

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOBBINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 8.00pm at Bobbington Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllr. J. Stanton (Chair), Cllr L. Jones, Cllr A. Burton, Cllr S. Hadgett, Cllr A. Perry, Cllr M. Slater

**Guests in Attendance:** None

**Public in Attendance:** None

**Minute Taker:** Kate Pritchard, clerk@bobbington.staffslc.gov.uk

**24/041. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr M. Snelson and Cllr V. Wilson

**24/042. Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000:**

None

**24/043. Minutes of previous meeting:**

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed as a correct record. Proposer Cllr L. Jones, motion seconded by Cllr S. Hadgett.

**24/044. Matters arising from the minutes:**

**a) Open Reach full fibre services**

Cllr A. Burton has reached out to service provider EE, who advise they are unable to allocate full fibre service as it has not been released. A call is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024. It was RESOLVED to invite open reach to the July parish council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**24/045. Highway Matters:**

**a. Flooding**

Cllr A. Perry and a small team worked on clearing the drains in Gospel Ash Road and Manor Lane junction. Seven wheelbarrows of debris were removed.

**b. Pot Holes**

- i. The footpath next to the sink hole on Six Ashes Road is now damaged, due to vehicles mounting the pavement to drive past the hole. This is a major route to school, where children walk and has become a safety concern. It was RESOLVED to request a total road closure to the district councillor. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. A resident has requested a statement from Bobbington parish council regarding the poor maintenance of the roads for legal purposes. It was RESOLVED to object to the request as the parish council are not in a position to provide evidence. The minutes are available as a public record on the website. Cllr A. Burton to respond. **Action: Cllr A. Burton**

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**24/046. Friends of Bobbington:**

Members were unable to meet in April. It was APPROVED to meet on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to tidy up the bus shelter.

It was RESOLVED to contact Cllr V. Wilson regarding the street scene update.

**Action: Clerk**

**24/047. Airfield Matters:**

Cllr A. Perry reported that all councillors are invited to attend a visit around the airfield on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. It was RESOLVED to send the councillors an email invite.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllr A. Perry reported that work is now complete on the Control Tower and Café. This is due to open 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Cllr Perry will attend the airport meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 15:00. It was RESOLVED to request the consultative committee provide the meeting dates in advance for the remainder of the year. **Action: Cllr A. Perry**

**24/048. Reports from Committee Representatives:**

**a. Corbett School**

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

**b. Bobbington Village Hall**

The Corbett School continues to be the main hirer of the hall and efforts are being made to advertise the facilities locally. An advertising hoarding has been placed by the entrance to the school to actively encourage additional hirers.

The fabric and maintenance of the hall is in good order. However, as previously noted the drainage system needs attendance and repair.

The AGM will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**c. Holy Cross Church**

The church is grateful for support for maintenance of the churchyard. The plants are flourishing. Internal walls are discoloured with mould, they require cleaning. External stonework needs repair. Sunday services are held fortnightly. Low attendance is a concern for the future.

**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 the 'Everyone Health' initiative which ran in Spring and Summer 2023 was very successful. Following our coffee morning in the village hall, the mobile unit continued to make visits to the village during the summer, using the Red Lion car park as its base. Around 280 people were seen from the area during this time.

During the next twelve months, it is hoped to access funding through 'Better

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Health Staffordshire' to help reduce loneliness and social isolation and promote healthy ageing.

**f. Crime Report**

Cllr J. Stanton reported that no report had been received since the last Parish Council meeting.

**24/049. Public Question Time:**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**24/050. Finance:**

**a Internal Audit**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Internal Audit year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**b Certificate of Exemption**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Certificate of Exemption

**c Governance statement annual return**

It was RESOLVED to approve the Governance statement annual return 31/3/24

**d Accounting Statements 2023/24**

It was RESOLVED to approve the accounting statements 2023/24

**e Policy**

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Review of Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment

**f Cheques**

It was RESOLVED to approve payments as follows:

- i. SPCA annual membership £164.00
- ii. any additional cheques that need to be raised following discussion of agenda items

**24/051. Planning:**

- a) To consider new application/s:

None received.

- b) To report decisions on previous applications:

Reference	Address	Details	BPC Comments	SSC Decisions
PRE-PLANNING consultation:	Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport/Crab Lane	Cornerstone installation of telecommunications mast at.	No objections. Responded to.	
TPO83/1985 T1 Willow	Bobbington Sewage Treatment Works, Brantley Crescent.	prune specific limbs to main stem, G1 Silver Birches x7 - dismantle and remove, T2 Alder - prune specific limbs back to main stem and T3 Oak - Prune specific limbs back to main stem	No Objections. Responded to.	
24/00256/FULH	Honeysuckle Cottage Six Ashes Rd, Bridgnorth WV15 6EL	Two storey rear extension	No Objections. Responded to.	

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**24/052. Correspondence:**

<b>List of correspondence distributed to Councillors via email:</b>	
<b>Correspondence received from</b>	<b>Subject of correspondence</b>
SSC	Residents Council News Roundup 352
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Housing Plus Group (Sarah Boden)	Corporate Plan 2024 -2026
SStaffs	Parish Council News Roundup 352
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VAST	What's on in May
SSC (Scott Whitehouse)	Staffordshire Libraries in May
Richard Law	Safeguarding of Children
SPCA (Ian Cruise-Taylor)	Planning for non-planners
DPO SSC	Data Protection Service GDPR
SSC (Andy Wheeler)	Health & Wellbeing Funding Opportunity Alert
South Staffs Libraries	June Articles
SSC (Scott Whitehouse)	Free Supportive Communities Training
SPCA (Ian Cruise-Taylor)	Council News May 2024
HRMC	Are you paying statutory payments correctly
VAST	Funding Opportunities Stoke and Staffordshire
SPCA (Ian Cruise-Taylor)	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024
SPCA (Ian Cruise-Taylor)	Staffordshire Parish Associations Update
Staffordshire Community Foundation	VSE Grants (Supportive Communities and Better Health)
Staffs SLCC	Letter to Chair from SLCC Staffordshire
SCC	4355469 - Blanket Temporary Road Closure and Speed Limit Order
Gavin Williamson	My Staffordshire Update
Jill Humphries	Holy Cross Church Annual Report

- i. Data Protection Service – It was RESOLVED to accept the Clerk to look into this further and report back to the council if this is required. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) membership – It was RESOLVED to object this as the Clerk is already a member.
- iii. Code of conduct training – It was RESOLVED that Cllr A. Burton would attend on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 17:30 at Wombourne Civic Centre on behalf of the parish council.

**24/053. Any Other Business to be Raised in Next Agenda:**

SCC data protection services for parish councils, Parish Council Mobile Phone, Parish Council PO. Box.

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**24/054. Date, time & venue of Parish Council meetings for 2024/25.**

It was RESOLVED to set the meeting dates for 2024/25 as follows:

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 7:30pm, Bobbington Village Hall
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7:30pm, Bobbington Village Hall
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7:30pm, Halfpenny Green Vineyards
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7:30pm, Bobbington Village Hall
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7:30pm, Bobbington Village Hall

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at  
20:47.

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Date

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