

MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 18 April 2018 in the Jubilee room at Bobbington Village
Hall at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor: Mrs L Jones (Chairman)
County Councillor: Mrs V Wilson
Councillors: M Snelson, Mrs. J Humphries, Mrs. J Stanton, Mrs. I Rees, W J Snelson and R Lewis.
Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council
PCSOs Wilkes
3 Members of the public

1506. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of District Cllr. McCardle.

1507. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Mrs Stanton declared an interest in 1515ai. Cllrs. Mrs Humphries and W Snelson declared interests in 1515aiii.

1508. MINUTES:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 21 March 2018, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

1509. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Tree Update (Brantley Lane / Crescent)

Neither Ms Haughtey nor the Clerk has received a response from Staffordshire Housing Association.

It was agreed that crowdfunding was not feasible. A preliminary discussion followed with respect to item 1509g. It was concluded that although this was a good idea, it would be a large-scale project requiring an organising committee. Initial enquiries would need to be made to gauge the interest of other parties within the parish.

Whilst the Councillors acknowledged they had still not met with Ms Haughtey as previously agreed, they expressed concern at her absence from the last few meetings. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Stanton and Cllr. Mrs Rees would meet with Ms Haughtey prior to the next meeting.

b. Affordable Housing

An email had been received from Lesley Birch (Staffordshire Housing Association) confirming the Councillors will have an input into the design. The architect used for the scheme in Swindon has been engaged. Enquiries are being made as to whether the District Council would approve 6 houses as opposed to 5, given the public consultation highlighted an increased need.

It was agreed a meeting should be held with Lesley to review any drawings / plans to date. This meeting will be closed to the public. It is hoped that an update can then be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting – however, this will be dependent upon availability and meeting dates.

c. Defibrillator

The adjourned training session is scheduled for 19 May 2018.

Cllr. Mrs Wilson will consider our request for assistance with funding the permanent signage. It was agreed there is already a highways sign to which the defibrillator sign could be added. Cllr. Mrs. Wilson has a picture of the sign available to parishes and will forward it to the Clerk. She will discuss the requirements at her forthcoming Highways meeting.

d. EE rural cell trial

Cllr. Mrs Stanton reported that tests during the previous week failed to get a static ip address, which is crucial to the process. This has been raised with BT as a fault and they are looking into it.

A bug in the software is currently affecting certain iphone handsets, however, a fix is currently being tested. Lots of work is therefore, continuing in the background.

e. Noticeboard

A discussion was held as to the noticeboards. It was agreed that the board at Halfpenny Green is not widely used, due to the cessation of local bus services and the closure of the Royal Oak public house and car park. It was, therefore, agreed that this board will not be replaced.

It was further agreed that rather than add to the existing board, outside the village hall, a brand new board would be acquired. Cllr. M Snelson kindly agreed to install this. After further discussion it was agreed quotes should be obtained for a brown aluminium board, with at least 50% being a lockable frontage.

f. Tree between Glebelands and Brantley Lane

Cllr. M Snelson had not received any further information as to ownership of the land. The property owner is making her own enquiries and no longer requests the assistance of the Parish Council.

g. Bobbington Bash

Cllr. Mrs Stanton explained the concept again. She had not yet spoken to the parishioner who had previously expressed an interest in a beer festival. It was agreed an events committee would be required consisting of all organisations within the village. It was agreed the following people would contact the organisations listed to gauge initial interest:

Corbett School	Cllr. W Snelson / Cllr. R Lewis
Holy Cross Church	Cllr. Mrs Humphries
Village Hall	Cllr. R Lewis to raise at committee meeting
Halfpenny Green Airscouts	Clerk to email
Blakelands	Clerk to email
Vineyard	Cllr Mrs Humphries
Red Lion	To be contacted in due course

1510. HIGHWAY MATTERS**a. Potholes**

Cllr. Mrs Wilson confirmed it was now pothole season. Staffordshire County Council aim to assess and hopefully rectify all reported problems, however, with 20,000 potholes outstanding they are having to prioritise using a defined criteria.

Various discussions took place. Cllr. Mrs Wilson confirmed that roads are scanned by vehicles annually, however, cutbacks mean there is less money to spend on repairs, maintenance etc.

b. It was reported that a manhole cover is misplaced along Six Ashes Road, opposite the school – the clerk will report it

c. It was reported that the culverts along Church Lane require attention, the road has resembled a running stream at times during the past month. There was some concern that this might be related to work in one of the fields.

d. A triathlon event will take place this coming weekend.

1511. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**Village Hall**

Baby change facilities are to be fitted in the disabled toilet. A committee meeting will take place next week.

Church of the Holy Cross

An application has been received with respect to the vacancy for a team minister, an interview is currently being scheduled.

Corbett School

There are 105 children at the school, all is going well. The nursery attached to the school is currently recruiting a new manager.

Community Speed Watch (“CSW”)

There are currently 6 volunteers. No expressions of interest were received from the facebook post. There has been no activity since the last meeting.

A volunteer attended the focus group meeting, which was useful. It appears that many neighbouring villages are joining forces, creating a greater, more consistent approach. Members of the CSW group are considering sharing duties with Enville.

It is understood there will be a greater support from the Police/PCSOs in the future. PCSO have greater powers than the volunteers alone.

Velo

The Freedom of Information request response has now been received, however, it was determined inadequate by those present.

A discussion followed, after which it was concluded that the inadequacy of the response and timeframe to respond should be reported to the Information Commissioners office.

Police Crime report

PCSO Wilkes reported that during the month to 17 April 2018, the only crimes reported in the parish included 7 sheep being stolen from Manor Lane and gates to a field being stolen from Church Lane.

There has been a number of dash cams stolen from around the Wombourne area. The new chief inspector starts next week.

A member of the public asked whether it was possible to get feedback on the outcomes on OWL (Smart alert) – to provide reassurance for parishioners. It was explained that the PCSO post the smart alerts and unfortunately, they don't always receive feedback on all situations – however PCSO Wilkes agreed to pass the comments on.

1512. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A parishioner expressed concern as to the affordable housing location. Many of the concerns have already been answered during previous consultations / meetings, however, were briefly discussed again. It was agreed that further comment could not be made until plans and drawings were available, as details of access and development areas are not yet known, however, these could be reviewed at a later date when more information was known.

1513. FEEDBACK FROM SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COURSE**a. GDPR**

An email had been received from South Staffordshire Council with respect to the retention of electoral registers. All present were reminded that under new regulations, information can only be kept for its original purpose and must be destroyed thereafter.

Lorraine Folkes, of South Staffordshire Council had emailed with respect to services which could be subcontracted with respect to GDPR. The costs and benefits were discussed. It was agreed we should sign up for DPO and the legal services, to include GDPR review.

b. Elections

The correspondence received via the clerk's training course was noted. No further action is required, until setting the precept next year.

1514. FINANCE**a. Annual insurance renewal**

Annual renewal paperwork had been received from Zurich insurance. The premium was consistent with the current year. It was confirmed there were no changes to the insurance requirements. As such it was agreed the quotation should be accepted.

b. Clerk's salary review

The sub-committee continue their work with the salary review.

c. Cheques

The following cheques were proposed by Cllr. W Snelson and seconded by Cllr. Lewis.

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| i. Chipmonk Computing | Website | £87.00 |
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ii.	Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£257.60
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1515. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Received:
 - i. Amended Plans – PA17/00584/FUL Demolition of steel-framed barn and erection of 1x3 bed dwelling and 1x4 bed dwelling of a new access; 19 Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, DY7 5BZ – a discussion was held. It was agreed that the response was unchanged – objections to be made due to greenbelt, the village curtilage, flooding, previous rejections etc
 - ii. Amended Plans – PA17/01140/FUL Construction of ground floor showroom, first floor indoor golf area, construction of ground floor store building extension and completion of first floor driving range shelter (previously approved in 2017); Halfpenny Green Golf Club, Kartar Farm, New Road, Swindon, DY3 4PP – no changes to the original response – no objection assuming restraints are placed on the future use.
 - iii. PA 18/00302/FUL Relocation of tractor storage facility previously approved under permission 12/00575/FUL as an extension off the existing winery; Halfpenny Green Vineyards, Tom Lane, Bobbington DY7 5EP – this is thought to be another retrospective application, however, most concern arose given the site plans do not appear to be current- they do not take into account the previous applications to move things e.g. dog kennels.
- b. Responded to: Nothing to report
- c. Outcomes: Nothing to report
- d. Enforcement matters:
A response is still awaited from David Pattison, South Staffordshire Council.

It was noted that the environmental department are unable to offer any further advice with respect to a matter referred to them by the enforcement team, as such details have been forwarded to Cllr. McCardle.

A detailed list of all ongoing planning enforcement matters had been received by South Staffordshire Council, however, it could not be shared due to a request to destroy all copies following inclusion of sensitive data. It would appear, however, that there is only one outstanding case for Bobbington. The clerk will look into the form required and the issues previously reported, so that they can be formally logged again.

It was noted that the stables at Abbots Fall now have an electronic gated entrance.

1516. AIRFIELD MATTERS

Cllr. Mrs Rees telephoned the airport with respect to the lack of consultative committee meetings (the last meeting took place in June 2017). She was informed that the Manager, Mike Boot had left in March 2018. Day to day management is currently being undertaken by Tony Rowlands and overseen by a business manager in Manchester, until the new Operations Manager, Brian Rawlings joins in May 2018. Cllr. Mrs. Rees was assured that the annual meeting would take place in June 2018.

It was agreed Cllr. Mrs Rees would liaise with Cllr. McCardle to ensure the District Council were aware of the suspected breach.

1517. CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Clerk asked for nominations for the Civic Award 2017-2018. It was agreed any suggestions should be emailed to the Clerk as soon as possible for circulation.

1518. TOM BUTLER CUP COMPETITION

It was agreed that the 2016 competition was well received. As such, it was agreed to base it on a photographic competition – the title being “Wildlife in Bobbington”. A further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

1519. CORRESPONDENCE

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) – Dignity Awards 2018
SSC – SSC Council News round-up issues 60, 61
SSC – Localities Celebration Masterclass
Dying matters – Staffordshire Campaign Supporters update
SPACE returns to South Staffordshire for Summer 2018
War memorial news 3/4/18 & 22/3/2018
Staffordshire Police Newsletter 1
Staffordshire County Council (SCC) – Results of the Right of Way consultation
Reduce speeding MSID
SCC Confirmation of public path diversion order re no 24
Citizens Advice Staffordshire South West (CASSW) re services and funding

Circulated by email prior to the meeting:-

SSC – SSC Council News round-up issues 62, 63
VAST 27/3/2018
SSC – Let's work together – 20/04/2018 at the Council offices

1520. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. M Snelson reported that £100 was to be donated to the Parish by the organisers of the upcoming triathlon, as a way of thanking the village for their co-operation. Grateful thanks were given. It was agreed that the public would be informed via facebook.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16 May 2018 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Closed