**MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 15 January 2014 at Corbett School at 7:30pm**

**PRESENT**: Councillor: T Rees (Chairman)

Councillors: W J Snelson, S Homer, Mrs. L Jones and Mrs. J Tudor

Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council

Karl Owen - Halfpenny Green Air Scouts

1. **APOLOGIES**:

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of County Cllr. B Edwards, District Cllr. McCardle, Cllr. Mrs. J Humphries and Cllr. D Kimbley.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Snelson declared an interest in 908b & 908c.

1. **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 27 November 2013, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**:
   1. **B4176 signage**.

The Chairman confirmed that he had met with Mark Keeling and a colleague, of Staffordshire Highways. They had discussed the road signage at the B4176 junction in some detail. Mark has agreed to revamp the signs from Swindon Golf Club to the junction, to make these bigger and clearer.

In respect of Gospel Ash Road, Mark has agreed they will attend to the road verges and road signs as soon as possible.

The Chairman confirmed that he had not discussed the painting of the white lines with Mark, as it seemed the majority were against this at the last meeting.

* 1. **Affordable Housing Survey**

The Councillors had held a private meeting to discuss the results of the survey and whether to proceed with the next stage. It was unanimously agreed that greater consideration was required in particular to the District Council’s views on building on green belt. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting to permit these views to be obtained and ensure all Councillors were present.

* 1. **20mph speed restrictions**

The 20 is plenty campaign SID’s, have been erected outside the school.

The Clerk suggested that one of the possible sites for the County SID (by the Bobbington sign adjacent to Burnpit House), seemed too far from the main village. The Councillors agreed that drivers would have time to increase speed again, if sited there, as such, it was suggested it be placed outside Bobbington House.

* 1. **Hedges – Gospel Ash Road**

It was noted that Mrs. Millward’s hedges have now been cut. An address has now been obtained for Mr. Shakespeare.

* 1. **Replacement Notice Boards**

Councillor Mrs. Humphries had provided a leaflet showing available designs for the new notice boards. She had also confirmed that the Parochial Church notice board had cost £750 excluding fitting, as Brian Taylor had installed it. It was agreed that the starred one would be suitable, i.e. a double panel lockable cabinet – the Clerk agreed to contact Cllr. Mrs. Humphries to arrange for a quotation.

* 1. **Halfpenny Green Air Scouts donation**

Karl Owen attended the meeting to explain the planned celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the group and request the Council’s assistance. He took over the running of the group 3 years ago, during which time numbers have increased from approximately 18 to 81. The children who attend range from 5-14 years of age, split over three sections, Cubs, Beavers, and Scouts. The group is proud to have gained full RAF recognition.

Karl is encouraging local businesses to get involved in the anniversary celebrations, a letter has been sent to all known parties, however, if there are any that have been missed, details should be forwarded to the Air Scouts. The main celebration will be held at the Airfield and attended by special guests, celebratory and scouting dignatories. Due to the guests expected, the event will be by invitation only.

The sub-committee for the event are requesting assistance with food, drink, flowers, help on the day and momentos for the children. A meeting will be organised in due course by Sarah Burns, the Chair of the sub-committee and Beaver leader, for anyone interested in helping.

The group’s AGM will be held on 17 May 2014. The Chairman was asked and agreed to present the Air Scout annual awards which include Scout of the year, cub of the year etc. It was suggested, by those present, that the Council could make a contribution towards the awards, it was agreed that a donation be placed on the agenda of next month’s meeting.

On the 21 June 2014 a greyhound race night will be held, to raise funds for the anniversary event, at the Village Hall.

Karl proudly announced that a memorial is to be placed in the church to commemorate 100 years of the First World War. The Air Scouts, have raised the funds to purchase the memorial and are currently awaiting the permission of the Bishop to have it installed by the altar.

As always, Karl would welcome any suggestions as to activities the group can do to help the village as part of the Community work. Prior to Karl leaving the meeting, a general discussion was held as to the costs of running the group and the condition of the meeting venue. It was agreed that the Council would consider a further donation in respect of the running costs.

* 1. **Bobbington Village Website**

It was agreed to adjourn this discussion to the next meeting.

1. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Concerns were raised over the advertising board for Swindon Golf Club, in the layby along Tom Lane. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways. The Clerk was also asked to chase the speed camera sign being obscured when exiting the village.

1. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Village Hall**

Cllr. Mrs. Tudor confirmed that the carpets were laid in the new room that day. The Committee need to decide on the furniture, as different groups have different requirements and therefore, various options need to be considered.

**Corbett School**

Cllr. Snelson reported that a pipeline had been across the fields to take water off, this could be extended to take the water off the top of the school fields and into the pond.

**Church of the Holy Cross**

No representative present.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public present.

1. **FINANCE**
   1. **Budget 2014-15**

The Clerk was congratulated on the presentation of the interim accounts to 31 December 2013 and the budget. Cllr. Snelson proposed that the accounts and proposed budget be approved, this was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Tudor.

* 1. **Annual precept requirement**

A precept requirement of £3,483 (£4,500 less the grant of £1,017) was approved.

* 1. **Cheques**

The following cheques were proposed by Cllr. Snelson and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Tudor.

* + 1. Corbett School In Lieu of room hire £10.00
    2. Clerk Salary & expenses £323.57
    3. HM Revenue & Customs Paye £72.00

1. **PLANNING MATTERS**
   1. Received:
      1. PA 13/00990/FUL 5-7 Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, Stourbridge, South Staffordshire, DY7 5BY – Two - storey rear extension – no objection subject to the planners views on appropriate development.
   2. Responded to:
      1. PA 13/00845/FUL - Extensions and alterations to form teaching area, ball wash/dispenser and porch, Halfpenny Green Golf Club New Road Swindon Dudley South Staffordshire DY3 4PP – No objection
      2. PA 13/00823/FUL Provision of pets corner and erection of portaloo, Halfpenny Green Vineyards, Tom Lane, Bobbington DY7 5EP – approved by committee subject to conditions – No objection
      3. PA 13/00906/FUL Single storey rear kitchen extension Meadow Cottage, Six Ashes Road, Bobbington DY7 5DT - No objection, subject to greenbelt restrictions
   3. Outcomes:
      1. PA 13/00823/FUL Provision of pets corner and erection of portaloo, Halfpenny Green Vineyards, Tom Lane, Bobbington DY7 5EP – approved by committee subject to conditions

1. **AIRFIELD MATTERS**

Cllr. Snelson had attended the recent Consultative Committee meeting. A Councillor from Wombourne Parish Council had raised the possibility of using the airport to fly in visitors for day trips to local attractions. The committee agreed that no thought had been previously given to this, however, it was generally perceived as a good idea. The minutes of the consultative committee meetings will in future be available on the airport’s website. The information provided at the meeting was circulated.

The police helicopter has now returned from Glasgow.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) Staffordshire enhancements of the

[www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) solution

SSC Crime and Anti-social behaviour statistics for November and December

Healthwatch Staffordshire Enquiries

Codsall Arts Festival

Spinal Injuries Association – Fish & Chip supper

NHS Press release - Norovirus

Gavin Williams MP December 2013 newsletter

Best Kept Village Competition 2014

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Mrs. Jones asked whether it was intended for the Council to hold / support any events to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War. A brief discussion followed, the Chairman asked for any ideas to be raised at the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 26 February 2014**

Meeting Closed 8:45pm.