

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

on Wednesday 8th July 2009 at 7.30pm. following Planning

PRESENT

Parish Councillors M Ewart (Chair), Mrs M Barrow, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs E Forster, P Kenyon, Mrs C Millar, L Stovin, D Walls, **District Councillor** Mrs P Campbell, **County Councillor** R Marshall

The vice Chairman Cllr Chris Millar wished to extend on behalf of the Parish Council grateful thanks to the Chairman and to the Clerk and his assistant for the excellent Civic Sunday on the 14th June, this was declared by Councillor Holland at the previous meeting but in the absence of the Chairman and Clerk at that meeting it was felt appropriate that it should be proposed again.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Etheridge, Michell, Owen, Holland and Oatley

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 10th June 2009 were received, approval recommended by Cllr Marshall, seconded by Cllr Walls and unanimously approved by the meeting and immediately signed by the Chairman.

5. POLICE REPORT

a. **A written report** was received from the police this evening

Statistics

Anti Social Behaviour	13
Criminal Damage	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4
Burglary Dwelling	6

Anti Social Behaviour

The number of incidents involving youths was 9 for this period. Some calls have been due to youths congregating within the village. Alcohol was taken from one group of youths who were not local. The youths were here to gain entry to a private birthday party at Codsall Village Hall. Due to the youths being spotted having alcohol on them they were refused entry. A local PCSO had already engaged with the youths and disposed of the alcohol before the job was called in. The youths were swiftly moved on and caught buses leaving the area. One incident was due to a long standing neighbour dispute. Police were called but there were no offences as this is a civil matter. High visibility patrols and pro active CCTV operators will continue and offences dealt with as and when.

Criminal Damage

These incidents include a domestic incident with the offender being arrested. Damage has occurred to an ATM machine and to a flowerbed within a residential dwelling.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

Four incidents have been reported to us in this period. Officers would like to remind residents the importance of removing all valuable items from unattended vehicles. A mobile phone and a stereo had been taken within these incidents.

Burglary Dwelling

Figures are high for this period. Several properties have had good fingerprints and footwear marking, taken by SOCO and enquires are on going. Residents are being asked to be vigilant during the summer months. Leaving windows open during hot weather whilst the properties are unoccupied can be too tempting for opportunist thieves.

**b. Staffordshire Police – Local Police Unit
Police Authority Consultative Committee**

A summary from Cllr L Stovin of the meeting held 11th June 2009 was received and noted.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

**a. Wolverhampton City Council
Stafford Road Corridor Area Action Plan**

Paper Consultation 29th June to 10th August 2009 was received and noted.

b. Perton & Codsall Utd. Football Club

A Donation request to develop and support the young people within their expanding membership. Total cost of scheme £500.

A donation of £120 was proposed by Cllr Chapman, seconded by Cllr Campbell. A vote was taken for approval of a donation of £120

Approval	9
Against	0

c. South Staffordshire Council

Road naming – Bungalow off Wilkes Road, Codsall, 'Bramall Close' has been suggested.

Members unanimously agreed with the proposal and have asked the Clerk to write accordingly.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. **To receive** a report on Council Finances for year to 30th June 2009 was received; approval recommended by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Millar and unanimously approved by the meeting.

b. **To receive** and approve schedule of payments to 8th July 2009 was received with a full explanation of each item by the Clerk and in particular the urgent purchase of hedge cutters following the failure of the existing cutters. Approval proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Chapman and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

To receive a written report from County Councillor Robert Marshall.

The first cabinet meeting of the new administration will be on the 15th of July. There are some interesting items to consider:

There are going to be two significant overspends in the first quarter of this financial year. Social care & Health will be £4.5 million and Children and Lifelong learning will be just over £2 million. Another statistics that people should be aware of is that at the end of last financial year (31st March 2009) the County were in debt by £507 million. This simply must be reduced.

The money coming in from Decriminalised Parking Enforcement is about 80% of the cost of providing the officer. This is slightly better than expected at this stage of the process.

There are 48 cases of Swine Flu in Shropshire and Staffordshire so far.

Five Community Speed watch signs have been requested.

9. CODSALL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of V.H.M.C. meeting of the 18th May 2009 and attaching reports have not been received this evening.

10. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A written report from District Councillor Robert Marshall was received this evening.

A new Housing Strategy will be jointly launched by the Council and the Housing Association.

There will be a seminar for elected members on the subject of emergency planning (flooding etc).

A Locality (Four) meeting being held at Bilbrook Middle School.

A Health Profile for South Staffordshire has recently come out. It Suggests that South Staffs is better than the national average for Child Poverty, Deprivation, homelessness, GCSE grades, violent crime, smoking in pregnancy, children's tooth decay, teenage pregnancy, smoking, incapacity benefits for mental illness, drug misuse, hospital stays due to alcohol, Deaths from smoking and deaths from strokes or heart disease. We are worse on breast feeding, physical activity in children and healthy eating in both adults and children.

The four leisure centres are broadly on target, the number of members at our four centres have never been higher.

The West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 3 Revision Consultation will end on 14th August. Individual responses are recommended as these can influence the direction that the region goes.

One of the issues will be how many new houses will be built in the West Midland Region between now and 2026, one possibility is 365,000 another is 411,000. This in turn will affect Staffordshire and could affect South Staffordshire.

The W2R facility at Four Ashes will be fully operational by about 1-10-2013. Once this date has been agreed with the Secretary of State, the time scale becomes critical; every day late will cost about £30,000 and every day early will save about £20,000.

Decriminalised Parking Enforcement is not going badly. The money coming in from FPN's is about 80% of the cost of providing the officer. This is slightly better than expected at this stage of the process.

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We will be getting some Community Speedwatch signs, although how soon is uncertain.

NEXT MEETING
9th September 2009

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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