

## **CODSALL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Planning Meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber,  
Station Road, Codsall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

### **PRESENT**

**Parish Councillors**, M Ewart (Chair), Mrs M Barrow, Mrs E Forster, B Holland, G Owen, L Stovin, **Parish & District Councillor** Mrs P Campbell, Mrs S Oatley, **Parish & County Councillor** R Marshall,

### **1. APOLOGIES**

**Apologies were** received from Cllrs Mrs C Millar, Mrs V Chapman, P Kenyon, D Walls, J Michell and R Etheridge.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Cllrs Forster and Owen declared interest in Item 8 as residents of Chapel Lane.**

Acting Chairman, Cllr Ewart, advised the meeting that as Item 8 was purely an exercise to seek any number of suggestions to alleviate the problems in these areas, without any formal resolution, recommendation or vote. It is perfectly acceptable for Cllr Forster and Owen to make their suggestions as well as members of the Public present this evening.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 13th October 2010 were received, approval proposed by Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Oatley, unanimously approved by the meeting and immediately signed by the Acting Chairman.

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Limited to 2 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes overall.  
8 members of the Public were present this evening.**

The Acting Chairman advised the meeting that at this point in the proceedings he would only like to hear comments from the Public on Planning Issues as residents will be given every opportunity to make suggestions regarding the parking problems when that agenda item is discussed.

**No comments were received.**

### **5. PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

<b>10/00577/FUL</b>	Side extension to replace existing conservatory with new family room and first floor bedrooms Field Manor, Wergs Hall Road, Codsall	<b>Approved</b>
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**10/00639/VAR** Variation of 13 of 10/00377/COU to extend hours of use to 0830-1900 Mon-Fri and 0900-1600 Sat  
1 Oaktree House, Oaktree Rise, Codsall **Approved**

**10/00655/FUL** Single storey rear extension with extension of pitched roof across existing garage  
4 Queens Gardens, Codsall **Approved**

## 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

**10/00798/FUL** Garage, porch, and bay window, plus canopy to front elevation  
35 Chapel Lane, Codsall **Approval**

**10/00811/FUL** Two-storey side extension  
53 Princess Gardens, Codsall **Approval**

### Tree Preservation Consultation

**AL/71/2010/TPO** Walnut T1 in rear garden, crown lift to clear lowest branches  
51A Oaken Lanes, Codsall  
**No objections raised.**

**AL/73/2010/TPO** Horse Chestnut at front of property adjacent to entrance drive  
Remove- 1 branch growing towards the property  
Reasons: Causing the tree to be unbalanced and leaning towards the property.  
20 Wolverhampton Road, Codsall  
**No objections raised.**

**AL/76/2010/CA** Ash Tree in side boundary re-pollard to original pollard points  
Highgate, Church Hill, Codsall  
**No objections raised.**

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### a. **Staffordshire County Council** Proposed Diversion of Public Bridleway No 33

Following a lengthy discussion of the proposals and amendments the following proposal was made by Cllr Stovin and seconded by Cllr Campbell:

That this is an Ancient Public Bridleway that should be retained with the existing trees and hedges, that already provide excellent screening and protection from the adjacent golf club.

Vote: In favour 6  
Against 1  
Abstentions 1

Cllr Marshall abstained from the vote – he is a member of the Golf Club.

### b. **South Staffordshire Council**

Licensing Act 2003 – Statement on Licensing Policy – Consultation Response by 31<sup>st</sup> October – Brought Forward from meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October at members request.

Members were unanimously agreed that the Proposed Document was fine but were very disappointed that the Parish is not being consulted as was originally agreed by The District Council when they became responsible for Licensing.

**The meeting agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should through this Consultation Process again seek confirmation from South Staffordshire Council that the Parish Council is consulted on all future Licensing Applications in the Parish.**

- c. **South Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau**  
Annual General Meeting 2009/2010  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Wombourne Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Council Chambers at 7.30pm.  
**Received and noted Cllr M Barrow will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.**

**8. AT COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBERT MARSHALL'S REQUEST**

To discuss and suggest schemes for improving parking problems at:

1. St Nicholas School, Walton Gardens and immediate surroundings
2. Chapel Lane, mainly as a result of inconsiderate parking by Railway Commuters.

**Acting Chairman Cllr Matt Ewart again advised the meeting that residents suggestions will be welcomed before placing this item under the control of our County Councillor Robert Marshall. Cllr Ewart stressed that the problems were well known by Councillors and well documented.**

Cllr Marshall advised that he will seek suggestions for each location separately starting with **St Nicholas School, Walton Gardens and immediate surroundings.**

There were no residents from this area present this evening, however Cllr Marshall gave a summary of the problems caused mainly by parents parking inconsiderately whilst dropping and collecting children at the school. This becomes greatly exasperated in the afternoons when parents seeking parking spaces arrive up to 1 hour before school leaving time.

Meetings have again taken place with the School, Police, Residents and County Council Officers.

Enforcement is probably not the best way forward as resources to implement restrictions are not available.

The most sensible suggestion so far received, is to work with the School to encourage parents to park at the Village Hall and either let their children use the Walking Bus or walk with their children to the school.

To encourage participation a scheme is being considered where by the school children will receive a book to be stamped every time they walk from the Village Hall. A reward or certificate will be given to the child or their class, (if considered more appropriate) who receives the most stamps/stars in a given time. It is hoped that this competition among the children will encourage peer pressure on others to participate.

Cllr Marshall will advise if this scheme is adopted.

**Chapel Lane, mainly as a result of inconsiderate parking by Railway Commuters.**

Cllr Marshall outlined the problems which not only makes life difficult for residents trying to access and egress their own properties but on many occasions prevents large vehicles, including emergency services, from using Chapel Lane. A Recent meeting had been held with Residents, Police and County Council Officers were present, where additional problems were highlighted by lack of parking for the shops and the extremely large low loaders accessing the railway siding from Chapel Lane.

The residents present this evening all wished to see the problems resolved, with parking restrictions if necessary. Residents did however appreciate that restrictions will cause inconvenience to them, but will be an improvement over the current situation. They also appreciated that the problem would be moved elsewhere without similar restrictions being placed on other roads in close proximity to the Station. Broadway, Oaken Lanes, Station Road, Fairfield Drive, Canford Crescent and Warwick Drive will have to be considered.

Suggestions offered:

- Restrictions on parking, perhaps limited to 2 hours between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday to Friday.
- Rent a Drive – residents to let parking space to rail commuter.
- White lines in front of all drive and access entrances.
- Parking on one side of road only.
- Residents only parking.
- Car Park on Oaken Drive Field.
- Car Park on Field adjacent to railway line/bridge.
- Improve spacing on Railway Drive parking area.
- Remove old buildings on Station Car Park.
- Cycle parking provision at Station.
- Minibus from Perton for commuters.
- No Parking between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.
- Enforcement Officers, perhaps volunteers.
- Enforcement Officers employed by Parish Council.
- Limit all Parking in Village to 4 hours.

Cllr Marshall thanked the residents and Councillors for their suggestions and promised to do all in his power to seek improvements for all residents. Whatever measures are considered appropriate will be placed for Public Consultation for everyone to have their say, before implementation.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 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

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**CONFIDENTIAL**    *Revised 10.11.2010*

**Civic Sunday**

To consider and if appropriate approve budget for Civic Sunday 2011. Councillor Matt Ewart to present.

Cllr Ewart sought members views for Civic Sunday 2011 considering the current economic climate. Cllr Ewart explained that following the loss of Pendrell Hall it maybe possible to use the Firs Club at a small saving compared to previous years, dependant on numbers. He also sought views on the Church Service, which could continue without the formal reception, should members decide to save expenditure.

Following a lengthy discussion covering the history and benefits of Civic Sunday, Cllr Stovin, seconded by Cllr Campbell and unanimously approved by the meeting proposed that:

Civic Sunday for 2011 should follow a similar format to previous years, but with the reception being held at the Firs Club.