

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Meeting held in the Parish Chambers,

Station Road, Codsall

on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm. following Planning

Two members of the public present

PRESENT: Parish & County Councillor: B Spencer (Chairman);

Parish Councillors: N Caine, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs K Ewart, B Holland, T Jeavons, I Kenyon, N Loftus, Mrs C Millar, Mrs A Morrison, D Walls, and P Wright;

Parish & District Councillors: Mrs M Barrow

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Jenkinson and Michell.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 be approved and signed as a true record.

5. POLICE REPORT

5.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for Locality 4

Police report for Codsall 12th December 2018 to 5th January 2019.

The following Police Crime and ASB Report was **received and noted:**

One youth related Anti-Social Behaviour within the past week. Just a couple of incidents of vehicle crime. There was a 'car key break' where a house was broken into and a VW Golf stolen from driveway. There was an attempt car-jacking before Christmas at the Council offices, two youths attempted to drag a lady out of her vehicle, they were later caught by the Police. There has been a couple of incidents of purse/wallet thefts by people asking for directions and distracting the victim with a map. There was a suspicious van around Codsall & Bilbrook just before Christmas offering furniture for sale from Brindley Gardens. Not much anti-social behaviour recently, just youths on the roof of Jungle Boogie. Rural crime, still getting reports of poaching and hare coursers in rural parts of South Staffordshire, including Oaken Lane, Codsall Wood and Bishops Wood.

Land Rover Defenders are still being targeted, either the vehicles stolen or the panels; doors and bonnets are most popular to steal.

Cllr. Spencer reported that crime in the area is down. The visibility of seeing officers has dropped to a low level. Staffordshire Police have systems in place to show patterns of crime and control limits on observations. Upper and lower breaches, a full report must be done by the Chief Constable to explain the findings.

PCSO Louise Jones has received a new bike just before Christmas, funded from Cllr. Spencer's County Councillor fund.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

- 6.1 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign – Dam Mill** – ratification for the supply of 2-way temporary traffic light signals during the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign at a cost of £414.17. **Resolved** approval.
- 6.2 Textile Recycling Bank** – an email from Scope seeking Councillors ideas for a suitable location for Scope to put a recycle bank for textiles in Codsall was received and considered.
Resolved that the Clerk writes back to advise that no suitable location could be identified for an additional textile recycle bank in Codsall.
- 6.3 Illegally parked car** – a photo of an illegally parked car on Wilkes Road was received and considered.
Cllr Spencer advised the meeting that Staffordshire Police are not issuing parking tickets anymore but prefer to educate by issuing advisory notices.
Resolved that the Clerk:
- Writes to Staffordshire Police to formally ask what Staffordshire's Police policy is, in dealing with parking offences.
 - Writes to the M.P. Gavin Williamson to request that he lobbies the government for Parish Council's to be given additional powers to enable them to be able to effectively carry out the increased roles/services that Parish Councils may be asked to undertake.

[7.30 Cllr. Caine left the room]

7. ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 Resolved** that a report on Council Finances for year to 31st December 2018 be approved.
- 7.2 Resolved** that the schedule of payments to 9th January 2019 be approved.
- 7.3** The Chairman of the authorisation of the Clerks time sheet be approved.
Matter of report.

[7.31 Cllr. Caine returned]

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from County Councillor Bob Spencer:

- Finance remains one of the most important items in the Finance Budget. There is still one month to finalise the Budget. County Council are still awaiting settlement of adult social care from central Government.
- Cllr Spencer's County Councillor Fund, if anyone has not yet received the money to let him know.
- Grass cutting possibly only done twice yearly. This may be put back to eight times per year, this will depend on the budget.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CVHMC)

The minutes of C.V.H.M.C. meeting of the 19th November 2018 was **received and noted.**

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is now in place on the Codsall Village Hall Playing field. Cllr Barrow said that she wished to congratulate and thank all those people who have helped with this project and raised funds.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from District Councillors.

- Cllr. Chapman said there is not much to report as there has only been one meeting at SSDC in December due to the Christmas break. The Work Club now has more Trustees joining. As Universal Credit is being rolled out the Work Club are wanting to come to a future meeting of the Parish Council to talk to Councillors regarding the impact Universal Credit may have on some members of the community and what Parish Councils could do to assist in the transition. The Work Club are hopeful to be able to come to Parish Council meeting in the spring, formal information would be issued to Parish Councils shortly.
- Codsall and Bilbrook Work Club is performing well, the other Work Clubs in South Staffordshire are not so busy. Cllr. Chapman advised the meeting that she has been asked to go along to see how improvements can be made at the other work clubs in the district.
- Cllr Spencer advised that Codsall Parish Council will be invited to future Local Housing Plan Consultations.
- Cllr Barrow advised the meeting that the Wellbeing Director of Health, Mark Pointer has a ten-year plan on the money to be given to the Health Service by the government. South Staffordshire Council has put comments forward regarding Doctors surgeries and if they are fit for purpose and the average length of time to wait for an appointment to see a G.P.

11. Councillors and Clerks Written Report

The following verbal report was given by the Clerk:

A draft Budget has been compiled for the Finance Committee to review and consider together with the Clerks report. The Finance Committee met on 7th January 2019. The Finance Committee's recommendation and draft budget will be considered by the council at the next meeting (23rd January 2019).

12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 SSDC – Council News Round-up** – issue 97 and 99 were **received and noted.**
- 12.2 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association** – bulletins dated 6th, 13th, 20th 27th December 2018, and 3rd January 2019 were **received and noted.**
- 12.3 2019 Combined Local Elections** – Briefing Note – Issue Number 1 – November 2018 was **received and noted.**
- 12.4 Strong Foundations – Meeting Rural Housing Needs** – information on Sustainable Villages – Making Rural Communities Fit for the Future was **received and noted.**
- 12.5 Staffordshire County Council Updates** – December 2018 newsletter was **received and noted.**

13. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Councillor Spencer advised that Staffordshire County Council are considering allowing County Councillors a larger Budget to spend on Highways from April 2019. Councillor Spencer advised that it would be prudent to prioritise therefore if Parish Councillors would advise him of what improvements they feel are needed for our area.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th February 2019

[Meeting closed 8.55pm]