

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Planning Meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber,
Station Road, Codsall on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7.00 PM.

Present: Parish Councillors: B Holland (Chairman), M Adams, Mrs S Adams, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs K Ewart, T Jeavons, S Jenkinson, I Kenyon, Mrs A Morrison & P Wright; **Parish & District Councillor:** Mrs M Barrow

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Councillors: Carpenter, Loftus, Mitchell & Spencer

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

3. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 8th January 2020 be approved and signed as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

19/00528/FUL AMENDED DESCRIPTION, PLANS RECEIVED
Proposed new open porch and retention of first floor rear extension
Lawnside Cottage, Strawmoor Lane, Oaken, WV8 2HY
Approved subject to conditions

19/00783/TREE_T Proposal: TPO 192/2000. Crown lift/prune trees in the rear gardens of 1,3,5 and 7 Oaktree Rise and also at the front of 62 Wood Road
62 Wood Road and 1,3,5 and 7 Oaktree Rise, Codsall
Approved subject to conditions

19/00827/TREE_T TPO 33/1970. T71 – Douglas Fir – Fell
Homefield, Histons Hill, WV8 2HA
Approved subject to conditions

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

19/00609/FUL Erection of dormer bungalow
Wergs Farm House, Popes Lane, W-ton, WV6 8TX
Approval

- 19/00928/FUL** Conversion of part of the existing garage and single storey extension to link the dwelling and converted garage
18 Sherbourne Gardens, Codsall, WV8 1BN
Approval
- 19/00951/FUL** The erection of an oak framed 2 bay garage with home office above clad in oak boarding with a reclaimed blue clay tiled roof
March Cottage, Oaken Lane, Oaken, WV8 2BD
Approval
- 19/00981/TREE** Conservation area. Remove a line of 5 Conifers and 2 Prunus trees
No. 5 Cottage, Oaken Lane, WV8 2BD
Approval
- 19/00987/FUL** Erection of single storey rear extension and two-storey side extension
20 Broadway, Codsall, WV8 2EL
Approval

[Cllr Chapman leaves the room 7.15pm]

7. CORRESPONDANCE

- 7.1 Open Spaces – Codsall Village Hall Playground** – a report from the Clerk titled Village Hall Playground dated January 2020, was received and consideration was given to the Village Hall Playground and to new/replacement playground equipment.

Cllr Holland said that presently the enclosed play area at the Village Hall caters for children 8 years and under. The Parish Council would need to decide if we are to keep the same area as the current playground for the same age group and if we wish to provide an additional area for older children.

Councillor Jenkinson said we should give careful consideration to the playground surface in its replacement.

The Clerk advised that the present soft pour surface has had very little money spent on it since it was laid.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to run through the presented report:

The report shows pictures of the playground facilities and the area it covered prior to 2006 and as it is now. The report advised that in 2006 the playground cost £70,559.00 for purchase and installation, within the cost also included fencing and 2 gates around the playground.

The report also included photographs of each of the play equipment and a brief summary of its condition. The report outlines the council's reserve put aside in its 20/21 Budget for the Play Area and a list of possible funding streams.

The report also highlighted that the council might wish to undertake public consultation as we did for the MUGA.

The report advised that due to the projected cost of the project, it would be likely that the council would have to place the contract on Contract Finder in accordance with the councils Financial Regulations.

[Cllr Chapman returned 7.18]

The report gave examples of possible suitable play equipment for older children such as a zip wire which appear to be popular with children including teens and that a number of other local parish councils within South Staffordshire that have a zip wire, concurs with this. The Zip Wire maybe suitable to run parallel with the playground and the report showed a potential location. The report also highlighted that presently the play equipment does not cater for inclusiveness.

Cllr Holland thanked the Clerk for the precis. The Chairman then went on to discuss possible Veolia funding and the deadline for applications being 5th March 2020. The Chairman said that he felt that the timeframe would be too short to fully explore all the options for the new play area; the next round for applications would probably start in June with funding available in September 2020. The Chairman then asked Councillors for their thoughts.

Cllr Jenkinson said he was excited about a new play area at the Village Hall, it would cost a lot of money, and multi age equipment within the same area can have its issues, a zip wire is a good idea, it would work well and involve the older children; we also still need to invest in the younger ones too.

Cllr Chapman mentioned that some of the equipment is still in good condition and could it be moved? Also, could the play area be extended, integrated with MUGA? Cllr Jenkinson also asked if the play area could be extended. The Clerk replied that the current enclosed area has a path around the outside which would need to be considered if extending and the additional cost of fencing any new area. There are also site limitations near the MUGA such as the rise of the land and Severn Trent Water tanks.

Cllr Holland agreed that separate play areas are needed for two age groups. Cllr Barrow agreed with two separate play areas, and that the area is large enough to accommodate this.

Cllr Holland said there is a large area of land at the Village Hall, we would need to look at this once we have a plan of what we would like to do, we could ask the children what they would like. Councillors need to meet with the village hall committee to discuss options.

Cllr Barrow said she does not think it will be a problem to integrate the play area with the MUGA.

Cllr Jenkinson asked if anyone would like to go and see other play areas within the district for ideas.

Cllr Holland said it would be good for the Parish Council to be seen asking the children of the village what they would like to have at the play area, and also good for the residents of the parish to see what Councillors do for the parish.

Cllr Barrow replied in agreement with Cllr Holland as residents presume that Codsall Village Hall provide the play equipment. Cllr Ewart asked what would happen to the old play equipment. The Clerk said we might be able to keep some of the equipment, which is in good condition but give it a refurbishment, this may save money by utilising what we have.

[Cllr Morrison left the room 7.40]

Cllr Barrow asked how much life is left in the equipment that we currently have, and could we donate the old equipment, also what is the maximum grant amount you can apply for with Veolia? The Clerk replied that Wicksteed will be attending the site on 3rd February they would then be able to indicate condition and lifespan of the present equipment and then the Council could give further consideration to what to do with the old equipment when presented with Wicksteeds findings. The Clerk then advised that on initial investigations it appears we could apply up to £75,000 from Veolia, with 15% of the total cost already secured.

Cllr Jenkinson asked how much the project would cost. Cllr Holland replied we would need to see what the quotations are, once suppliers have been on site.

[Cllr Morrison returned 7.44]

Cllr Jenkinson asked if there are any other grants for consideration, the Clerk advised that within the report was a list of potential funding streams.

Cllr Barrow suggested the Co-op as they are keen to help with local projects.

Resolved that the following actions be taken:

- Two separate play areas for the different age groups.
- Consideration given to a larger footprint, look at the implications.
- Meet with Codsall Village Hall Committee to discuss proposal
- Invite suppliers to provide quotations.
- Consultation exercise with children of the village
- Site visits of other play areas by Councillors
- Look into reuse some of the existing equipment.
- Look at the cost of new flooring, what is the guarantee, consider keeping soft pour flooring.
- Apply to Veolia in June for a start date of September 2020 for funding and any other suitable grant funding streams.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 12th February 2020

[Meeting closed 7.50pm]