

# CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of the  
Council Meeting held in the Parish Chambers,  
Station Road, Codsall  
on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm. following Planning

### PRESENT

Councillors J Michell (Chair), Mrs M Barrow, Mrs P Campbell,  
Dr.M Ewart, Mrs E Forster, P Kenyon, Mrs C Millar, L Stovin.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

**Apologies** for absence were received from Cllrs Chapman, Owen, Oatley, Marshall, Holland & Walls

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**None**

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Limited** to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

Mr Skinner advised the meeting that he had recently spoken to the Crossing Warden who operates at the junction of Chillington Drive and Wolverhampton Road and was advised that the lack of drop curbs was a difficulty for anyone using push chairs, wheel chairs or motorised scooters. Mr Skinner wondered if the Parish Council could take the issue with the appropriate authority.

The Clerk thanked Mr Skinner for bringing this to the Parish Councils attention, it had in fact been raised with the County Council on several occasions in recent years with the promise of action in the future. Clearly this has not happened and the Parish Council will again request the County Council to take appropriate action.

#### 4. MINUTES

**The Minutes** of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were unanimously approved by the meeting and immediately signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. POLICE REPORT

**There was** no Officer present or a report submitted this evening.

A Councillor however advised the meeting to be cautious of bogus callers particularly on the elderly. Several residents had recently experienced a man advising that he was from the Police Authority wearing an appropriate badge completing a questionnaire on recycling. Details such as the age and number of residents in the property amongst other things were requested. The Police believe that this is someone seeking to gain access or information for inappropriate purposes. An alert has been circulated to all local police forces.

## 6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

### a. **Staffordshire County Archivist**

Invitation to "Celebrating Sutherland" Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 to 4.00 at Stone.

**Received** and noted any member wishing to attend has been asked to advise the Clerk as soon as possible.

### b. **South Staffordshire Local Strategic Partnership**

'Locality Forum' dates.

"Codsall" - 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Pattingham Village Hall 6.00 to 8.00 p.m.

**Received** and noted any member wishing to attend has been asked to advise the Clerk as soon as possible.

## 7. ACCOUNTS

a. **A report** on Council Finances for year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, approval proposed by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Forster and unanimously approved by the meeting.

b. **The** schedule of payments to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008, approval proposed by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Millar and unanimously approved by the meeting.

## 8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**There was** no report this evening in the absence of Councillor Oatley.

## 9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**To receive** the minutes of V.H.M.C. meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> June and attaching reports were received and noted.

## 10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**A written** report was received from Councillor Marshall, which stated that the main item of interest concerns the leisure centres, including Codsall.

The costs incurred by the leisure centres have always been shared between County Council and the District Council on a 30/70 split

(because this is the approximate split of how much time is taken up with schools/public usage).

In the past the County operated a macro view of the costs and did not go into too much depth to individual costs.

The County have now decided to pass on the re-charging on to the schools who look more closely into every cost and this has resulted in increased costs to the District.

Some examples of this are that the District paid nothing towards Administration, Caretaking, Site Management or Waste Collection. The 'Joint user costs' incurred by The District Council will increase by £39100 at Codsall with other increases being incurred for Wombourne, Penkridge and Cheslyn Hay.

On a positive note, the Homelessness section of the council retained its Charter Mark for 'Homelessness Prevention'. This is awarded to very few councils and is therefore a very big achievement.

Councillor Campbell advised that the Union has called for Industrial Action on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of July at the District Council. However following a discussion amongst the staff at the District Council it seems unlikely that any action will be taken by staff members and the District Council will continue to operate as normal over these two days.

## **11. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Codsall Community High School Vlth Form Community Project**

Donation request to help equip a fundraising room.

**Following** discussion Councillor Campbell proposed a donation of £250, this was seconded by Councillor Millar and unanimously approved by the meeting.

### **b. Perton & Codsall Utd F.C.**

Donation request to fund additional youth teams.

Following discussion Councillor Stovin proposed a donation of £150, seconded by Councillor Kenyon and unanimously approved by the meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

