** Mrs M Barrow and J Michel

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Holland and Spencer.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman of Codsall Cricket Club said the club had been running for 125 years. There are currently 35 adult and 70 child members, members are up by 60 percent on last year, 22 of the new members are girls. The club run an All Stars programme, with 24 spaces available and 24 Dinamos. The club have teams for adult, girls and adults and older children.

In 2019 the club were awarded the Club Mark, this shows the club is a safe and rewarding place for children and adults to play and be part of a club.

The Chairman of the Cricket Club went on to invite Parish Council members to go to the club on a Friday evening and take a look at what they do.

The Chairman went on to say they received a grant from ECB to repair the patio area. Also due to ongoing costs including grass cutting the club are looking for additional funding and asked if the Parish Council could advise on this.

As the club has many teams they also need facilities including a permanent solid training structure.

Cllr Chapman suggested that the club could request a grant form from the Parish Council by contacting the Clerk. If the club wish to put a more permanent structure at the village hall they would need to provide a written report first to Codsall Village Hall.

Cllr Jenkinson said this is what we are looking for, the Parish Council should support this. He said both Cllr Loftus and himself have been involved in sport for many years. The club would probably require planning permission for a permanent net structure. This is a way forward to getting the kids off the streets.

Cllr Loftus said he is really pleased with the cricket club, he asked if the club use indoor facilities, how many volunteers do they have.

The Chairman said they sometimes require indoor training and have used the facilities at the Grammar school. They have around 30 to 40 volunteers.

Cllr Chapman advised the club Chairman that the District Councillors have an annual amount of money for good causes if he wanted to get in touch with them.

### 4. MINUTES

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved and signed as a true record.

*In accordance with Standing Orders the Chairman brought forward agenda item 6.10*

**6.10 Open Spaces – Wheel Field** – a request from Cllr Jenkinson for consideration for signage on the Wheel Field.

Cllr Jenkinson said signage is need on all Parish Council open spaces not just the Wheel Field. Lots of people are using these opens spaces, some people seem to think Oaken Field is owned by a farmer who allows people to use it. The Parish Council need to make people aware of who owns these open spaces. Cllr Jenkinson went on to suggest the wording for the signs:

*Welcome to the Wheel Field*

*The land is owned and maintained by Codsall Parish Council*

*Please enjoy and respect our open spaces*

*Parish Office number 01902 842426*

Cllr Barrow said the parish Council does need to blow its own trumpet.

A vote was taken and Councillors were unanimous for signage to be put on all Parish Council open spaces.

**Resolved** to be put on the next Open Spaces agenda

**5. POLICE REPORT**

**5.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for Locality 4**

Cllr Chapman wanted to express her disappointment in not receiving a monthly report from the Police.

**6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS**

**6.1 Codsall Cricket Club** - an email dated 9<sup>t</sup> March 2021 was considered.

Cllr Chapman suggested that the club could request a grant form from the Parish Council by contacting the Clerk and also advised that the District Councillors have an annual amount of money for good causes and that he could also get in touch with them.

**6.2 Grant Request - Codsall PCC Grant request Codsall PCC Graveyard** – to a grant request application for £6,000.00 towards costs of the upkeep and maintenance of St Nicholas Graveyard. If awarded, the grant to be paid over in two instalments was considered. Cllr Jenkinson said the grant request was a very thorough prepared document and important to support it 100 percent.

Cllr Chapman said they are a credit and look after the graveyard very well, Roger Marsh does an outstanding job.

Cllr Barrow said it is also hedges and gates that require a lot of maintenance and money. A vote was taken and the Councillors were unanimous in support the request. **Resolved** approval of awarding a grant of £6,000.00 to be paid in two half yearly instalments.

**6.3 SLCC – Annual membership renewal** – renewal of annual membership at a cost of £234.00 (£225.00) was considered. Cllr Chapman said she would require more information of the benefits of membership before a decision would be made and to be brought back to the next meeting if the deadline for renewal is not due before then.

**6.4 Staffordshire Parish Councils’ Association – Annual Membership Renewal** – renewal of annual membership at a cost of £717.00 (£704.00) was considered. **Resolved** the renewal of membership of £717.00.

- 6.5 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Dog Fouling** – an email from SSDC dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 was considered. Cllr Jeavons said this is a problem.  
Cllr Chapman said if there is to be a fixed penalty fine of £100 you really need the evidence, how is this going to be policed.  
Cllr Michell said what is needed is a camera on the Wheel Field, to also stop people damaging or removing signs, catch them at it.  
Cllr Chapman thought this was a good idea.
- 6.6 South Staffordshire Council Standards and Resources Committee** – an email from SSDC dated 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and to give consideration for a nominee from Codsall Parish Council was considered. Deadline 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021. **Resolved** Cllr Chapman would like to have her name put forward.
- 6.7 Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service online workshop - Meet your Community Safety Officer** - an email invitation to attend an online workshop to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am. Councillors wishing to attend the online workshop to advise the Parish Office ASAP. Please note places are limited. **Matter of report.**
- 6.8 Codsall House Field – Commemorative Bench/Tree** – an email asking consideration to an offer for a paid commemorative bench/tree on Codsall House Field was considered. Cllr Barrow suggested to write to the person saying we are going to revamp the area and that we hang on and get back to her once we have decided what we need.  
Cllr Michell said we should accept her offer and decide later where the bench should go.  
**Resolved** acceptance of offer for a bench on Codsall House Field.
- 6.9 Tree Planting** - an email dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 was considered. **Resolved** to be added to the Open Spaces Committee agenda.
- 6.10 Open Spaces – Wheel Field** – a request from Cllr Jenkinson for consideration for signage on the Wheel Field  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDERS THIS ITEM WAS MOVED AND DISCUSSED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 4.**
- 6.11 Rural/Market Town Group** – an email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 was considered. Cllr Chapman could not see the point of joining another group. Cllr Sue Adams agreed, it has no relevance to Codsall.  
**Resolved** Codsall Parish Council do not wish to join membership.
- 6.12 Climate Change - South Staffordshire Council Climate Change Forum** – notes from forum meeting Fownhope Parish Council’s Climate Policy were **received and noted**. Cllr Chapman feels this is just a tick box exercise, we do not need to know what other Parish Councils are doing. Cllr Wright said these people are well meaning, a bit ambitious, telling people what we should be doing, do not agree with all its claims. Cllr Ewart said the Council will say you you would need lots of electrical charge points, but if the amount of electricity required is not there this will not be possible, the right infrastructure is needed. Cllr Sue Adams said at a meeting the cost of a charging point would be £100,000.00.
- 6.13 Request for narrowing of Junction at Moatbrook Land and Wood Road** – deferred from the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.  
Cllr Chapman along with Cllrs P Wright, S Adams and M Adams met to look at the junction. It is wide enough with good visibility, just the white markings on the road may need re-painting. They spoke with a few

residents of the area who said there has been no problems. Highways have said there is no problem with this junction and will not pay for any alterations as a result. If the Parish Council would request any changes it would have to be paid for by the Parish Council.

**Resolved** no further action to be taken.

## 7. ACCOUNTS

**7.1 To receive** a report on Council Finances for year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**7.2 To receive** the schedule of payments to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Item 7.1 and 7.2, no documents available. Cllr Chapman said if documents are not going to be available the Councillors need to know.

**7.3** Confirmation by the Chairman of the authorisation of the Clerks time sheet.

**Matter of report**

## 8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of County Councillor Bob Spencer this evening there was no report this evening.

## 9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CVHMC)

The minutes of C.V.H.M.C. meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were **received and noted.**

Cllr Barrow advised the meeting that she is the new Chairman and Cllr Chapman is Vice Chairman of Codsall Village Hall Management Committee

## 10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from District Councillors:

Cllr Barrow said we are now in Purdah due to the elections of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The council are looking at boundaries and the number of District Councillors.

Cllr Spencer is going forward as County Council.

Cllr Michell said the District Council were successful in overturning a recommendation by 100 percent regarding a Carers case.

## 11. Councillors and Clerks Written Report

**To receive** written report.

Cllr Chapman said the Councillors need to know if a report is not going to be made available.

## 12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

**12.1 Codsall Station – Phase 2 – Update** – to receive email dated 23<sup>rd</sup>

March 2021 advising that the footpath works for phase 2 should start mid-April.

The Clerk advised Councillors work would start on 10<sup>th</sup> may as originally agreed.

## 13. Items for future - Each Councillor may use this opportunity to report on matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

Councillors should note that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

Cllr Chapman said she has sent email photos of the current items on the Wheel field to the Clerk.

Cllr Chapman said the following needs to be discussed at Parish Council level and on the next agenda:

- Suggest the replacement of the broken wheel to be English Oak, not something cobbled together.
- How much did the last wheel cost?
- Who dismantled it if the workmen are isolating due to Covid.

**14. HIGHWAY ISSUES –**

**14.1 Weekly Highway stats** - to receive weekly stats dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> March. **Received and noted.**

Cllr M Adams said he has reported potholes along Birches Road, also he saw a man from Highways and asked him about the potholes along Birches Road. Some of the potholes in the same area now have a paint mark around them, but not all of them, it seems they are being select in what gets repaired. Cllr Jeavons said he has recently reported a hole on the Chillington Estate.

**14.2 To raise any concerns with County Council Highways**

Cllr Chapman said there are concerns with potholes in the area, picking and choosing which ones get done.

**NEXT MEETING**

**A.G.M Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

[Meeting closed 8.22pm]