

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Planning Meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber,
Station Road, Codsall on Wednesday 27th June 2018 at 7.00 PM.

Five members of the public present

PRESENT: Parish & County Councillor: B Spencer (Chairman);

Parish Councillors: N Caine, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs K Ewart, B Holland, T Jeavons, S Jenkinson, I Kenyon, N Loftus, D Walls (late), and P Wright; **Parish & District**

Councillors: Mrs M Barrow and J Michell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs C Millar, Mrs A Morrison

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors: Cllr V Chapman, 18/00455/TREE_T – near neighbour.

3. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 13th June 2018 be approved and signed as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

A resident who has lived on Birches Road for 29 years has expressed her concerns of parked cars from 7am until late outside of her house. Cars are parked half on the grass verge and road, her bins have been moved by people wanting to park their cars, and she has received verbal abuse and threats.

The parked cars have created problems with drive access, vehicles passing on the road, wheelchairs and people with pushchairs sometimes having to walk in the road to get passed. The Chairman thanked the resident for raising the issue this evening, he then went on to say that this is of no great surprise that this is happening and unfortunately, it is a familiar storey. The use of yellow lines at Chapel Lane and the Broadway have moved the issue. There are petitions on Princes Gardens, Princes Drive and Carter Avenue. Yellow lines cost a lot of money. If we go down that route it would mean holding back his allowance over a t least a couple of years, and still a requirement the Parish Councils to donate some money too. The carpark that this Parish Council proposed is now close to construction and hopefully will give the relief needed. Street parking has increased in other areas because of the yellow lines; once the car park is finished, cars might move back and will be encouraged to do so.

Cllr Caine said the railways should take into account the issue. Councillor Barrow explained that this avenue had already been explored but was not really feasible. We need to look at other options as yellow lines have only exacerbated the problem, people are now parking outside the War Memorial, the original plan was to work in conjunction with Staffordshire County Council, but SSDC Council Planning Department prevented this from happening, but once the car park has been built, hopefully this will help the situation.

Cllr Michel advised the resident that it is an offence for the obstruction of drives.

The Chairman Cllr Spencer advised that Staffordshire County Council's suggestion in partially adopting the verge, some areas of the County some schemes have put flowers, barriers, would you as a resident be interested, it would however require a number of residents signing up to the proposal to make it workable?

The resident advised that at the moment the houses have lost there curb side appeal, bollards would be a disadvantage to parking. Now we have mud ruts and the highways are unable to maintain them, the initiative is something she would personally not mind considering.

Councillor Spencer did advise that most of complaints he has received is not necessarily parking, but speeding, speeding into the village options are 30mph stickers for bins, you can get these free of charge. Feelings are running high, enough to make it a success.

Councillor Spencer reiterated that it would require a group of people to look after the verge and perhaps he could put some money aside. Councillor Holland said that we need a strategic plan to tackle the problem and that this should be discussed at a future meeting.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

The following Planning Decisions from South Staffordshire Council were **received and noted:**

18/00367/FUL Single storey rear extension
2 Broadway, Codsall
Approved subject to conditions

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that the following recommendations be made to South Staffordshire Council:

18/00333/FUL Construction of one, two bed bungalow with access drive
6 Lansdown Avenue, Codsall

Refusal on the following grounds:

- **Conflict with the pattern of development**
- **Poor relationship with adjoining building**
- **Conflict with the character of the area**
- **Road system is inadequate**
- **Losing historic street pattern**
- **No tandem development**

18/00422/FUL Rebuild porch and new bay under existing canopy
51 Chapel Lane, Codsall
Approval

18/00455/TREE_T Tree preservation Order 23/1966, Area A3. 4 Pines – crown lift to 5m above ground level and cut back branches on garden side by up to 0.5m
Pine Ridge, Mill Lane, Codsall
Defer recommendation of this application to the Arboricultural Officer

- 18/00470/FUL** Shop front frames and doors to be decorated in Traffic Grey B RAL 7043. Install 2 no. new AC units to rear of store on new concrete base. Install 1 no. Compressor to rear of store on existing concrete base within palisade fence compound
The Co-operative Group Ltd, 74-76 Wolverhampton Road, Codsall
Approval
- 18/00473/FUL** Single and double storey rear extensions, single storey side extensions, new porch and carport
4 Wheelfield, Codsall
Refusal due to over development and excessive balk and scale.
- 18/00475/FUL** Single storey flat roofed rear extension replacing existing sub-standard, to form enlarged, kitchen diner, shower room and utility. NB normally permitted development
8 Bromley Gardens, Codsall
Approval

7. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Highways Update** – update received from Councillor Spencer regarding future highways maintenance, specifically Neighbourhood Highways Team (NHT) works.
No resources available for Highways only for emergency or safety would be done, need to get volunteers to do it. This is a dreadful state of affair, every year we hear of Highways cutting back. Quick to point out the cost for children and social care which is 95% of the budget. Cllr Jenkinson said it is a real struggle to get people to do stuff for nothing. Volunteers needed to do public rights of ways and verges are some examples, grants for tools for local people who want to get involved.
Councillor Michell said that there appears to be a call for Parish Council's to pick up the shortfalls in services – however they need to raise some money, moreover if we want to improve the look of Codsall we will have to consider picking up the shortfall.
Councillor Holland said that District Council are looking to off load services, what responsibility will we have with powers to enforcement. He then went on to say that we need to talk to District and County of what they wish to off load.
It may mean that some responsibility from the Parish is required to take on the duties.
Councillors expressed that Parishes have not got the money, need to either give us some money, or just manage. The question is how much to take on.
Councillor Caine said we should consider an increase to the Precept – to cover costs, – we will need to sell it to residents – however if we want the Parish to still to look good, we have got to do it.

Resolved to invite to a future meeting of the Council, SSDC's Contracts Monitoring Officer and County Council's equivalent, to discuss future duties and responsibilities.

[7.45 Cllr Walls arrived]

- 7.2 Twinning Sign** – pictures of the St Pryvè & Mesmin gift of a sign and consider fixtures and a possible location. **Resolved** that the Clerk would speak to County Council Highways regarding a suitable location for the sign.
Cllr Cain suggested SETON may be able to provide fixings for the sign at a cost of around £200.
- 7.3 Open Spaces – Codsall House Field** – quotation of £1008.85 excluding VAT for replacement of rotted wooden fencing, posts, and kissing gate works at Codsall House Field. **Resolved** approval for the work to be carried out at a cost of £1008.85.
- 7.4 Grant Request – Watery Lane Allotments & Leisure Gardens Association** – a grant request application for £9,000 towards the cost of raised beds for the disabled was received and considered. **Resolved** this would be deferred to a future meeting once more information was received on how much money the group require.
- 7.5 HM Land Registry Registration of a restriction against the land – Asset of community value – Land on the West side of Oaken Lanes** - details of notice to register a restriction in the Proprietorship Register for Oaken Field was **received and noted**.
- 7.6 DPPO Alcohol Ban's** – details of the changes to DPPO's which will be replaced by Public Spaces Protection Order's (PSPO) and to be advised that our current alcohol ban around the village will be withdrawn and not automatically replaced was **received and noted**.
- 7.7 Let's Work Together – Funding – 13th July 2018** – details of training sessions. Councillors wishing to attend to advise the Clerk was **received and noted**
- 7.8 Forest of Mercia** – details of an offer, of, free of charge trees to local community groups and Parish Councils was **received and noted**. The trees could possibly be used after construction of the carpark or used in the Parish Open Spaces, defer to Open Spaces Committee.
- 7.9 SSDC – Council News Round-up** – issue 71 **was received and noted**.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 11th July 2018

[Meeting closed 7.55pm]