

MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 in the Jubilee room at Bobbington Village Hall
at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Councillor: Mrs L Jones (Chairman)
Country and District Councillor: Mrs V Wilson
Councillors: M Snelson, Mrs J Stanton, Mrs. I Rees, A Burton, S Hadgett
and M Slater
Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council
3 Members of the public

1676. APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies – all were present.

1677. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr. M Snelson declared an interest in 1685ai.

1678. MINUTES:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 23 April 2019, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

1679. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Tree Update (Brantley Lane / Crescent)

Cllr. M Snelson was concerned that it is not within the tree planting season, as such the tree may not survive, he suggested leaving the planting until late September / October. Whilst this makes sense as trees are currently in leaf, the planning condition deadline is 19 September 2019.

b. Affordable Housing

The Clerk had corresponded with Lesley Birch (Housing Plus). A letter had been sent to the new owner of the land, however, no response received to date. If no response has been received by 20 May 2019, Lesley will try to telephone him.

c. Defibrillator

Cllr. M Snelson informed the meeting that the third party will now also supply the defibrillator sign as well as the post and installation. He has liaised with the owners of the Red Lion and they have agreed to put one sign near the road and another on the car park for clarity.

Cllr. Mrs Wilson confirmed that planning permission was not required.

d. EE rural cell trial

No further update at the current time.

e. Bobbington Bash

Due to the election Cllr Mrs Stanton had not pursued this matter. For the benefit of the new members of the Parish Council, Cllr Stanton summarised the original intention and progress to date. A discussion followed as to whether this matter should be pursued, it was agreed that at the current time it would not be.

f. SSRP Grant application

The application has been submitted, it is not known when the outcome will be known. The Chairman wished to record the Parish Council's thanks to the Clerk who had submitted a detailed proposal. The Clerk thanked those who had reviewed the application prior to submission and assisted in gathering the quotations. She also thanked Cllr Mrs Wilson who had helped to gain agreement in principle from Staffordshire Highways.

g. Churchyard issues

Cllr. Mrs Humphries had taken the issues raised back to the Parochial Church Council and informed the Clerk that Reverend Fisher had been in contact with the Parishioner. The Clerk had contacted the Parishioner who confirmed he was happy and the matters were in hand.

1680. HIGHWAY MATTERS**a. 77 and 79 Six Ashes Road**

Cllr. Mrs Wilson had referred this matter to Diane Firkins at Staffordshire Highways. She has spoken to the drainage representative, however, initial enquiries were inconclusive and further work needs to be undertaken. Cllr. Mrs. Wilson stated she had included the matter on the agenda for her meeting with Highways representatives, she may be able to include some investigation work within her £20k scheme, however, could not promise.

The Clerk was asked to respond to the property owners. Cllr Mrs Wilson will also contact them.

b. Road traffic accident

Cllr Snelson reported that there had been a car accident in the village in recent weeks which emergency services attended. Cllr Burton provided further details. Two cars were racing through the village at approximately 4pm. One attempted to overtake a car turning right into the Red Lion car park resulting in a collision. The speeding car mounted the pavement 3 times as he lost control and finally came to a standstill two doors away from the Holy Cross Church up the hill (approx. 200m), such was his speed. This speeding vehicle could have easily hit a pedestrian. Unfortunately, the second speeding vehicle did not stop. The two cars involved were both written off and both occupants fortunately only suffered minor injuries.

- c. Several outstanding issues were discussed, namely it is not known where we are with Whittimere Lane; it is understood that the area near Devon Cottage has been resolved; There have been no recent issues with flowing water down Six Ashes Road; The island outside the Post Office has been deemed not to be the responsibility of Highways. The Clerk will contact Diane Firkins and request that any outstanding matters now be reported to her.

Concerns were also raised with respect to the pavements outside 4 Six Ashes Road and the Red Lion, which are breaking up and creating a potential hazard. Cllr. Mrs Wilson agreed to look into this.

1681. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
Corbett School

Nothing further to report (see annual Parish meeting minutes)

Village Hall

Nothing further to report (see annual Parish meeting minutes)

Church of the Holy Cross

Nothing further to report (see annual Parish meeting minutes)

Community Speed Watch ("CSW")

Nothing further to report (see annual Parish meeting minutes)

Police Crime Report

No official report had been received at the time of the meeting, this was received later in the evening. There were no incidents or trends to report.

The meeting was reminded of the Facebook page: Bobbington Neighbours Watch. It was suggested that the various Parish neighbourhood watch facebook admins link with each other so that crimes can be shared between the villages.

Cllr Mrs Wilson reported that at the Safer Neighbourhood panel meeting the Police Crime Commissioner had reported that all crime was down, as were calls to 101/999. Given that the general opinion differs, it is assumed that many crimes are not being reported. Cllr. Mrs Wilson urged everyone to ensure that crimes are reported.

1682. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

1683. INSURANCE RENEWAL

Zurich Insurance Renewal - £257.60 (2018 £257.60) – Following review, it was agreed to renew the policy.

1684. FINANCE

a. Bank Mandate

The Clerk had spoken to Barclays, however, the names of the new signatories are needed before they will send the new mandate. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements now the signatories are known.

b. Accounts year ended 31 March 2019

The Clerk had previously provided copies of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019. No questions were raised. It was proposed and seconded, that they be taken as read, this was agreed by all present. The Chairman and Clerk agreed to sign the annual return at the next meeting, in line with the guidance issued with the return.

c. Governance statement annual return 31 March 2019

The guidance with this year's return suggests that the internal audit is completed prior to this statement being signed, as such it will be signed at the next meeting.

d. Review of Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment

The Clerk had previously circulated the updated policy, the document was reviewed and approved.

e. Cheques

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| i. | Zurich | Annual insurance | £257.60 |
| ii. | Chipmonk Computing | Web hosting and domain renewal | £87.00 |
- (Note this business no longer accept cheques, therefore, the cheque will be made payable to the Clerk, who will forward a personal BACS payment as agreed in 2018)

It was confirmed that a donation had been received from the Black Country Triathletes – the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

1685. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Received: Cllr. Snelson left the room.
 - i. PA 19/ 00190/FUL – Salters Hall Farm, Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, DY7 5DX – Change of use from Agricultural buildings to 3 No residential dwellings – It was confirmed that the application was in line with the relevant planning laws. The new dwellings were within the same footprint and size, therefore, there were no objections.
 - ii. Appeal – APP/C3430/W/19/3225664 PA 17/01095/COU Land to the North of Six Ashes Road Bobbington, WV15 6EL – Creation of natural burial ground with parking and pavilion on agricultural ground - Cllr. Mrs Stanton agreed to review this together with our original objections. There were not believed to be any additional comments to add, however. Cllr. Mrs Stanton will email all with her findings.
- b. Responded to:
- c. Outcomes:
- d. Enforcement matters:

1686. AIRFIELD MATTERS

The last meeting of the Consultative committee was cancelled. The next meeting will be the AGM, which will be held on 12 June 2019.

1687. CORRESPONDENCE

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA) – 4 Councillors had attended a training session the previous evening, they reported that it was both informative and useful. A discussion followed with respect to membership of the SPCA. The Clerk was asked to find out more information, with a view to discussing membership at the next meeting.

Circulated by email prior to the meeting:-

Cllr. Mrs Wilson – Visit to parliament in Autumn

Cllr. Mrs Wilson – Coffee morning with the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson

SPCA local councillor training courses

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) – Celebration of the life of Cllr. Mrs Mary Bond.

VAST 25/4/2019

SSC – Litter pick boards

1688. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Website – It was noted that the website is looking a little dated – the Clerk agreed to speak to Chipmonk Computing to enquire as to the cost of updating it. The

Chairman's Initials

Date:

Clerk explained to the new members that the content is the responsibility of the Parish and, therefore, if anyone has anything to add, or any updates, we have to notify the provider by email – The clerk agreed to circulate the relevant email address to all.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 19 June 2019

Meeting Closed