

BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at Bobbington Village Hall.

Name :	Present
Cllr L Jones (Chair)	✓
Cllr A Burton	✓
Cllr S Hadgett	✓
Cllr A Perry	✓
Cllr M Slater	✓
Cllr M Snelson (Chair)	A
Cllr J Stanton (Acting as Clerk)	✓
Cllr V Wilson	A
Mr Richard Law (Member of the public)	✓
Mr Robert Evans (Member of the public)	✓
✓ = Present A = Apologies X = Absent	

78/23 Apologies for Absence

As recorded above.

79/23 Declarations of Interest in Accordance with the Local Government Act 2000

None

80/23 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2024, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Parish Council, were accepted as a true record. Proposer Cllr S Hadgett, motion seconded by Cllr A Burton.

81/23 Matters Arising From the Minutes

None identified

82/23 Highway Matters

a. Flooding and Potholes

- i. The road works on Church Lane have now been completed.
- ii. Water still continues to rise up through the tarmac on Six Ashes Road, causing damage to the road surface. The potholes around this area are now straddling the entire road and motorists are being stranded due to sustaining punctures. It was noted that extensive repairs have been carried out to local roads which see little traffic, i.e. New Road, Watery Lane and Church Lane, but Six Ashes Road that sees very heavy traffic, remains in a dangerous state.

A sink hole that appeared on Six Ashes Road in the middle of the village, was reported to Highways and filled with tarmac on the same day. However the repair failed as it was a sink hole and not a pothole, and within the week the council had to come out and fill it with tarmac again.

- iii. Despite road repairs and the drain being cleared, there is still flooding on Crab Lane, at the junction of Lutley Lane.

- iv. A number of road closure signs put up in February and March, were frequently put in the wrong place and not removed when the work was completed. This had an impact on the school bus collection of children from the village. Mr Law, a resident of Bobbington, asked how the road closures were communicated to the bus company, so that they are able to continue their service and ensure children got to school safely. The Chair said that she would follow up on this issue with Cllr V Wilson.

b. Speed Indication Devices

No further information has been received from South Staffs Council (SSC) on the deployment of speed indication devices.

83/23 Friends of Bobbington

The meeting proposed for Saturday 23rd March would go ahead and involve an audit of potholes in and around the village. These would be recorded, reported where necessary and the repairs monitored against the list created.

84/23 Airfield Matters

To date no communication had been received from the new owner of the airport. Cllr A Perry reported that he had arranged a meeting with him for Wednesday 27th March and he would provide an update at the April meeting.

No information had been received from Cllr V Wilson in regard to the status of Consultative Committee meetings and the legality of using an area of the airport for caravan storage. The Chair said that she would send her a reminder.

85/23 Reports from Committee Representatives

a. Corbett School

Cllr A Burton read out a report received from the Headteacher of Corbett School.

Grounds: We are looking forward to getting back out onto the field and are still seeking solutions to our ongoing drainage issues.

I have been in contact with our PCSOs who are offering their support with addressing our parking issues. We are also looking forward to having safety talks from them for the children next term.

Events: We have enjoyed dressing up in red for Comic Relief and having a joke competition, as well as wearing our pyjamas to share our favourite books together for World Book Day.

We had our Ofsted inspection on the 6th March. We look forward to sharing the outcome with the community once the report has been published.

Our Easter service was lovely this morning. Led by the children, every class was involved and we enjoyed singing, hearing readings and prayers alongside many of our parents and carers.

Y5/6 have been on an educational visit to Lower Drayton Farm.

For British Science week, all of our classes enjoyed taking part in various investigations and KS2 watched a live lesson for inspiration!

One of our parents is a farmer and is bringing in one of his ewes and a lamb tomorrow and he will be running talks for the children about how they are cared for. This links in really well with Y5/6's project on farming this term.

We are looking forward to our egg decorating competition, non-uniform day, Easter egg hunts and disco on Friday.

Daisy (Y3/4) class are enjoying their swimming sessions at Wombourne pool each week.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Mullet and Mr Roberts to our staffing team next term. Mrs Mullet was appointed as our Y3/4 teacher in the Autumn term but was unable to be released until now, and Mr Roberts will be taking over from Mrs Pardoe as Y5/6 teacher for 2 days a week for the Summer term. Mrs Pardoe has been looking for a post in a larger school for some time and is looking for the potential for leadership progression.

b. Bobbington Village Hall

No update received.

c. Holy Cross Church

No update received.

d. Community Speed Watch

Cllr A Burton reported that no activity has taken place since the last Parish Council meeting.

e. Health and Wellbeing

Cllr S Hadgett advised that there was nothing of note to report.

f. Crime Report

No report received.

g. South Staffordshire Locality Forum

No Councillor had been available to represent Bobbington at the forum and the outcomes from the meeting had not yet been received.

86/23 Public Question Time

There were two members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

Mr Law wished to raise the issue of road closures and school transport. This was taken and dealt with under Agenda item 82/23 a iv.

Mr Evans raised his concerns over the application for the addition of a public bridleway that would run over his land. This was discussed under Agenda item 88/23 iii.

87/23 Finance

a. Cheques

None

88/23 Planning Matters

a. Received

- i. 24/00087/FULHH The Chapel, Gospel Ash Road Bobbington
Single storey rear extension to dwelling to provide 2 bedrooms, en-suite and new living room.

Object. The Chapel building is in the Green Belt and has already been extended to provide living accommodation, and the proposal extends the foot print of new build even further. Unlike the first extension, this proposal is not linear and the new living area forms a right angle at the rear. This changes

the original shape of the building and detracts from its heritage status as an old chapel

- ii. TPO83/1985 Lime – Reduce crown on house side to previous pruning points, crown reduction of remaining by up to 30%, crown thin by up to 20%, remove epicormic growth to the main fork.

No Objections

- iii. LN650G/COU Application for the addition of a public bridleway in the Parish of Bobbington.

Objection on the grounds of protection of livestock that graze the area on the proposed route.

b. Received and Responded to

None

c. Outcomes

None advised.

89/23 Correspondence

List of correspondence distributed to Councillors via email:	
Correspondence received from	Subject of correspondence
SS Council	Parish Council News Roundup 343
Gavin Williamson	My Westminster Update 23 Feb
Staffordshire Council	What's on in March at Staffordshire Libraries
SPCA Ian Cruise-Taylor	Power to fund works to property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity - England only
SPCA Ian Cruise-Taylor	Free Portrait of the King
SSC Planning	Consultation on 24/0087/FULHH
SSC Planning	Consultation on 24/00157/TTREE
SSC (N. Reehal)	Parish Council New Roundup 344
CPRE campaigns	Campaigns Update March 2024
SSC	Residents Council News Update 345
SSC (N. Reehal)	Parish Council New Roundup 345
SSC (Scott Whitehouse)	What's Happening at Your Library in South Staffs
Gavin Williamson	Westminster Update 7 March
Staffs Council (Hannah Tichener)	Addition of a Public Bridleway, Ref LN650G
SPCA Ian Cruise-Taylor	D Day 80 Flag of Peace
Invictus Education Trust (Laura Chamberlain)	Safeguarding of Children
Richard Law	Safeguarding of Children AW124
SSC (Lorraine Fowkes)	Code of Conduct Training AW124
SPCA Ian Cruise-Taylor	NALC Legal Update
SSC (A Long)	Partnership Meeting and Bobbington Vacancy
SSC	Residents Council News Round Up 346
SSC (N Reehal)	Parish Council News Round Up 346
SSC (D Round)	Responding to Planning Consultations

SSC	Welcome to the new Chief Inspector
SC Traffic and Network Management	4377666 Temporary Road Closure, Tom Lane
SSC (A Long)	Code of Conduct Training
SC Traffic and Network Management	4377666 Temporary Road Closure, Six Ashes Road
Public Senior Executive	Dive Deep into the Role of Local Government
SC Traffic and Network Management	4358361 Temporary Road Closure, Six Ashes Road
SSC (R Melvyn)	Closure of Wombourne Recycling Centre
SSC (T Reynolds)	Police and Fire Crime Commissioners Notices
CPRE	Whole Generation Being Priced Out Of the Market

The Chair asked the Clerk to respond to the SSC request that Councillors attend Code of Conduct training. It was agreed that Councillors should attend a local training session, but Bobbington would not host the event.

It was agreed that an application should be made to obtain a free portrait of King Charles III to hang in the Village Hall.

The Wombourne Recycling Centre had been closed for the foreseeable future due to subsidence on the internal road. Investigations were ongoing, but in the meantime, residents were being encouraged to use Bilbrook HWRC.

90/23 Any Other Business to be Raised in Next Agenda

The Clerk vacancy and job description had been advertised, with a closing date of 5th April and interviews scheduled for 17th April.

The cutting of hedges at the end of Manor Lane to Forest Lane. A letter to be sent to the owner requesting that this work is carried out.

Clearance of the old Royal Oak car park at Halfpenny Green. Cllr M Slater to speak with the owner.

Contribution to the cost of drainage repairs at the Village Hall.

91/23 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Bobbington Village Hall.