**MINUTES of the meeting of BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 16 October 2013 at Corbett School at 7:30pm**

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

County Cllr. B Edwards

District Cllr R.McCardle

Councillors: D Kimbley, Mrs. J Humphries and Mrs. J Tudor

Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council

And 2 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES**:

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Cllr. W Snelson, Cllr. Mrs. L Jones and Cllr. S Homer.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Tudor declared an interest in 879e

1. **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 11 September 2013, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

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

It was confirmed that the foliage currently obstructing the existing sign –was on private land.

Cllr. Edwards confirmed that Mark Keeling of Staffordshire Highways would be carrying out a site visit with Diane Greet, the traffic officer. They have to be careful with arrows on the road surface, as currently priority isn’t given to those turning right. It was agreed that the council were not in agreement to a change of priority.

It was agreed that the Chairman would meet with Mark and Diane.

* 1. **Affordable Housing Survey**

The letter and questionnaire have been sent to all parishioners. 50 responses had been received to date. It was anticipated that the analysis would be commenced on 24 October 2013.

* 1. **20mph speed restrictions**

Gavin Williamson MP had written to inform the Council that he has met with Mark Keeling of Staffordshire Highways who had confirmed he had met with the Parish Council. Gavin will continue to apply pressure with the hope he can be of some service and assistance. No further update had been received from Mark.

Highways had agreed to review the 20 is plenty sign currently which currently conceals the speed camera sign, at certain angles when heading out of the village.

* 1. **Plant pots**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Mr. Kevin Astley and requested details and costings of what was required. It had been suggested that he attend the meeting

Cllr. Mrs. Tudor agreed to speak to Mr. Astley and arrange for the information to be available for the next meeting.

* 1. **Village Hall Extension**

Cllr. Mrs. Tudor confirmed that thanks to County Cllr. Edwards, sufficient funding was now in place to commence the interior alterations to create an additional room. It is anticipated that work will commence on 18 November 2013 and be completed early in 2014.

1. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

No matters to report.

1. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Village Hall**

The Village Hall committee are still in discussions with respect to the parking of the Safety Camera Partnerships vehicle.

The trailer used for storage at the rear of the hall has now been removed.

**Corbett School**

No representatives present.

**Church of the Holy Cross**

A successful harvest festival and supper were held in early October. There will be a service for All Souls / Saints on 3 November 2013 at 11:15. The Air Scouts will attend the Remembrance Sunday Service which will take place on 10 November 2013 at 9:30am.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

2 residents from Leaton Hall were in attendance. The Clerk provided an update in respect of the queries raised, with relevant bodies, following the last meeting, as follows:

- Planning Enforcement and Control – will check the conditions of the planning approval

- Planning – Provided information in respect of the planning process and have agreed to meet with the residents to discuss their concerns

- Planning Enforcement and Environmental Protection – confirmed they are looking into noise allegations

Mr. Smart explained that under the Freedom of Information Act he had obtained the planning files and had concerns with respect to some of the advice given.

A discussion followed in respect of problems being incurred. Cllr. McCardle will arrange a meeting with the residents.

1. **FINANCE**
   1. **Cheques**

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

* + 1. Corbett School In lieu of room hire £10.00
    2. Clerk Salary & expenses £300.28
    3. HM Revenue & Customs Paye £72.20

1. **PLANNING MATTERS**
2. Received:
   * 1. PA/13/00797/TREE 4 Glebelands, Bobbington DY7 5DL – Pruning of Ash Tree with the Churchyard
3. Received and Responded to:
   * 1. PA 13/00745/VAR - CCAOU Rotor Village H40 Wolverhampton Airport Bobbington Stourbridge Staffordshire DY7 5DY - Variation Of Operating Hours For A Police Helicopter
     2. PA 13/00613/FUL – Replacement dwelling, The Summer House Long Common, Claverley, Wolverhampton, South Staffordshire WV5 7AX
4. **AIRFIELD MATTERS**

Cllr. Kimbley reported that a further meeting of the Consultative Committee had been held. The notes from which had already been circulated to Councillors. A new landing system is to be implemented due to the receipt of a grant.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

South Staffordshire Council (SSC) Locality Member Forum 24/10/13 6-8pm

Open Spaces Site allocations questionnaire

SSC Dog fouling and litter questionnaire

Painting of Finger post signs – passed to County Cllr. Edwards

Crime and Anti-social behaviour stats September 2013

SSC Sussed School Holiday Activities

Community Council of Staffordshire AGM

Gavin Williamson Heritage Lottery Fund centenary grants programme

South Staffordshire rural transport partnership update report

Historic Towns Forum – September newsletter

South Staffordshire Connect – local bookable bus

Support Staffordshire – new name for South Staffordshire Community Voluntary

Action and 6 CV’s across County

South Staffordshire Connect Data 20/5/13 – 13/7/13

i54 update September 2013

Staffordshire County Council Opportunity to serve on schools admission appeals

panel

Office of Police Crime Commissioners (OPCC) funding opportunities

Codsall Community Arts Festival Association 8 March – 29 March 2014

SSC Small Business Saturday 7 December 2013

Support Staffordshire service news release

SSC Changes to rural bus routes

Staffordshire Police Inspector Geoff Knight

Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service

SSC Capital Grants and loans scheme

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**There was no other business to be discussed**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TBC - 20 or 27 November 2013,** 7:30pm Venue Halfpenny Green Vineyards.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm.