

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meeting to be held in the Parish Chambers,
Station Road, Codsall
on Wednesday 10th December 2008 at 7.30pm. following Planning

PRESENT

District Councillors J Michell (Chair), Mrs P Campbell, **County & District Councillors** Mrs S Oatley, R Marshall, **Parish Councillors** Mrs M Barrow, R Etheridge, M Ewart, Mrs E Forster, Mrs C Millar, G Owen, D Walls

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Kenyon, Holland and Chapman.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

Mr Stephen Skinner gave the Parish Council a brief report on the Weekend Clean Up there were 18 volunteers on Saturday and 17 volunteers on Sunday including the air Training Corps and several Parish Councillors. Stephen reported that a lot of the outlying footpaths were covered and a lot of rubbish and debris retrieved. Mr Skinner thanked the Parish Council Clerk for making the necessary arrangements.

The Parish Council Chairman John Michell, thanked Mr Skinner for organising the very successful event, which helps engender the community spirit, as well as setting an example to the public. The Clerk asked for a copy of any photographs that may have been taken and he would endeavour to have a picture published in the Wolverhampton Chronicle to record the event.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2008 were received, unanimously approved and immediately signed by the Chairman.

5. POLICE REPORT

- a. **The Police** report was not received in time for presentation to the meeting, but the details are as follows:

STATISTICS

Burglary (dwellings)	1
Burglary (other)	1
Theft of a motor vehicle	0
Theft from motor vehicles	2
Criminal Damage	1
Anti Social behaviour	8

Burglary Other

This incident was located at Codsall Middle School; some damage was caused although nothing was found to be missing. Fingerprints were found and enquiries are on going.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

The two reported incidents involved items taken from parked cars and one of the cars was left insecure.

Anti Social Behaviour

The number of reported incidents is pleasingly low this month.

A further 4 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued to youths within Codsall area. The contracts are drawn up with the intention for the youths to agree not to engage in anti social behaviour within the vicinity of Codsall for a given time scale. Parents are aware of the contract and are also made aware of the implications of breaching the order.

With the section 30 dispersal order now in place in Bilbrook, it seems apparent that there does not appear to be any displacement of the problems that they were experiencing.

Councillor Owen who has a business in Bilbrook wished to report on how successful the Police Dispersal Order has been in Bilbrook and felt that the Police should be congratulated.

This was endorsed by all members present and the Clerk was asked to write to the Police accordingly.

Councillor Forster advised that Judy Russon the Police Liaison Officer on the Crime Prevention Partnership is now back on duty following a long-term illness.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

a. South Staffordshire N.H.S

'Your Guide to Local Health Service in South Staffordshire', was received and noted.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. **A report** on Council Finances for year to 30th November 2008 was received, approval recommended by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Oatley and unanimously approved by the meeting.

b. **The** schedule of payments to 10th December 2008 was received, each item being explained by the Clerk, approval recommended by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Etheridge and unanimously approved by the meeting.

c. **To approve** renewal of membership to Society of Local Council Clerks at £187, approval recommended by Councillor Marshal, seconded by Councillor Ewart and unanimously approved by the meeting.

d. **Chairman's** Chain of Office – replacement of fixing clasp with positioning chain at an approximate cost of £200 + V.A.T., approval recommended by Councillor Forster, seconded by Councillor Campbell and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

To receive a written report from County Councillor Sonja Oatley.

The Waste to Resource Project has now been approved by the Planning Committee. There are four contractors quoting for the building and the running of the plant.

The county is to reduce the number of District Partnership Officers from 6 to 4, our own District Partnership Officer, Simon Hobbs, has decided to take voluntary redundancy, which will be a big loss. The consequence of this is that the District will share a DPO with Stafford Borough from April 2009.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy has had its first draft report. This will go through the usual procedures of consultation and scrutiny and will be voted on by full council on the 12th February.

The Mineral Core Strategy is currently out for consultation. This is where the County looks at all the possible sights for new quarries. There are no indicated sites near Bilbrook or Codsall.

A successful Tea Dance was held last Thursday afternoon in partnership with the High School, Social Services and the Fire Authority's Area Command. The food was provided by year 9's Food Technology Department. Presents were received from the Co-op, fire fighters, members of the public and others.

The event was enjoyed by all.

Councillor Oatley advised of the Speed Dating event with young people, organised through the Codsall and Bilbrook Action Group and takes place on Monday the 15th December at 7.00p.m. Council members are invited to take part in this event, and Councillor Oatley encouraged Councillors to attend.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. **The minutes** of V.H.M.C. meeting of the 17th November and attaching reports were not received this evening.
- b. **Invitation** to official opening of Village Hall extension Wednesday 7th January at 2 p.m. was received with the Chairman and several Councillors advising that they would attend.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Marshall advised that there was little to report this month apart from the budget/finance, which is being finalised subject to approval. Councillor Marshall also advised that it is likely that the District Council will have to find suitable locations for 'travellers sites' as the District Council has been unsuccessful on several occasions now in fighting planning appeals in this respect.

CONFIDENTIAL

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 January 2009