**MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 17 October 2012 at Corbett School at 7:30pm**

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

Councillor: D Kimbley (Vice-Chairman)

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

District Councillor: R McCardle

Graham Hughes Community Council of Staffordshire

Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council

1. **APOLOGIES**:

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mrs. L Jones and County Cllr. Edwards.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Snelson declared interests in 748, 752 & 753. Cllr. Mrs. Humphries declared an interest in 752.

1. **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 5 September 2012, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

1. **Graham Hughes** – Community Council of Staffordshire (01785 242525)

Graham introduced himself and explained that his role involves working with groups within South Staffordshire to enable them to achieve their goals, acting as a facilitator to help groups requiring funding and to spread the news of County Initiatives within Parishes, e.g. the Staffordshire Connect Service, the bulk oil buying initiative and Bilbrook at home (a house fully equipped with aids for the elderly & disabled).

Graham informed the Council of the Community Voice Forum (to be held on 6 November 2012 from 10am-1pm), which can be used by voluntary groups.

1. **MATTERS ARISING**:

a) **Planning /enforcement issues**

Cllr. McCardle reported that he had spoken with Lucy MacDonald (Enforcement Officer) in respect of the Council’s concerns with requests to provide information to Officers in relation to Leaton Park Farm. Lucy sends apologies to the Council and agrees that the requests were not appropriate. The issue has been discussed with the enforcement team. No further action is needed from the Parish Council.

**b) Diamond Jubilee Commemorative tree**

Cllr. Mrs. Humphries confirmed that the planting of the Yew tree will take place at 10am on 22 October 2012. The Chairman has arranged tea/coffee at the Red Lion afterwards.

It was proposed that the Council remunerate Alan Robins for his assistance with the planting. It was agreed that the Chairman could use his discretion. Once agreed a cheque would be provided by the Clerk.

c**) Six Ashes Road – drainage/flooding**

No response has been received from Highways, a chasing letter has been sent, although the Clerk reported having seen a Highways van along the relevant stretch during the previous day.

d) **Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service 2013**

The Clerk had circulated the information required to complete the application form during the period between meetings. It was decided that no application would be submitted.

e) **Catering for November 2012 meeting**

The Clerk confirmed that Mr. & Mrs. Hayhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Southall would be attending, however the Reverend Jeanette and Mr. Hartwell have a prior engagement (post meeting note: Mr. & Mrs. Southall are no longer able to attend. Cllr. Homer confirmed that Mrs. Southwick Vaughan will attend. The Chairman has invited John Parkes from Staffordshire Highways and asked the Vineyards to assist with the catering.

1. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that further complaints had been received in respect of the hedge and undergrowth between the Red Lion and Corbett School. Mr. Lee Davies agreed that they were a danger to pedestrians, in particular the children walking to and from school.

Cllr. Snelson confirmed that the cutting was the responsibility of the family farm, however they were currently harvesting. He agreed to report the concerns raised and request that the matter be prioritised.

The new speed limits around the Parish are now in place. Concern had been expressed by some that drivers may be encouraged to increase their speed to the 50mph limit. It was noted that the signage around the Royal Oak is confusing. John Parkes has agreed to attend site and review this.

The members of the public present (Mr. Lee Davies and Mr. Paul Simpson) raised concerns in respect of vehicles speeding through the village. A discussion followed in respect of the actions taken by the Parish Council during recent years. Various speed restriction methods were discussed together with the comments previously received from Highways and the Police.

It was reported that the road around the Red Lion was in need of repair, there are various dips and bumps in the road surface.

1. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Village Hall** – Nothing to report.

**Corbett School** – Nothing to report.

**Church of the Holy Cross** – The Remembrance Sunday service will take place on Sunday 11 November 2012 at 9.30am.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no additional questions from the members of the public present.

1. **FINANCE**
   1. Cheques

The following cheques were proposed by Cllr. Snelson and seconded by Cllr. Kimbley.

* + 1. Corbett School In lieu of room hire £10.00
    2. Clerk Salary & expenses £307.56
    3. HM Revenue & Customs Paye £69.60

1. **PLANNING MATTERS**
2. Received:
   * 1. APP/C3430/A/12/2183836/NWF Factory Plant Projects Limited, Gospel Ash Road, Bobbington, DY7 5EF – Erection of canopy to replace original – no further comments
     2. PA/12/00791/FUL Proposed first floor extension over garage, balcony & orangery, 103 Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, DY7 5EA – no objection
3. Received and responded to:
   * 1. PA/12/00575/FUL Amended - Extension to existing winery & new education centre & tractor / machinery store Halfpenny Green Vineyards, Tom Lane, DY7 5EP – no objection subject to Greenbelt.
     2. PA/12/00737/FUL Two Storey side extension, 93 Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, Stourbridge, DY7 5EA – no objection.
4. **AIRFIELD MATTERS**

The Clerk had sent a copy of the Flying Green article to the District Council as requested. David Pattison had responded stating they were not aware of any current issues and believed that activity had reduced. He confirmed that should the District Council be made aware of any potential breaches they would be in a position to issue a planning contravention notice requesting access to the flight logs.

It was agreed that there were no current issues. The article had been forwarded to the District so that in future, when a matter is raised and requires enforcement it is dealt with rather than being left. A general discussion followed, during which it was noted that the District Council appeared to have stated that they will ensure action is taken if matters are reported in the future.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) – Seisdon Rural District Tree Preservation Order 55 1973, 60 1982 \7 83 1986

The Donna Louise Childrens Hospice Trust – Rainy days appeal

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) 2013 Volunteer Staffordshire Awards

SCC Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy 2010-2026

Development Plan Document Notice of Consultation on proposed additional modifications following examination

SSC Local Plan Engage Autumn 2012

SSC Locality 5 Member forum – Taking action locally 22/10/12

Acorn Group – Environmental Management marketing information

Community Council of Staffordshire Best Kept Village Competition 2013

Western Power Distribution Future Investment Plans

South Staffordshire Community and Voluntary action Annual report and accounts

SSC Overview and Scrutiny Committee 18/9/12

SSC Special Council 25/9/12

SSC Regulatory Committee 25/9/12 & 16/10/12

SSC Audit Committee 25/9/12

SSC Cabinet Meeting 2/10/12

SSC Notice of Election of Police Crime Commissioner 15/11/12

SSC Community Wellbeing fund

Defra reporting re PO Network transformation

Winter Parish Summit 23/11/12

August Crime Figures

Buzz Autumn 2012

Crime figures September 2012

SSC Code of Conduct training 20/11/12 6pm, 22/11/12 2:30 and 28/11/12 2:30

SSC Gambling Licensing Policy Consultation

Monthly Crime Survey

South Staffordshire Policing team – Rural Community Engagement Road-show

23/10/12 @ Red Lion

Rural Services Network – Individual web pages with info re your authority

SSC Enforcement cases – note information confidential 27/8 to 27/9/12

SSC Linking up locally

SSC South Staffordshire Connect – update and report to date

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14 November 2012** at 7:00pm

Meeting Closed 9.20pm.