

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 7.00pm. following Planning

Three members of the public present

PRESENT: Parish & County Councillor: B Spencer (Chairman);
Parish Councillors: N Caine, Mrs K Ewart, B Holland (late), T Jeavons, S Jenkinson,
I Kenyon, Mrs C Millar, Mrs A Morrison, N Loftus, D Walls; **Parish & District
Councillor:** J Michell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Barrow and Chapman.

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 September 2018 be approved and signed as a true record.

5. POLICE REPORT

5.1 Police report for Locality 4 13th September – 9th October 2018

The following Police Crime and ASB Report was **received and noted:**
There have been 5 vehicle break ins in the Bilbrook and Codsall area. Scam phone calls seem to be on the rise, one call saying they are from HMRC, the victim is asked to call a number, usually starting 0208. ASB hotspots: Co-op carpark, Wood Road/Station Road. Youths gathering at night with cars, speeding off and around the carpark. Rural crime: This is the time of year when hare coursing and poaching in general is starting, people are requested to report any suspicious activity to 101.

5.2 Staffordshire Police – News Issue 4 October 2018 was received and noted

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

6.1 Code of Conduct (The Localism Act 2011)

6.1.1 Notification by Members of Codsall Parish Council of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests – A reminder to members to consider if any changes are required to their notifications. **Matter of report.**

6.2 Parish Summit 2018 – the following brief was given by Councillors who attended the Parish Summit:

Cllr. Chapman said the Parish Summit was quite helpful. Cllr. Caine advised that the Election Workshop gave more clarifications on election costs and increases to the costs, however, some Parish Councils election recharge will account for three quarters of their council's precept; this is a significant proportion of money.

- 6.3 Policies & Procedures review – Complaints Policy** – a review of changes was received and considered.
Resolved approval and adoption of the draft revisions.
- 6.4 S106 for Parish Councils** – [Update to Planning Meeting 26th September 2018 item 7.3]. The Plain English guide to Section 106 for Parish Councils was received and considered.
Councillors were advised that SSDC will be holding a Section 106 Guidance training session and an invitation will be sent out in due course.
- 6.5 South Staffordshire Council Partnership Event** – on Friday 9th November 2018 at South Staffordshire Council Offices.
Councillors wishing to attend to advise the Clerk. **Matter of report.**
- 6.6 SAD and Next Steps** – A FAQ's for Parish Councils document was **received and noted.**
- 6.7 South Staffordshire Local Plan Review** – issues and options consultation document and a report from the Clerk was received and considered.
Resolved deferment for the item to be discussed and considered at an Extraordinary meeting to be held on 31st October 2018 and for the Clerk to arrange a Public meeting to be held in November at Codsall Village Hall.

7. ACCOUNTS

- 7.1 Resolved** that a report on Council Finances for year to 30th September 2018 be approved.
- 7.2 Resolved** that the schedule of payments to 10th October 2018 be approved.
- 7.3** Confirmation by the Chairman of the authorisation of the Clerks time sheet be approved. **Matter of report**
- 7.4** The Half Yearly Accounts and Budget Review for 2018/19 were **received and approved.**

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A report from County Councillor Bob Spencer:

- County Council has taken the unusual step in publicising the draft budget three months early.
- Costs in looked after children and Social Care has significantly increased putting monetary pressures on other services. Difficult decisions are having to be made, to save £35m next year, this will cut deep. Some services will have to be removed completely. County Councillor allowances will go, and possibly pedestrian crossings patrols. County Council are hoping that the era of austerity is over which could allow increase in budgets from Central Government. County Council's message is hoping for the best, plan for the worse. There will be a loss of jobs within County Council, that is why the budget has been announced three months early to meet employment law.

The message is that District and Parish Councils will be asked to take up the shortfall once a clear plan by County Council is formed. Councillors suggested that the Finance Committee of the Parish Council will look to see if there are services we should pick up.

Councillor Cain advised that District Council produce and publish the precept figures, Cllr Cain feels that the percentage rate published is misguided; figure increases should be quoted instead of percentage increases as in the case of Parish Councils, percentage increases might be high but in real terms, in monetary value, they could be very low increase.

[7.35 Cllr. Holland arrived]

Councillor Cain advised that Keith James – Perton to Codsall Walk has received the report from County Council's engineer, which has deemed Heath House Lane footpath safe. The report is undertaken by a check list system. Danger is based on how many fatal accidents and not the number of accidents.

Bridgnorth Road only got sorted when three deaths happened.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CVHMC)

The minutes of C.V.H.M.C. meeting of the 16th July 2018 was **received and noted.**

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

To receive a written report from District Councillors.

- Cllr. Michell – transport Connect Bus is being considered. The Council has agreed to defer to 31st October.
- In the Local Plan consultation an option is that Codsall is an upper tier for development because we have two train stations.
Councillor Spencer felt that this was a ludicrous assumption and seriously flawed as the majority of complaints he receives as County Council representative are regarding inconsiderate parking by station users.
- Councillors felt that we should hold a public meeting at the Village Hall after the 31st October Extraordinary meeting. Many Councillors felt that it was typical of District not interested in what the Parish wants.

11. Councillors and Clerks Written Report

The Clerks written reports were received and noted. **Matter of report.**

12. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Parish Councils Association – bulletins dated 13th, 20th, 27th

September 2018 and 4th October 2018 were **received and noted.**

12.2 Council News Round Up - issues 85, 86, 87 and 88 were **received and noted.**

12.3 Staffordshire County Council news updates – the latest updates for 21st September and 5th October 2018 were **received and noted.**

12.4 Friends and Neighbours Living - The Goodlife (FAN's) Project – the Summer 2018 newsletter was **received and noted.**

Councillors wondered how SSDC's Goodlife fits into their Core Services.

13. HIGHWAY ISSUES**To raise any concerns with County Council Highways**

Cllr. Spencer said there are problems with the Hive on Church Lane, people are parking on the pavements and fire engines or ambulances are not able to get by.

Enforcement should be done once a month, then the word would soon get out that inconsiderate parking will not be tolerated in Codsall.

Cllr Spencer then advised that Yellow lines are not a simple or easy solution, they cost a lot of money to bring about; some feel that yellow lines lower the values of houses on that road; some properties do not have driveways.

However local residents want us to do something when cars park outside their homes because of the difficulties they cause.

NEXT MEETING**Wednesday 14th November 2018**

[Meeting closed 8.03pm]

BANK RECONCILIATION as at 30th September 2018

	Balances
Lloyds Bank - Current a/c	8452.73
Lloyds Bank - Instant Savings a/c	162315.50
Nationwide- Business Savings	128273.40
Petty Cash	100.00
	<u>299141.63</u>
Less Unpresented Cheques	
6971 1175.64	
	<u>1175.64</u>
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	<u><u>297965.99</u></u>
Brought forward start of year	187588.29
Receipts for year	168757.60
Less payments for year	58379.90
	<u><u>297965.99</u></u>

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL ON 10th October 2018

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payable to</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Value</u>
DD	Talk Talk (Opal)	Internet	23.31
DD	Intuit	Computer Programme	69.60
DD	BT	Telephone	105.64
DD	Total Gas & Power	Parish Office - Gas	19.52
DD	Total Gas & Power	Parish Office - Electricity	120.48
DD	Midshires	Parish Office - copy charges	150.68
6973	Codsall Stone & Paving Codsall Village Hall & Playing	Land Maintenance - War Memorial - paint	17.99
6974	Fields	S137 Annual Grant & Subscription	2600.00
6975	Codsall PCC	S137 Local Auth. Order - Grant & Donations 2nd half	3000.00
6976	St Nicholas Tree Festival	S137 Local Auth. Order - Community Event	50.00
6977	ACK Tree & Garden Services	Land Maintenance - Moatbrook 6th Path Cut	105.00
6978	Inland Revenue	Tax & N.I	1039.02
6979	Staffordshire County Council	Superannuation	949.04
	Staffs Community Safer Roads Fund	Speed activation sign	-3244.00
BP	B Browning - Re-inbursement	Land Maintenance - Safety equipments boots	29.99
BP	BHIB Ltd	Land Maintenance - Play ground - Insurance & inspection	433.25
BP	CommuniCorp	Parish Office - Reports & Publications - Suscriptions Annual 2018/19	12.00
BP	Jack Moody Landscaping & Civil Eng. Ltd	Land Maintenance - Oaken Field Rural CarPark Project - tree works	2531.10
BP	RSPB	Land Maintenance - Oaken Field Station car park - bat boxes	89.97
Bacs	Wages & Salaries	Wages & Salaries	4426.94
Total			£12,529.53