

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Meeting held in the Parish Chambers,
Station Road, Codsall

on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.00pm. following Planning

Two members of the public were present

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs K Ewart (Chairman), M Adams, Mrs S Adams, Mrs V Chapman, R Hillback, B Holland, T Jeavons, S Jenkinson, C Macey & P Wright;

Parish & District Councillor: Mrs M Barrow

Parish & County Councillor: B Spencer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Loftus & Michell.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Declarations of interest received from Cllrs Chapman (applicant), Ewart & Barrow – 6.6.1 – committee members. Cllrs Chapman and Cllr Barrow 6.6.2 –committee members (applicant). Cllrs S Adams & Chapman – 6.6.3 – committee members.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th July 2021 be approved and signed as a true record.

5. POLICE REPORT

5.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for Locality 4

Police crime & ASB report – July 9th to September 4th 2021 was **received and noted.**

Cllr Spencer said during the holiday period crime has been quiet.

Need to contact Maggie Quinn of South Staffordshire Council to assist with anti-social behaviour figures.

Robbery taking place during daylight hours, and with a knife, it appears to be desperate, could be a link with county lines, this is not what we would expect in Codsall we need more details.

Cllr Jenkinson said residents need to report issues to the Police when they occur. If incidents are not reported it appears that crime rates are low in Codsall therefore police in the area are reduced. It is important to report every incident

Cllr Spencer said there is a lack of confidence and a lack of faith in the crime figures, known incidents do not appear in the crime figures.

All members have the opportunity to join the flooding, crime & disorder locality meeting being held on the 30th September. Cllr Spencer said in his opinion SSDC are dealing with crime the right way, Crime & Disorder should be a matter on its own at a separate meeting.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

- 6.1 Defibrillator – Codsall Village Centre** – to an update to Defibrillator at the Co-op was given by the Clerk. The resiting of the defibrillator located on the old Lloyds Bank building was considered.

It was suggested that the Village Hall Management Committee speak to the First Responders to see if it is possible to get funding from Sport England to site a defibrillator at the village hall. Cllr Holland said we need to invite Matt Jeavons from the First Responders to discuss where defibrillators are needed in the village.

6.2 Speeding within the Village

6.2.1 – Heathhouse Lane – residents letters regarding reports of speeding along Heathhouse Lane was considered.

Action plan and any budget requirement was also considered.

Cllr Spencer asked for the email to be forwarded to him. Cllr Spencer then went on to say that speed survey strips all came back showing no speeding, this is down to how the data is analysed.

However, each solution to speeding for an area is unique, Cllr Spencer said he would contact the resident and investigate more.

Cllr Holland said what the village needs is an approach for a traffic management programme, we cannot expect it to cope with the extra housing being built. We need to push hard for Staffordshire County Council (SCC) on this.

Cllr Spencer said he will take it away, it needs holistic approach, he would speak with SCC.

6.2.2 - Codsall Speed Awareness Working Group – an action plan and any budget requirements were considered.

Cllr Spencer suggested a meeting be set up with himself and Councillors to form a more coherent response.

Resolved that the Clerk arranges a date for a meeting

6.3 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022 – *[update to main meeting 14/7/21 6.9 and planning meeting 28/7/21 7.2]* -

6.3.1 Suggestions to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 was considered.

Resolved to form a working party/Open Spaces Committee.

6.3.2 Installation of electricity feeder pillar on the field, including sockets, WPD connection to power. The supply would be a 415v three phase supply at an approximate cost of £6,200.00 plus costs of any wayleave agreement and electricity meter was considered. **Resolved** acceptance for the works to be undertaken; the Clerk to arrange.

6.4 Watery Leisure Gardens – proposed amendments to the

Management of Watery Lane Leisure Gardens – *[update to main meeting 14/7/21 6.3.3 and Parish Council & Allotment Working Party meeting 21/7/21]*

The Minutes of the Allotment Working Party

Meeting dated 21/07/21 were considered and approval for:

1. All prospective new tenants must be shown round the site, if possible, with a Council Member and an Association Member. **Resolved acceptance** to the above proposal.

2. The Council to appoint nominated person or persons to carry out at least 3 plot inspections a year, to be carried out preferably in conjunction with Allotment Members, to assess the level of cultivation of each plot, and to determine whether a tenant should receive a cultivation letter. The Council assessment to take primacy.

Resolved acceptance to the above proposal.

6.5 Parish Council's Newsletter – August 2021 edition

- 6.5.1 Distribution** – consideration was given as to how the Parish Council would distribute the remaining August editions and how future newsletters would be distributed.

Resolved councillors would distribute the remaining August newsletters but the Parish Council would pay for future newsletters to be distributed.

- 6.5.2 Resident emails** – two resident emails dated 21/08/21 and 3/9/21 were **received and noted.**

- 6.5.3 Article re Codsall House Field Improvements** - 1 resident's letter dated 01/09/21 and 1 residents email dated 19/08/21 were **received and noted.**

6.6 Grant Applications –

- 6.6.1 Codsall Christmas Fair Group** – a grant request for £350.00 dated 21st August 2021 was considered.

Resolved approval for awarding a grant of £350.00.

- 6.6.2 Codsall Village Hall** – a grant application for £5,200.00 was considered.

Resolved approval for awarding a grant of £5,200.00 to be paid in two instalments.

- 6.6.3 We'll Meet Again Club** - a grant application for £1,200 dated 14th August 2021 was considered.

Resolved approval for awarding a grant of £1,200.00.

- 6.7 Carols Around the Tree/Christmas Fair - Christmas Tree** - acceptance of quotation of £450.00 + VAT (£450.00 since 2018) for the supply, installation and removal of the Christmas tree was considered.

Resolved approval.

7. ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 Resolved** that a report on Council Finances for year to 31st July and 31st August 2021 be approved.

- 7.2 Resolved** that the schedule of payments up to 8th September 2021 be approved.

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

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from County Councillor Bob Spencer and monthly Highway statistics were received.

Cllr Bob Spencer advised the meeting that roadworks are taking place throughout the county.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CVHMC)

The minutes of C.V.H.M.C. meeting of the 17th May and 21st June 2021 were **received and noted.**

Cllr Chapman said the Village Hall are reviewing all their policies. On 11th December the Christmas Fayre takes place; Sunday 12th Meet Santa.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from District Councillors.

- Leader of the Council, Brian Edwards's funeral took place on 7th September.
- How many council staff will work on site? Staff will do a 3 day week in the office one week and a 2 day week the following week, the other days staff will work from home.
- Council building extension due to open January/February 2022.

11. Councillors and Clerks Report

The Clerks written report was **received and noted.**

12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. Items for future: More signage on our open spaces.

- Road safety
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Japanese Knot weed update

14. HIGHWAY ISSUES

County Council Highways

- More roads are being repaired than reported.
- Yellow lines on Bakers Way could reduce property prices.
- There are huge potholes in Oaken, the white markings to highlight them has now worn away.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th October 2021

[Meeting closed 8.50pm]