

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Planning Meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber,
Station Road, Codsall on Wednesday 22nd February 2012 at 7.30 PM.**

PRESENT

District & Parish Councillors M Ewart (Chair), Mrs P Campbell, **Parish Councillors** Mrs M Barrow, Mrs V Chapman, Mrs E Forster, S Jenkinson, P Kenyon, Mrs C Millar, **County Councillor** R Marshall

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Holland, Etheridge, Fraser and Stovin

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 8th February 2012 were received, approval proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Chapman and unanimously approved by the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.

Two residents attended the meeting this evening to discuss the No 5 and No 5a bus route.

[] wanted to thank Cllr Marshall for his efforts to find a solution to the problems caused by the new bus routes and the compromise of alternating the route is an improvement. There are however still people waiting at the defunct stops and bus drivers stopping to collect. Could the bus company be advised to remove the old stops?

There is also a problem of a large number of students waiting for the bus near the Clinic, who are spitting and dropping litter.

[] feels the community of Bilbrook would have been better served with the bus carrying along Duck Lane and Wobaston Road, this would also service the new i54 development.

Councillor Robert Marshall said he would address the issues raised with the Bus Company, i.e. advising that buses should no longer be stopping at the old stops and would also suggest the possible route along the Wobaston Road.

[redacted] then asked to address members. [redacted] acknowledges that the buses are not as frequent along Elliotts Lane, but the buses on that route are still causing problems as Elliott Lane is not designed for a main bus route and the sequential lights at Histsons Hill are very misleading and in her opinion a real safety issue.

[redacted] feels a conducted study of the crossroads should be undertaken and speed restrictions put in place along Elliotts Lane.

Cllr Chapman advised the meeting that similar restrictions are being looked at in Bilbrook, and that she will liase with Robert Marshall to include Codsall in the consultation with County Council. Cllr Chapman advised that problematic roads could be identified through Community Speedwatch.

The meeting unanimously agreed for Cllrs Chapman and Marshall to consult with County Council Highways to identify possible roads in Codsall where speed restrictions would be beneficial.

The Chairman Cllr Matt Ewart thanked the residents for raising their concerns this evening.

5. **South Staffordshire Council**

Presentation on Neighbourhood Planning by Mrs Kelly Harris, Team Leader Local Plans.

Mrs Harris will appreciate you making yourself familiar with ‘ A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning’ downloadable through www.cpre.org.uk/./2689-how-to-shape-where-you-live

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Kelly Harris to the meeting.

Mrs Harris presented an overview of ‘A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning’, stating that this was an opportunity for the Parish Council to help decide the type of development Codsall needs, the aim is pro growth and not anti housing. A key point is Neighbourhood Planning has to be compliant to the Core Strategy, but can go beyond that if required by the community.

The detail of how to apply and involve the community has still to be determined at a National level. The Community Plan would have to go through various channels but would have equal merit to the Local Plan, but they must conform.

The Neighbourhood Plan will sit at National level and replace every planning policy such as The Regional Spatial Strategy, The Local Development Plan, inter alia. The Core Strategy Site Allocation Document will make up the Local Plan.

The cost of implementing a Neighbourhood Plan is expensive (£15,000 - £63,000) but there is funding available and resource wise, District Planning can help facilitate Planning and District Council could offer administration support to parishes.

If the Neighbourhood Plan was outside the means of the Parish, then the Parish should at least get involved in the Site Allocation Plan in the Core Strategy. The Parish could then help decide the best sites, as housing numbers must grow as a village will grow. Codsall must provide 222 new houses upto 2028. Sites chosen from White Land, Brown Field to Green Belt together with consultation from Highway; developments could be sensitive to the needs of the village i.e. housing mix sites for the elderly including Specialist Care housing.

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions and after a lengthy question time the Chairman thanked Kelly Harris for giving a very well informed presentation.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS

To receive the following Planning Decisions from South Staffordshire Council:

None

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| 12/00070/FUL | Erection of conservatory to rear of existing house
7 Kingsley Gardens, Codsall
Approval |
| 12/00109/FUL | 24ft x 12ft Free-standing mobile field shelter. Used for the storage of farm machinery, agricultural barn components and shelter for livestock i.e. Sheep/alpacas
Oaken craft, Oaken Lawn, Kingswood
Insufficient information to make a decision |
| 12/00127/FUL | Ground floor and first floor extensions
Fairfield Drive, Codsall
Approval subject to no objections from neighbours |

**8. South Staffordshire Council
Applications for Premises Licences under Licensing Act 2003**

a. Village Deli - 11 Station Road Codsall

Sale of Alcohol off premises
Monday to Saturday 0800 to 1900
Sunday 0900 to 1500

Cllr Robert Marshall requested that his decision to abstain be recorded.

Approval proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Chapman a vote was taken:

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b. Village Coffee

i. Live music (indoors)
Monday to Friday 1900 to 2200
Saturday & Sunday 1200 to 2200

ii. Sale of Alcohol on and off premises
Monday to Saturday 1200 to 2300
Sunday 1200 to 2200
The premises may open later on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve until either midnight or 1.00 the following day, in this case it is proposed alcohol to be served until midnight.

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c. Somerfield Stores Ltd – Birches Bridge Shopping Centre

Changes to the licensed and trading hours

To Monday to Saturday 0600 to 2300
Sunday 0600 to 2300

From Monday to Saturday 0700 to 2300
Sunday 0900 to 2230

Seasonal variations: 0600 start 24th, 26th & 31st Dec and 0600 start 1st Jan

After a lengthy discussion members unanimously **agreed to the extension in trading hours** but **unanimously expressed concern to the early morning extension to licensing hours, especially Sundays.**

9. **Staffordshire County Council**

a. **Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order at Strawmoor Lane, Oaken**
Commencing Monday 19th March until Friday 20th April 2012 approx.
Received and noted

b. **Highways – theft of winter grit**
Request to be vigilant and report any thefts to the Police.
Received and noted

Cllr Jenkinson requested the Clerk to again request from Highways grit bins to be placed in Oaken especially in Hollybush Lane near the Telephone Box.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm

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.

Confidential**A LATE ITEM**

1. **Working Party re Council Employees**
Re Clerks Recommendation for Wages and Salaries increases
The minutes of the confidential item taken on 8 February 2012 were received and approved by the meeting

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3. **To note a letter of resignation from The Clerk**

The Chairman requested that the additional items under the confidential agenda (Items 2 and 3) be added to the actions of the Working Group endorsed by members.

It was unanimously resolved that;

The working group has delegated responsibility to continue dealing with these matters.

Further, Item 3 (the Clerk's letter of resignation) was discussed.

It was resolved, with one abstention, that;

The resignation of the Clerk is accepted and that the letter of acceptance is prepared under the guidance of the Head of Human Resources at South Staffordshire Council