

MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 in the Jubilee room at Bobbington Village
Hall at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor: M Snelson (Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs. J Humphries, Cllr. Mrs. J Stanton and Cllr. R Lewis.
Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council
PCSOs J Buzzard and A Rathbone
1 Member of the public

1493. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Cllr. Mrs Jones, Cllr W J Snelson, Mrs. I Rees and County Cllr. Ms. V Wilson.

1494. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

1495. MINUTES:

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

1496. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Tree Update (Brantley Lane / Crescent)

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

Cllr. Mrs Stanton had reviewed crowd funding further and had concerns as to whether this method would be suitable.

b. Affordable Housing

Lesley Birch (Staffordshire Housing Association) had confirmed that the architects submitted the pre-app several weeks ago. The pre-app comments have now been received. Although the land is tenanted, notice has been served on the tenants. Lesley has instructed the valuation report based on the draft drawings.

The Clerk was asked to contact Lesley and request to be involved at the planning stage e.g. determining style, materials to be used etc. She was also asked to review the minutes of the last public consultation to determine how we proceed once plans are available. It was suggested this could take place at the Annual Parish meeting.

c. Defibrillator

The training session scheduled for the 3 March 2018 was cancelled due to snow a further date will be organised in due course.

The Clerk had obtained a price for an amenity sign pointing to the defibrillator location. At £450 (plus a possible £350 if no existing post for it) the cost was considered considerable given other costs currently being incurred. It was suggested an approach be made to Cllr. Mrs Wilson for assistance with funding.

d. EE rural cell trial

Cllr. Mrs Stanton reported that nothing further had been heard. It is assumed that this will continue to progress at the end of March as previously discussed.

e. Noticeboard

The Clerk provided different examples of noticeboards and the associated costs. As an alternative to replacing the whole board, the Clerk had also considered whether it was possible to attach a cupboard to the front of the existing boards. This could reduce the costs significantly due to differences in installation. Whilst it would be preferable to have a lockable cupboard, a compromise could be made whereby a smaller cabinet was purchased, so that half the existing boards were maintained for public use. Thought also needs to be given to colour.

It was agreed that the Councillors would look at the existing boards and feedback at the next meeting.

f. Tree between Glebelands and Brantley Lane

Cllr. M Snelson had not received any further information as to ownership of the land. He agreed to contact the property owners again.

1497. HIGHWAY MATTERS**a. Email received re junction of Crab Lane and Six Ashes Road / Emails received re potholes Crab Lane**

The Clerk and a number of other people have reported this using the online facility. Several other people have phoned. When Cllr. Mrs Wilson contracted Staffordshire Highways ("Highways") the previous week she was informed the issues hadn't been logged. As such reference numbers were provided. The email to Mark Keeling had been forwarded to Diane Firkins, who agreed to speak to the Reactive Inspectors Supervisor and request the matter be escalated. Both the Clerk and Cllr. Mrs Wilson are chasing progress.

b. A Parishioner had contacted the Clerk with some Highways concerns for discussion, namely:-

- i. White Cross crossroads – same concerns as already discussed.
- ii. Tom Lane – The gorse, trees and shrubs have grown significantly. It is no longer a clear view across the bends. The Clerk had explained that the Parish Council were not responsible, however, Staffordshire Highways resources were currently limited due to the winter pressures and potholes.
- iii. Absence of white lines along Tom Lane and Six Ashes Road – The Councillors agreed it has been discussed on a number of occasions. There are currently no plans to reinstate the lines.

c. Grit bins

Cllr. Mrs. Stanton asked whether it was possible for the grit bin at the end of Brantley Lane to be replenished. The Clerk will contact Highways.

d. Flooding issues

It was noted there have been a number of issues with flooding on Tom Lane and Whittimere Lane.

1498. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**Village Hall**

The advertising sign on the fence is to be taken down due to damage. A replacement is available for when the weather improves.

Church of the Holy Cross

The funeral of Mrs. James (a former Parish Councillor) will take place on 29 March 2018.

Cllr. M Snelson commented on the condition of the churchyard. At the funeral of another parishioner, there were a large number of mole hills. Cllr. Mrs Humphries reported that someone had since attended the churchyard and removed 9 moles. They will continue to look for fresh mole hills.

Corbett School

No report available.

Community Speed Watch ("CSW")

The number of signs required and suggested locations have been submitted to Michelle Shaker. We are waiting confirmation that she is happy with the proposed locations.

The meeting suggested that the new signage could be placed on the existing speed camera sign posts as opposed to needing new posts at an additional cost. The Clerk will speak to Michelle.

The CSW team are looking for more volunteers – the Clerk will put a message on facebook.

Velo

The Freedom of Information request is still outstanding, despite numerous promises to provide the information. The County Council are now significantly outside the permitted time to respond.

Police Crime report

10 incidents at Halfpenny Green Airport. Units broken in to, CCTV systems broken or disabled. Thousands of pounds worth of cash, drones and other items were stolen. Attempts made on a Land Rover Discovery. The damage caused to each of the units is estimated in the thousands of pounds. Last seen secure at 7pm on 15th March and believed to have occurred overnight. Enquiries are still on-going. It is believed there were 3 offenders. The Crime Prevention officers attended for the day.

In Crab Lane tools and diesel were taken and £250 of oil was stolen from Six Ashes. One report of anti-social behaviour on Six Ashes Road – blue Transit driving through in the early hours 5.30am, blasting horn. Occupant lives in West Mercia who are due to speak to the registered keeper of the vehicle. Warning will be issued and if the vehicle is seen in the same circumstances then it will be seized.

There is an increased interest in old style Land Rovers with a number having been stolen in South Staffordshire, the PCSOs asked all to remain vigilant.

The Road surface at White Cross crossroads was again discussed, the parishioner present had also reported it a number of times.

1500. FEEDBACK FROM SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COURSE

a. GDPR

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting as no response had been received from the District Council and the correspondence had not been reviewed by all Councillors (and was not available at the meeting).

b. Elections

The correspondence had not been reviewed by all Councillors (and was not available at the meeting).

1501. FINANCE

a. Clerk's salary review

The sub-committee have commenced their review, however, are awaiting information from third parties. It was agreed to defer the review to the next meeting. Due to the payroll year end, it was agreed to pay the Clerk's salary to the 1 March 2018. The final month will be paid when the review has been concluded.

b. Annual donations

- i. Corbett School – Mrs Southall had confirmed the High five netball and football tournaments will be held on 21 April 2018. Medals will be awarded as in previous years. Cllr. Lewis proposed a donation of £230, this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stanton.
- ii. Halfpenny Green Scouts – The new group leader, Sarah Burns, had emailed an annual report stating:

“I can confirm that we are still going very strong, despite a 300% rent increase at the airfield. We are just about keeping our head above water but unfortunately this situation cannot really continue and we are looking at alternative locations for the future. We also recently suffered a burglary at our hut and some quite considerable damage was caused. With regards to numbers of we currently have 22 Beaver Scouts (11 are Corbett pupils), 25 Cub Scouts (5 are Corbett pupils), 30 Scouts (all above primary school age), and 7 Explorer Scouts.”

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c. Cheques

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

i.	Corbett School	S137		£230
ii.	Halfpenny Green Scouts	S137		£230
iii.	Clerk	Salary and expenses	(2 months)	£215.73
iv.	HMRC	Paye	(2 months)	£51.20

1502. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Received –

b. Responded to:

- i. PA 18/00140/FUL Gospel Ash Methodist Church, Gospel Ash Road, Bobbington, DY7 5EF - Former Methodist Church - change of use into private dwelling, with 2 storey rear extension to provide 3 bedrooms -

The Councillors concluded that it would be good to see it reused, there were no objections providing greenbelt restrictions had been considered.

c. Outcomes: Nothing to report

d. Enforcement matters:

David Pattison, South Staffordshire Council, has acknowledge receipt of the letter sent and will respond in due course. An email had been received from Lucy MacDonald partly responding to the letter sent and also answering some of the outstanding issues. This was reviewed, however, many of the answers were not deemed satisfactory. The Clerk was requested to clarify the position on several matters and to raise several other enforcement issues, for which no update has been received.

A detailed list of all planning enforcement matters closed had been circulated by South Staffordshire Council, it was agreed to would be helpful to have a list of those that remain open.

Developments at Leaton Park Farm were discussed, as it appears the "cattle shed" approved is being marketed as equestrian stables.

1503. AIRFIELD MATTERS

Cllr. Mrs Rees informed the meeting (via the Clerk) that the meeting of the Consultative committee scheduled for the 14 March 2018 had again been cancelled again at short notice. Cllr. Mrs. Rees is concerned with the lack of correspondence from the owners. Cllr. M Snelson agreed to speak to Cllr. W Snelson as to the constitution and meeting requirements. The Clerk will also speak to Cllr. B McCardle.

1504. CORRESPONDENCE

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) – Walk for Robbie 25/3/18; 12.4 mile charity walk

SSC – Safe and Sound over 60's event

SSC Council News round-up issues 56, 57, 58, 59

SSC – Let's work together 23/3/18

SSC – POCA and PPF funding stream now open

Community Council Staffordshire – Press release re merger of Support Staffordshire and Community Council

Elan City – Evolis Radar speed sign

Morphe Valey Ariculture 11/3/18

Staffordshire Police – Change programme briefing for volunteers

Circulated by email prior to the meeting:-

VAST 22/2/2018

1505. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Mrs Stanton raised the idea of a "Bobington Bash". This could be a fundraising event held every other year to raise funds for good causes. The first could be used to help Ms Haughtey pay for the tree removal. It was agreed this could be discussed at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18 April 2018 at 7:30pm.

Chairman's Initials

Date:

Meeting Closed