

MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 25 July 2018 in the Jubilee room at Bobbington Village Hall
at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor: M Snelsom (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs. J Humphries, Mrs. J Stanton
Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council
4 Members of the public

1549. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Cllrs. Mrs L Jones, W J Snelsom, Mrs. I Rees and R Lewis.

1550. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr M Snelsom (Chairman) declared an interest in 1557ai.

1551. MINUTES:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 20 June 2018, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

1552. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Tree Update (Brantley Lane / Crescent)

The Planning Inspectorate have dismissed the appeal lodged by the Parish Council and, therefore, a replacement tree must be planted within the area specified within the original condition.

In respect to the removal of the tree Cllr. Mrs Stanton has one further idea to explore and will report back once her enquiries have been made.

b. Affordable Housing

Housing Plus have increased their offer slightly to reflect the valuation report obtained by the Trust and endorsed by the Housing Plus valuer. A draft memo of sale has been issued and a revised offer letter will be re-issued.

An ecology and tree survey of the site was carried out on 18th July. A ground investigation will be instructed in due course.

The legal process should not take longer than 2-3 months, dependent on the complexity of the transaction. A better idea of anticipated dates for Planning Permission etc will be possible after contracts have been exchanged.

c. Defibrillator

The defibrillator has now been registered with the Ambulance service. Users will need to call 999, give them the number on the box to gain a code to access the device.

In addition to the road-side sign it was suggested notices could be placed on the Church and Parish Council noticeboards.

d. EE rural cell trial

No further update was available.

e. Noticeboard

Final details of the noticeboard to be ordered were agreed. The Clerk will proceed with the order.

f. Bobbington Bash

Chloe Morgan has agreed to sit on the committee to represent Blakelands. The school are still to be approached. It was agreed that there was sufficient interest to pursue this matter, therefore, contact details could be collated and a first meeting organised.

1553. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Halfpenny Green Lane will be closed between 8am and 4:30pm on 8 August 2018 for blockage clearing works.

1554. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Village Hall

No update available.

Church of the Holy Cross

A small area of plaster has fallen from the very top of the Nave ceiling. This area has now been inspected by the architect via a scaffolding tower erected inside the church. He was unable to identify the cause of the fall and the surrounding area appears sound. The patch has been re-plastered whilst the scaffolding was in place.

Official details of the appointment of the new vicar are expected on Sunday 29 July 2018.

Corbett School

The Summer fayre on Wednesday 18 July 2018 went well. The children are now enjoying their summer holidays.

Community Speed Watch (“CSW”)

The CSW team have engaged in two outings since the last meeting – on each occasion four drivers were found to be in excess of 30mph.

Velo

The Information Commissioners office had responded to state that it did not appear we had exhausted the public authority's internal review procedure. Before accepting a complaint the Commissioner requires public authorities to be allowed the opportunity to respond to any complaints the requester may have about the way the request was dealt with. They advised the Parish Council to contact the public authority again, asking it to review the handling of the request.

The Clerk has also been contacted by Pete Barker, Community Partnership Officer at Staffordshire County Council. County Cllr. Mrs Wilson had briefed him on the issue, so he contacted the Clerk to obtain a better understanding of the issues to ascertain whether he could assist. An email offering assistance followed the Clerk's telephone conversation, this was discussed by those present, whilst the apology given and offer of assistance was appreciated, it was felt that a complaint

was still required due to the time taken to provide a response to the FOI request and the brevity of the final response received. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

Police Crime report

A report had been received for the period from 20 June 2018 to 17 July 2018, this stated:

- one theft of a motor vehicle
- one van broken into causing damage to the door.
- The Police now have the use of parking buddies which are given to a school for approximately one week at a time to locate where the parking is a problem, these are cut out characters advising where not to park, slow down etc
- Please keep looking at smart alerts and if a member of the public comes to you with a problem please encourage them to sign up to smart alert and to contact via 101. Don't forget our twitter page.
- Upcoming events – There is a speeding initiative being arranged for the villages this month.

1555. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the members of the public present,

1556. FINANCE

a. Cheques

The following cheques were proposed by Cllr. Mrs Stanton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Humphries

1. South Staffordshire Council	Legal Services	£600.00
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1557. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Received:

- i. PA18/00567/FUL Proposed erection of an agricultural/forestry general purpose storage building; Salters Hall Farm, Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, DY7 5DX – A brief oversight of the plans was given – it was agreed this would be recirculated and comments provided by correspondence.

b. Responded to:

c. Outcomes:

d. Enforcement matters:

1558. AIRFIELD MATTERS

Nothing to report.

1559. TOM BUTLER CUP COMPETITION “Wildlife in Bobbington”.

The competition had closed. The Parish Council would like to thank David Peters, a professional photographer, who kindly judged the competition.

The overall winner was Alistair Snelson with “Dog and Pheasant”.

The age category winners are detailed below:

0-11 years 1st place Sienna Hibbert - Butterfly; 2nd place Amelie Moseley - Jay and bench and 3rd place Amelie Moseley - Owl

11-18 years - 1st place Harry Moseley - 2 Bees; 2nd place Harry Moseley - 1 Bee and 3rd place - Harry Moseley - Jay

18+ years - 1st place Alistair Snelson - Dog and Pheasant; 2nd place Nicola Riley – Deer; 3rd place Alice Mackenzie- Martin. Butterfly.

A message from the judge:

“Congratulations to you all for your lovely images which were a pleasure to judge and a very hard and difficult task. All photos are lovely and a credit to you all for entering. Photography captures a moment in time and your images are there for ever. Thank you for asking me to judge the competition, it was a pleasure and congratulations not only to the winners but to you all.”

A brief discussion took place to analyse how well the competition went – it was agreed that the competition should be held between March and June or September and November in future to encourage more entries.

1560. CIVIC AWARD 2018-2019

Mr William Hayhurst was nominated for his internal audit work within the Parish of Bobbington. Mr Hayhurst has recently tendered his resignation from various organisations within the Parish. It was agreed that his contribution should be rewarded, he has helped numerous committees and organisations on a voluntary basis over many years. It was agreed the award would be presented at the October or November, subject to Mr Hayhurst's availability.

1561. CORRESPONDENCE

Blakelands – Fireworks notification for 11/8/18 at 9:30pm and 26/8/18 at 10:30pm
Local Councillor training course 11/9/8 at Tipping Street Stafford
South Staffordshire Council (SSC) – grass cutting 26/6/18; 2/7/18; 10/7/18

Circulated by email prior to the meeting:-

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) – Council News round-up issues 73, 74, 75, 76 and 77
VAST newsletter 26/6/18 & 4/7/18
Staffordshire County Council – pothole update w/c 25/6/18; 2/7/18; 9/7/18; 16/7/18
Civic Voice War memorial news 10/7/18
SSC Parish Summit and Election training
SSC Draft gambling policy

1562. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to be discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 19 September 2018 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Closed 8:25pm