

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Council Meeting held in the Parish Chambers,
Station Road, Codsall
on Wednesday 9th June 2010 at 7.30pm. following Planning

PRESENT

Parish Councillors, Mrs C Millar (Chair), Mrs V Chapman, R Etheridge, M Ewart, Mrs E Forster, B Holland, G Owen **District Councillors** Mrs P Campbell, Mrs S Oatley, **County Councillor** R Marshall

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence Cllrs, Barrow, Michell, Stovin and Walls.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

None

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2010 were received. Approval proposed by Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Chapman and unanimously approved by the meeting and immediately signed by the Chairman.

5. POLICE REPORT

A report on policing was received.

Statistics

Criminal Damage	2
Anti-Social Behaviour	11
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Burglary Dwelling	2
Burglary other	4

Whilst the figure of reported incidents of Anti Social behaviour initially seem alarming, that of the 11 incidents 4 were noise nuisance related issues relating to neighbours, 5 were youth related, in particular 3 were

reported noise nuisance on the village Hall field and the other 2 were youths in the street following a house party. The other 2 reported incidents were related to the fair on the Wheel field, the fairground staff were one complainant after having their caravans and stalls egged from a passing vehicle, also fireworks directed towards the fair when closed. Vehicle details were obtained, this vehicle was latter stopped, searched with a negative result, due to having no description of the offenders no further action could be taken.

We have no current hot spot for Anti Social Behaviour in Codsall at this time, it is sporadic nuisance some very minor, although ASB remains a priority cause of concern for our local community.

The one reported incident of Theft from Motor Vehicle related to a laptop being stolen, access to the vehicle remains unknown. The police advise that all valuables are locked away out of site, including Sat Nav cradles. WHAT THEY SEE IS WHAT THEY GET.

Both reported incidents of Burglary Dwelling were mainline breaks, this is where the house is targeted for the high powered vehicle at the address.

One of the incidents forensic evidence was found, enquiries are on going.

It is worthy of note we are currently running an operation in conjunction with our neighbouring force, West Midlands police and the Central Motorway Patrol Group, to target and disrupt this criminal activity.

Community Surgeries are being held at the South Staffs Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall on the following dates and times:

Monday 5th July 10am until 12 midday

Tuesday 3rd August 10am until 12 midday

Thursday 2nd September 10am until 12 midday

The police would welcome all to come along with any issues or concerns within their local community.

PCSO's Dave Layton and Claire Clifton have recently delivered the educational 'Parking to Perfection' scheme at St Nicholas school, also completed a refresher at St Christopher's school and have dates planned to deliver Birches First School very soon.

Members requested the Clerk to write to Inspector Chapman expressing Councillors concern at the lack of police cover in Codsall/Bilbrook in the extended absence of P.C. Allen and long term illness of P.C. Underhill.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

a. **Codsall Cricket Club**

Request for grant of up to £500 to assist with purchase of wicket mower.

Following a very lengthy discussion Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Etheridge and unanimously endorsed by the meeting proposed 'Refusal to the request at the present time, but request the Cricket Club to consider resubmitting later in the year following the Parish Councils adoption of the Parish Plan'.

b. **South Staffs Citizen Advise Bureau**

Request for continuing Financial Support (currently £500 p.a. to provide facility at Codsall Village Hall).

The meeting unanimously agreed to continue the £500 grant on existing terms and conditions as approved in the budget.

c. **Annual Review of Codsall Parish Council Standing Orders**

The meeting unanimously agreed that no amendments are considered necessary at this time.

d. **Annual Review of Codsall Parish Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment**

The meeting unanimously agreed that no amendments are considered necessary at this time.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. **A report** on Council Finances for year to 31st May 2010 was received; approval proposed Cllr Oatley, seconded by Cllr Campbell and unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

b. **The Schedule** of payments to 9th June 2010 were received, following an explanation of each item by the Clerk, approval proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Oatley and unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

c. **To approve** the urgent replacement of Oaken Field Stream Bridge Quotes not yet available, approval sought to send up to £3,500 + VAT to save further delays. **Approval** proposed by Cllr Etheridge, seconded by Cllr Kenyon and unanimously endorsed by the meeting. The Clerk will liase with Cllr Kenyon when quotes received in order to proceed without further delay.

d. **To approve** purchase of replacement mower (already purchased at cost of £174.33 + VAT). **Approval** proposed by Cllr Etheridge,

seconded by Cllr Oatley and unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Robert Marshall gave a verbal report this evening.

He advised that he had received requests for grants from Trinity Methodists Church for £3,500 towards a Fire Alarm and Codsall Cricket Club for £500 towards a new mower.

These will be given every consideration.

Waste to Energy site at Four Ashes, contract given to Veolia. Hoping to save £280m over 25 years, some £11m less than anticipated due to potential future electricity price fluctuation

Consideration is being given to close 1 waste-recycling site, where £1m needs to be spent on necessary improvements. The site is serviced by several other amenities close at hand and closure will save £130k p.a. However a public petition signed by 7000 residents has been received.

Western Access Road at Stafford is needed to facilitate 11,000 planned houses (4000 on the Western edge of Stafford). Cost will be £36m, £31m from Government of £5m from contractor.

Councillor Holland asked the position of house numbers for future development in Staffordshire and indeed Codsall within the Regional Spatial Strategy, as the newly elected government was planning to scrap the unelected Regional Assemblies. Cllr Marshall advised that there is no news as yet.

Cllr Holland further asked for clarification on liability where some residents have placed stones or similar obstructions on the County Council grass verges in front of their properties. Cllr Marshall agreed to seek clarification.

County Council will increase the stockpile of winter salt and grit before next winter from 13,500 ton to 30,000 tons. 40,000 tons were used during both of the last 2 winters.

The Parish Council again asked for consideration be given to additional grit bins in the Parish as requested before each of the last 2 winters.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of V.H.M.C. meeting of the 15th March 2010 and attaching reports were received and noted.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Robert Marshall advised the following.

21st June – Armed Forces Day

26th July – Next date for locality forum 4 meeting

Parish Games progressing, Codsall, 2nd in Angling, 7th overall.

Codsall & Bilbrook Youth Action Group A.G.M. – has taken place.

Possibility of Skateboard Competition at New Skate Park.

South Staffs Members Allowance has been reduced by 3% this year.

11. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Gavin Williamson M.P. offering support to all constituents and advising contact details was received and noted.

Contact details are as follows:

Constituency secretary Mrs June Sharman, 2 Lychgate House, High Street, Pattingham, WV6 7BQ, Tel 01902 701479

London 0207 219 7150

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.

NEXT MEETING

14th July 2010

CONFIDENTIAL

1. **To receive** a report from Open Spaces Committee on the Public Meeting re Wheel Field held on 2nd June 2010.

Cllr Paul Kenyon chairman of the Open Spaces Committee gave a very brief appraisal of the Public Meeting advising that 40 members of the Public attended with some objections to any improvement but with a variety of suggestions for minor improvements as well as some more radical suggestions. Cllr Kenyon advised that following pressure from the meeting a show of hands was taken to record the views of those present. Councillors did not participate.

10 in favour of minor change including footpath improvement, benches, wild flower meadow & flowerbeds.

9 in favour of additional change including a Bowling Green & separate dog area.

21 in favour of no change.

The Clerk will circulate minutes when they have been prepared and approved by the Open Spaces Committee.

2. Letter from The Gypsy Council re Land off A41 The Wergs, Codsall was received and noted.

The Clerk suggested no response to the correspondence, but the Parish Council has been given warning that an application could be forthcoming and members will have plenty of opportunity to review the site and its possible use. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.