

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.00pm. following Planning

PRESENT: Parish & District Councillors Mrs M Barrow **Parish Councillors** N Caine, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs K Ewart, Mr B Holland, T Jeavons, Mr S Jenkinson, I Kenyon, Mrs C Millar, Mrs A Morrison, B Spencer & P Wright, **Parish & County Councillor** R Marshall

Three members of the public were present.

The meeting rendered sympathy for Mr David Bissell (deceased) and Mrs Jenkinson (deceased). Both have made contributions to the community.

Formal commencement of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs N Loftus & J Mitchell

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Declaration of interest: Cllr Ian Kenyon item 7.1 – non-pecuniary interest
There were no written requests received for dispensation.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public followed on from an issue that they had raised in November's meeting and advised the Council that they had received a response from the Monitoring Officer advising that the Chairman had erred in his Declaration of Interest.

4. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2016 be approved and signed as a true record.

5. POLICE REPORT

5.1 Crime and anti-social behaviour figures for Locality 4

28 days up to 04.01.17: Burglary Dwellings 7, Burglary other 1, Criminal damage (exc Arson) 2, Drug Offences 2, Less Serious Violent Crimes with Injury 3, Other Theft 7, Other Violence against the person 7, Public Order 1, Rape 1, Vehicle Interference 1, ASB

In the 12-month period crime figures in the area has gone up, but ASB figures have gone down.

Councillor Spencer advised the meeting that the number of burglaries has gone up during the Christmas period, although there was an increase in P.C.S.O's being deployed. Police are monitoring for trends. Whilst figures are up, Codsall has the lowest rate of increase.

PCSO Redfern advised the meeting that the police had distributed leaflets to streets near burglaries offering more advice to secure premises.

Councillors raised concerns over a shooting incident of a dog by a land owner near Wood Road. The PCSO advised the meeting that the land owner has sheep grazing in their field and the dog had been let off the lead and was worrying the sheep. The shooting was lawful. The dog was injured but not killed.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Chairman Cllr Brian Holland advised the meeting that he had attended the presentation of A Level certificates.

7. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

[Cllr Ian Kenyon took no part in the discussion and decision for item 7.1].

7.1 Debt Benefit & Consumer Advice –an email dated 20th December 2016 from Staffordshire County Council regarding whether Parish Councils and other partners would contribute towards the cost of Debt Benefit & Consumer Advice Services from April 2017 was received and considered.

Following discussion members resolved that the Parish Council's current awarded grant of £400.00 would stand.

7.2 Street Naming – Watery Lane Development – [update to Agenda item 7.7 - 23rd November 2016].

The Clerk's letter dated 9th December 2016; email dated 22nd December from South Staffordshire Planning & Strategic Services listing names that have been approved by the Royal Mail; email dated 4th January 2017 from South Staffordshire Council advising of the eight approved names by the Developer and Royal Mail were received and noted.

Councillors were delighted that some of the proposed names put forward by the Parish Council had been accepted.

8. ACCOUNTS

8.1 Resolved that a report on Council Finances for year to 31st December 2016 be approved.

8.2 Resolved that the schedule of payments to 11th January 2017 be approved.

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

9. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The following verbal report from County Councillor Robert Marshall was given:

- Public Parking Restriction meeting on Wednesday 18th January at District Council at 6.30pm to discuss a potential restrictions scheme for Chapel Lane and Broadway residents.
- Watery Lane development – lorries are causing a problem in Bilbrook.

- Strategy meeting on Monday 16th January will discuss Child Sexual Exploitation update (Staffordshire & National) and Children's Social Care (Children & Families Transformation Programme).
- Good employment figures in Staffordshire as compared to West Midlands and National (especially manufacturing).
- Due to good weather, less potholes occurring.

10. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CVHMC)

The meeting was advised that the C.V.H.M.C. had reassured the Clerk that all outstanding copy minutes would be received by the meeting of 8th February and apologised for the delay in being sent.

11. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The following verbal report from District Councillors was given:

- Cllr Megan Barrow raised the issue of Breast Screening Unit been situated at Wombourne, concerns raised that the relocation of the breast screening unit and reduction in Bilbrook Medical Centre & Tettenhall. Asked why this was. Encourage the doctors to advertise this clearly and put it in the Goodlife. Cost and take up and some say could not go, can go somewhere else. You can request a more suitable location. Encourage more people to take up screening, Village Transport can take them.
- Scrutiny Challenge panel met for the last time on Monday 9th January 2016.
- Gas and electric bills and full review of S106 agreements. Real concerns of the infrastructure.

[7.43 Cllr Chapman left the meeting]

12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association –bulletins dated 22 & 29th December 2016 were received and noted.

13. HIGHWAY ISSUES

To raise any concerns with County Council Highways

- Cllr N Caine raised a query as to why there cannot be a white line in the middle of Heath House Lane when Suckling Green Lane has lines and surely a precedent has been sent.
- Reported pothole at 57/59 Suckling Green Lane
- Reported drains and pothole near lights on Wolverhampton Road.

NEXT MEETING

8th February 2017

[7.50pm meeting closed]

BANK RECONCILIATION as at 31st December 2016

	Balances
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	10753.45
Lloyds Bank - Instant Savings a/c	179865.63
Lloyds Bank - Fixed Term Deposit a/c	0.00
Petty Cash	<u>99.75</u>
	190718.83
Less Unpresented Cheques	
6695	24.75
6777	401.71
6773	100.00
6771	70.00
	<u>596.46</u>
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	<u>Total</u>
	<u>190122.37</u>
Brought forward start of year	130793.57
Receipts for year	158157.76
Less payments for year	<u>98828.96</u>
	<u>190122.37</u>

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL ON 11th January 2017			
<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Value</u>
DD	Intuit	Computer Programme	63.60
DD	Talk Talk (Opal)	Internet	22.31
DD	B.T.	Telephone & Fax	101.31
DD	Total Gas & Power	Electricity	118.54
DD	Total Gas & Power	Gas	214.43
DD	Midshire	Photocopies	81.74
6779	Weston Sawmill & Nursery	Christmas tree	510.00
6780	ESPO	Stationery	78.86
6781	AV Design Systems Ltd	Christmas Carols - Sound	190.00
6782	Staffordshire County Council	Professional fees - recruitment (medical)	36.00
6783	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Utilities - Water	88.94
6784	South Staffordshire District Council	Land Maintenance 2nd Quarter	4139.37
6785	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Com	35.00
6786	South Staffs Work Club	S137. Local Authority Order	400.00
6787	Codsall & Bilbrook Twinning Assoc.	S137. Local Authority Order	336.00
6788	South Staffs Citizens Advice Bureau	S137. Local Authority Order	400.00
BACS	Wages & Salaries	Wages & Salaries	3490.37
6789	Inland Revenue	Tax & N.I.	1027.83
6790	Staffordshire County Council	Superannuation	651.35
		Total	11985.65