

CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Planning Meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber,
Station Road, Codsall on Wednesday 28th June 2017 at 7.00 PM.

Present: Parish & District Councillors – Mrs M Barrow (Chairman), Mr J Michell,
Parish Councillors: Mrs V Chapman (Late), Mrs K Ewart, B Holland, T Jeavons,
S Jenkinson, I Kenyon, Mrs A Morrison, B Spencer, P Wright, **Parish & County
Councillor** Mr R Marshall

Two members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Caine and Cllr C Millar.
Cllr V Chapman would arrive late.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

3. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the Wednesday 14th
June 2017 be signed as a true record.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident raised his concern that in relation to agenda item 6.3, that a
precedence has already been set as the Wheelfield is used by a local fair once
a year in May.

A local resident asked permission is she could live stream agenda item 6.1,
the Clerk referred the resident to the Policy on Reporting on Meetings by
Members of the Public. A copy of which is available to the public at every
meeting.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

17/00338/FUL Single-storey front and rear extensions
5 Fairfield Drive, Codsall WV8 2AB
Approved with conditions

17/00357/FUL Ground Floor garden room extension to rear elevation
6 Elliotts Lane, Codsall WV8 1PG
Approved with conditions

17/00399/FUL Proposed first floor rear extension to dwelling
5 Long Acre, Codsall WV8 2EG
Approved with conditions

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

17/00371/COU Change of use of garden room to yoga studio
21 Birches Road, Codsall WV8 2JF
Cllr Michell advised that this was retrospective planning permission as the applicant is already running a yoga business from the address. He raised concerns of parking, as located not far from hazardous bend in road at Dam Mill. The classes are run at peak times, early morning, lunchtime and evening. Cllr Marshall advised local residents objected as already parking issues.
A vote was taken: 8 against and 3 abstention
Refusal on grounds inappropriate in residential area, highway concerns and lack of parking

(7.14 pm Cllr Chapman arrived)

17/00488/FUL Single Storey rear extension, first floor rear extension
Tamar, Strawmoor Lane, Oaken WV8 2HY
Approval

17/00509/TREE_T Tree Preservation Order namely 26/1977. Area A1 fell
Silver Birch
1A Chapel Lane, Codsall WV8 2EH
Approval

17/00537/FUL Erection of 'American barn' stable block and hay barn together with creation of manege and associated parking/turning area hard surface
Field South West of Junction of Chillington Lane and Whitehouse Lane, Codsall Wood, South Staffordshire
Cllr Holland advised that there are two other in closed proximity where planning for Manage had been approved. The issue of traffic was also raised as the lanes surrounding the field are very narrow for increased traffic from a large commercial site. Cllr Michell advised that an equine planning application was recently refused at Enville Parish Council.
A vote was taken: 10 against and 2 abstention
Refusal on the following grounds, road system inadequate.
Councillors wish to raise their concern that the amount of ménages recently approved is causing problems on the road.

6. URGENT CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

In accordance to Standing Order V.2 iii, agenda item 6.1 was unanimously **resolved** to be moved to the end of the agenda.

- 6.2 Ride on lawn mower** – an email from John Davis, Watery Lane Allotment Association dated 8th June 2017 was **received and considered.** Cllr Jenkinson happy to support. Cllr Jeavons queried where grass is and was advised it would be at the front of the allotments, side by the stream and at the back of the allotments. General consensus that site is a well organised site. Clerk advised that the Allotments was a Green Flag site for the last couple of years. Cllr Holland queried how mower would be funded. Clerk advised the cost could come out of the approx. yearly rents of £2K. Cllr Jenkinson proposed accept request for £300 as within budget. A vote was taken and it was unanimously **agreed.**
- 6.3 Fitness Sessions in the Park at Codsall** - an update to Agenda item 6.1 – 14th June 2017 from Exercise to Health for permission to hold fitness sessions in one of our Open Spaces areas was **received and considered.** Cllr Barrow read out email detailing proposal to use the Village Hall. It was agreed that Exercise to Health would need to approach the Village Hall Committee for approval. Cllr Jenkinson supports the proposal from Exercise to Health as it brings community together and encourage wellbeing. Cllrs Jeavons suggested that any money raised from the rent of the Village Hall playing field should go to the Village Hall. Cllr Marshall supports it in principle but any agreement cannot be seen as setting a precedence. Improvement to Codsall’s fitness and raise funds. Cllr Michell agrees that Exercise for Health will need agreement of Village Hall, but suggested Moatbrook and Chapel Lane as an option. Concerns were raised regarding parking for the alternative sites. Cllr Jenkinson stated it was good that it was agreed at the last meeting that more information was obtained before making a decision. Cllr Holland proposed the Clerk contact Exercise to Health and advise them although support in principle, they would need the permission of the Village Hall. A vote was taken. **Resolved** approval.
- 6.4 Request for permission for a traffic mirror opposite Oaken Drive** – Cllr Marshall provided an update to Agenda item 6.5 – 14th June 2017 which was **received and noted.** Cllr Marshall had contacted Mark Keeling of Staffordshire Highways and agreed to a site visit before the next Parish Council meeting in July 2017 as the resident wishes to attach it to a lamppost. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the resident with an update.
- 6.5 Local Breast Screening Services** –an update dated 6th June 2017 was to **received and considered.** Cllr Barrow summarised that the update provided no further information or plans, however this is being pursued at District level.
- 6.6 Police and Fire Consultation** – an email from Matthew Ellis, Police & Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire regarding the merging of the Fire and Rescue governance with the Police Service was **received and considered.** Cllr Spencer said this was a national issue, Police are making a bid to control fire services and there were possibly savings to be had. Cllr Spencer voiced his concern that Police Commissioners role does not work in practice, therefore he has his concerns it would not work for the Fire Service. Cllr Holland advised he does not support the merger, queried whether it was value for money and

would work in practise. Cllr Ewart commented that it seems logical for them to work together and share services. Cllr Michell thought there would be savings to be had with both services sharing a '999' room. Cllr Jeavons felt it was a 'power grab', and Cllr Kenyon agreed stating it was 'empire building'. Cllr Barrow proposed that the Clerk writes to the Police Commissioner expressing the concerns raised.

A vote was taken: 10 For and 2 abstentions. **Resolved** approval.

6.1 Station Parking – Oaken Field – Councillors to considered the way forward.

Cllr Marshall updated on the Chapel Lane/Broadway consultation, 186 houses were petitioned and more than half replied, just over 82% in favour of the yellow lines and parking restrictions and just over 17% objected, of which 4 houses from Kingsley Gardens. Three houses in Kingsley Gardens were in favour of the lines, but 4 objected. Next step, all those who objected will be contacted to find out why and see if there concerns can be addressed. Once they have been consulted, three weeks later the planning notices will be issued on the lampposts on Chapel Lane, Broadway and Long Acre. Kingsley Gardens will not be included as majority did not want the lines. The lines could potentially be completed by end of August. The lines need to be in place before the car park can be started.

Cllr Barrow proposed that either the whole Parish Council will work on the car park or a Committee is set up who work on the car park and feed back to the whole Parish Council with updates and for decisions to be made. The Cllrs in turn voiced their opinion:

Cllr Marshall – big issue, therefore needs to be a full Parish Council matter. But if majority wish for a Committee to be set up, the Committee cannot make any decisions without approval from full Parish Council.

Clerk advised the car park would follow the formal tender process which Cllrs cannot be involved in, only provide input in drawing up the tender.

Cllr Michell – in favour of a Committee and wishes to be a member of it. Anyone who wants to join the Committee should be allowed to.

Cllr Spencer – voiced concern at involving everyone but in favour of a Committee. Committee to report on options but decisions to be made by full Parish Council.

Cllr Jenkinson – agrees with Cllr Spencer, could slow process down if have to debate and vote at the Parish Council meetings, needs 2 to 3 Cllrs to work with the Clerk.

Cllr Jeavons – vote & debate by Parish Council but have a dedicated Committee.

Cllr Kenyon – in favour of a Committee as long as it is minuted and open to the public.

Cllr Marshall – agreed with Cllr Kenyon, the Committee should be minuted and anyone who wants to join should be able to.

Cllr Chapman – in favour of a Committee but concerned about the technical detail of the tender. Clerk advised that the specification could be drawn up by the Committee, but the tender process has to be carried out by the Clerk.

Cllr Wright - in favour of a Committee but all decisions to be made by the Parish Council.

Cllr Ewart - – in favour of a Committee as long as it is minuted and any Cllr can be member.

Cllr Morrison - in favour of a Committee as long as it is minuted and totally transparent.

Cllr Holland – has no issue either way, but will go with what majority decide. Committee will need clear terms of reference and focus for the group.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that a Committee would be set up in the first instance to deal with first issues, site visits and provide regular feedback to the Parish Council meetings.

The following terms of reference were proposed by Cllr Holland and seconded by Cllr Jenkinson and were unanimously agreed:

- The Committee is open to any Cllr wishing to be on the Committee
- To consider all matters in construction and management of the Car Park
- To report fully all considerations to full council for resolution.

Cllr Kenyon and Ewart raised concerns that the Cllrs are not experts in civil engineering and the Committee would have to look for external technical advice.

The following Cllrs asked to join the Committee: Cllr Jeavons, Cllr Michell, Cllr Kenyon, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Chapman, Cllr Ewart, Cllr Holland, Cllr Barrow and Cllr Wright. Cllr Spencer wished it to be minuted that he realises that this is a really important issue for the village and he cannot join the committee, purely because of his personal time constraints and not because he is against the project.

Resolved that the Clerk would offer the opportunity for Cllrs that were absent this evening to join the Committee if they wish to.

It was **resolved** the first Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th July at 5.00pm in the Parish Chambers. Clerk to circulate the initiation and agenda.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 12th July 2017

(Meeting closed 8.03pm)