

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Meeting held in the Parish Chambers,

Station Road, Codsall

on Wednesday 13th June 2012 at 7.00pm. following Planning

PRESENT

District & Parish Councillors, J Michell (Chair), Mrs P Campbell, M Ewart, **Parish Councillors**, Mrs S Almond, Mrs M Barrow, B Holland, S Jenkinson, P Kenyon and **County Councillor** R Marshall

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs Mrs E Forster & R Etheridge (absent due to attending Planning Training on behalf of Codsall Parish Council). Councillors Chapman, Millar and Stovin

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

[redacted] a local resident addressed the Council regarding the publication of the Annual Parish Minutes. The Chairman advised [redacted] that the Annual Parish Council minutes would be published as normal and information on the Parish Council Website regarding the Clerk would be updated once an appointment had been made.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th May 2012

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2012 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

5. POLICE REPORT

a. **There was no** Police report this evening

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

[7.25 pm Cllr P Kenyon arrived]

i. **Written** considerations of Co-option for the vacancy of Parish Councillor were received. **Resolved** that Members provide interview questions to the Clerk to be included in the assessment. Interviews to take place at 6pm before the commencement of the Parish Council meeting of the 11th July. Questions to be received not later than Tuesday 28th June.

ii. **Friends of Moatbrook**

Resolved that the council supports the request from the friends group for the Parish Council to finance artwork for the Moatbrook Nature Reserve Interpretation Board, created by local artist Roxanne Gooderham. The artwork will incorporate the new Moatbrook Nature Reserve logo designed by a Codsall Middle School pupil - cost £75.00.

- iii. **Jubilee Village Sign**
Cllrs Kenyon and Jenkinson informed members that the Jubilee sign had been cast and would be ready to erect within the next six weeks. In the interim Cllr Kenyon would re look into the location for the Village Sign. **Resolved** that Cllrs Kenyon and Jenkinson would decide the best location for the village sign and arrange installation.

[7.30pm Cllr R Marshall arrived]

- iv. **South Staffordshire Council**
Summer Sussed Out & About Scheme 2012
Package 1
Half day session £127.50 each +VAT
Full day Session 255.00 each + VAT
Package 2
Half a day voucher £3.00 per voucher
Full day voucher £6.00 per voucher
Budget £1200
The meeting discussed the Summer Sussed Packages and **resolved** that 10 half day sessions be purchased at a total cost of £1275.00.

7. ACCOUNTS

- a. **A report** on Council Finances for year to 31st May 2012 was received and approved.
b. **A schedule** of payments to 13th June 2012 was received and approved.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A written report from County Councillor Robert Marshall was received:

On Wednesday 20th June, the subject of A N P R will be discussed and (hopefully) approved at full Cabinet. MDATM;

Overall crime for the whole of Staffordshire was down by about 7% during the year 2011/2012. Early figures for Codsall and Bilbrook for April and May are as follows: (last year in brackets)

Serious Acquisitive Crime: Codsall 4 (10), Bilbrook 4 (1);

Violent crime: Codsall 7 (9), Bilbrook 8 (6);

Criminal Damage: Codsall 3 (7) Bilbrook 6 (7);

Antisocial Behaviour: Codsall 19 (33), Bilbrook 18 (42).

Smartwater has been launched in Lime Tree Gardens (Bilbrook). The next roll out will be in a stretch of Lane Green Road. I would like the Parish to formally request that we start a similar process in Codsall for this year. MDATM.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is now up and running – MDATM

The scrutiny committees have had a shuffle round. The committees that I report to are Health Committee and the Safeguarding and Public Protection Committee. The latter meets for the first time tomorrow 14th June.

Please report any Highway matters to me that are causing concern.

9. **CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of V.H.M.C. meeting of the 19th March and attaching reports were received. **Matter of report.**

10. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

A written report from District Councillor Robert Marshall was received:

The first ever Parish Summit was held in May. Over 60 delegates attended.

South Staffordshire Connect was launched earlier this month. Early signs are positive.

The Walking Festival is now in its sixth year. There are numerous walks with guides between 27 May and 10 July.

There seems to be a temporary problem with Dog Fouling at the moment. Increased enforcement will focus on the hotspot areas in the forthcoming weeks to try and solve the problem.

There were 14 cases of Fly Tipping in April, which is the lowest figure ever recorded. 19 cases of Fly Tipping occurred in May. 7 Fixed penalties have been issued.

In April, the call centre received 8924 calls. 7% were abandoned. The number of residents seen by solutions staff was 429 and 544 seen by other staff. Of these, 86% were seen within 15 minutes.

Our industrial units have a vacancy rate at the end of April of 9.4% against a target of 10%.

Leisure centres last year performed at a rate of 96.7% (Income/Expenditure) which is slightly down from our target of 98.86%. The break-in at Codsall and the subsequent security cost add-ons were a major factor.

The Olympic torch will go through South Staffs on Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July in Gt Wyrley and Newtown respectively.

Finally, high level lighting in the council chamber has been changed to LED lamp conversions. It will reduce electricity consumption by 77% and at the same time increase the lighting level slightly! The new lamps have a life expectancy of more than 8 years

11. **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

Following correspondence received from Mr S Winterflood, Chief Executive of District Council, regarding Station Car Parking. It was **resolved** that station parking be placed on the Agenda for the meeting of the 11th July; that the Acting Clerk prior to the meeting copies members previous minutes relating to station parking over the last 18 months and that Councillor Marshall arranges a site meeting with County Council Highways Department prior to the meeting of the 11th July.

12. HIGHWAY ISSUES?

To raise any concerns with County Council Highways

None

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NEXT MEETING

11th July 2012

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

In pursuance of the powers contained in Section 1 of the above Act I move that the press and public be now excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the business about to be transacted is of a confidential nature and that publicity will be prejudicial to the public interest.