

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Meeting held in the Parish Chambers,
Station Road, Codsall
on Wednesday 10th November 2010 at 7.30pm. following Planning

PRESENT

Parish Councillors Cllr Matt Ewart (Chairman), Mrs M Barrow, Mrs E Forster, B Holland, G Owen, L Stovin, D Walls, **Parish & District Councillors** Mrs P Campbell **Parish & County Councillor** R Marshall

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absences were from Cllrs Millar, Oatley, Etheridge, Chapman.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

Mr Stephen Skinner reported on the Keep Codsall Clean Weekend and Annual Footpath Walk.

A reasonable turn out by residents on Saturday producing 9 bags of litter from outlying rural footpaths.

The response on Sunday was not so good and there remains several footpaths still to be walked.

The Parish Council Clerk and his assistant were thanked by Mr Skinner for the organisation of the weekend.

The Chairman of the meeting Cllr Matt Ewart in turn thanked Mr Skinner for his involvement and organisation in dispatching residents to the respective footpaths.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2010 were received. Approval proposed by Cllr Stovin, seconded by Cllr Campbell unanimously approved and immediately signed by the Chairman.

Any other business resulting from these minutes.

Cllr Holland advised the meeting that he will place a proposal before the Parish Council regarding parking in Chapel Lane.

5. POLICE REPORT

Members expressed disappointment at No Report or Attendance this evening.

A report on policing was received after the meeting.

Statistics 14/10 to 9/11

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| Burglary dwelling | 1 |
| Burglary other | 1 |
| Theft of motor vehicle | 1 |
| Theft from motor vehicle | 0 |
| Criminal damage | 2 |
| Anti Social Behaviour | 4 |

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

a. South Staffordshire Council

i. **Census** – 27th March 2011 – Advance Notice. **Received and noted.**

ii. **Draft Equestrian Related Development Policy Advice Note**

Consultation until 29th November 2010

On line consultation via

<http://sstaffs-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

Received and noted.

Councillor Holland commented that this document needs careful consideration in view of concerns raised by the Parish Council in recent years, and in particular Vehicle usage in small lanes within the Green Belt.

Councillor Walls commented on the cumulative effect of equestrian developments, as outlined by the Parish Council in its many recent objections.

Members agreed to bring this back to the next planning meeting on the 24th November for a fuller discussion and recommend amendments to the document as appropriate.

iii. **South Staffordshire Locality Data Profile – Locality 4**

Document can be viewed on line via direct link:

<http://lsp.sstaffs.gov.uk/pdf/locality%204NEW.pdf>

Received and noted

7. ACCOUNTS

- a. **A report** on Council Finances for year to 31st October 2010 was received, Approval proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Stovin and unanimously approved by the meeting.
- b. **To receive** and approve schedule of payments to 10th November 2010. **Approval** proposed by Cllr Stovin, seconded by Cllr Campbell and unanimously approved by the meeting, following explanation of items by the Clerk.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A written report from County Councillor Robert Marshall was received.

The main items of interest are on Concessionary fares. From the first of April 2011 the responsibility for administering this scheme will fall to the County Council. The open secret is that the Coalition Government will assume that there are economies of scale and therefore the County will be given 85% of the total that the Districts were given. This will amount to a shortfall of £1.4million.

All eight Districts are being offered the chance to 'enhance' the service as the five of the eight currently do. A few negotiations will be necessary before the final offer is made.

A Public meeting will be held on Friday 19th of November in Whittingham on the proposed High Speed Rail Link between London and Birmingham.

Staffordshire is one of the first Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to be approved by the Coalition Government. This is good news and it is a necessary step to being able to bid for any regeneration money. One of the first things they will be looking at is the Motorway entrance to the i54 site between junctions 2 and 3.

All applications for Community Fund (LMIS) must be in before the 30th November.

Questions were asked about funding for the proposed access road from the M54 Motorway to the i54 Development Site. This site is owned by Advantage West Midlands, with this body to be disbanded in the New Year. Cllr Marshall believed the funding for this access road is still available, but he will seek clarification in view of government expenditure cuts.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of V.H.M.C. meeting of the 3rd September 2010 and attaching reports were received and noted.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A written report from District Councillor Robert Marshall was received.

The Planning Application for Bramber at Histons Hill will be 'called in' as a number of neighbours have requested it go to the committee.

The four leisure centres are performing well despite the economic climate, 87% on target, Codsall Leisure Centre 96%.

There are two subjects in South Staffordshire that will be looked at by the County Council – Home to School Transport and the two/three tier schooling system.

Cllr Pat Campbell advised that:

- the District Council Planning Authority had approved the application for development on i54 as proposed by Moog, the large American Aircraft Component Manufacturer.
- The District Council budget is being carefully reviewed in order to achieve the 28% reduction required over 4 years as stipulated by the government. It is hoped to achieve staff reductions by natural wastage and retirement, not by redundancy.
- It is believed the District Council will write to Parish Councils to seek their co-operation in not increasing Precepts unless vitally necessary, although there are no Government restrictions on Parish Councils.
- Pendrell Hall is expected to be placed on the 'listed Building Register' with the Conservation Officers actively pursuing this at present.

Cllr Holland asked District Councillors if they could seek information relating to the Budget on - 'Cost of Staffing Budget as a % of Budget Total' and Office Running Costs as a % of Budget Total.

11. HIGHWAYS ISSUES?

To raise any matters of concern.

Cllr Marshall was asked to support repairs/improvements to:

- Station Road
- Stafford Lane, also H.G.V. signage restrictions on this road.
- New Road Layout on Birches Bridge, several minor bumps since alteration, additional signage maybe required.
- Walton Gardens Footpath Improvement – what progress?

Cllr Marshall agreed to follow through on those requests.

12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

South Staffordshire Community & Voluntary Action

Invitation to Catalyst Launch Event 8th December at Jubilee Hall, Brewood, 10a.m to 4p.m. **Received and noted.**

NEXT MEETING

8th December 2010