

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 18th June 2013 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Joanne Shattock (Chair) Cllr Wallace Redford
Cllr Win Nwachukwu
Cllr Sam Baker
Cllr Wendy Harrison
Cllr Steve Haynes Rose Woodforth (Clerk)
Members of Public: 3

The Chair welcomed newly elected County Cllr Redford to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Powell and Symes.
2. **Declarations of interest** None.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting on 14th May 2013** were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising**
 - 4.1 **Highways.** Cllr Powell has written to Cllr Redford regarding the Parish Council's concerns about road safety on the A445. The Clerk also wrote to WCC asking for costs of a sign and whether it was possible for the Parish Council to pay (cost depending). A senior engineer with the WCC Traffic and Road Safety Group would now like to meet councillors on site to discuss possible locations and costs for warning signs. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Redford suggested applying to the Community Forum for a grant towards the signs.
 - 4.2 **Trees.** The Clerk contacted WCC Arboricultural Officer who believes the trees (on the edge of the field on Spring Hill opposite Malpas) have been planted on the boundary of the adjacent field. The Clerk has written to the owner of the field requesting the trees be pruned.
 - 4.3 **Spout.** At the last meeting the Council agreed to Davian conducting a high pressure water jet of pipe from manhole to spout and CCTV of the pipe run at a cost of £265 plus VAT. Unfortunately due to water in the run Davian had to fetch a pump to pump water out of the manhole. This increased the cost to £490 plus VAT. Davian now recommends excavating and repairing the pipe work at a cost of £655 plus VAT. Given the urgency of the repair work as water is now running down spring hill the Council unanimously agreed Davian to carry out the repair work. Clerk to contact Tony Sproul.

The Clerk will contact the owner of the allotments as well to keep him informed. Cllr Redford suggested applying to the Community Forum for a grant for the work.

5. **Gateway Zone**

The Chair reported that despite all efforts the Gateway application was passed 7 for, 3 against at the WDC Planning Committee meeting on 12th June. The Parish Council was disappointed at the lack of debate and felt that new councillors (appointed to the committee in May) had not had time to absorb the vast number of documents. All 3 parish councils and CPRE have prepared and now sent call-in letters to the Secretary of State.

Cllr Redford stated that he spoke with Jeremy Wright MP after the planning meeting when Mr Wright stated he "fully expects and will be advising the minister to call it in".

Clerk to forward letter received from LGA regarding the Hidden Agenda document to Baginton and Stoneleigh parish councils and also to the campaign group.

- 6. Local Plan**
The consultation runs until 29th July. The Parish Council will discuss the plan formally at the next meeting and prepare a response. The Chair to attend the Community Forum in Baginton on 20th June where the Local Plan will be presented. The Chair and Cllr Baker to attend meeting organised by Budbrooke and Bishops Tachbrook Parish Councils to discuss the impact of the Local Plan on rural parishes and villages.
- 7. Youth Space Project**
The contract with WREN has been agreed and signed. Cllr Haynes is in contact with Proludic to arrange start of the project.
- 8. Neighbourhood Watch**
A crime prevention evening was held in the village hall due to the number of burglaries recently. The event was very well attended and home safety packs were given out.
- 9. Finance**
9.1 The Clerk presented the financial report (payments and summary schedule attached). Cllrs Haynes and Nwachukwu signed cheques.
- 10. Planning**
10.1 W/13/0691: Coventry Airport, Coventry Road, Baginton, Coventry, CV8 3AZ: Variation of condition 4 imposed upon planning permission W05/0773 for the construction of car park, including the erection of 6 metre high lighting columns and barriers; to allow the use of 1000 spaces within the car park to be made available for a Park and Ride service for a major local business. Cllr Haynes expressed concern regarding local rural roads as increased traffic congestion at Toll Bar island may cause drivers to find ways around through local villages. The Clerk to contact Cllr Hammon and send an objection to the application.
- 11. Recreation Ground**
The Council discussed the costs of repairing the recreation ground after the bonfire. The costs to hand pick the litter and also for in filling the ruts left by the tractor and grass seeding – a total of £266 spent by the Parish Council. Cllr Haynes will discuss these concerns with the Events Committee/bonfire organisers.
- 12. Reports from meetings attended**
12.1 **Liaison Committee**
The Regulatory Committee met on 4th June to decide the Smiths application to quarry Wolston Fields Farm and import sand and gravel for processing at the Bubbenhall site. The Chair reported that at this meeting the Committee agreed to a site visit. The Committee will now make their decision at the 16th July Regulatory Committee meeting. As WCC Councillor Cllr Redford agreed to look into this application.
- 12.2 **Village Hall Committee**
Cllr Haynes reported the Committee is concerned the Doctors surgery (currently running once a fortnight) will cease to do so, therefore the Committee has reduced the hire costs for the surgery. The Committee would like to renew the sign on the front of the building. The Parish Council suggested approaching the Community Forum for funds.
- 13. Business from members of the public**
13.1 A resident has expressed concern that the Village Hall gate is no longer locked in the evening. The Clerk to investigate.
- 13.2 A street lamp in Church Road is constantly on. Resident to provide Clerk with lamp number who will then report.

14. Parish Matters (AOB)

14.1 Cllr Harrison reported a water pipe near Bubbenhall House on Paget's Lane was cracked and leaking water up to the surface. The pipe does not appear on any Severn Trent Water plans and STW are unsure as to where the pipe originates from and when it was laid. The pipe has now been repaired. Cllr Nwachukwu also confirmed that other properties in Paget's lane were having problems with their water supplies. Cllr Nwachukwu to investigate further.

14.2 Cllr Nwachukwu reported that trees are suspected to be the cause of telephone line problems in Paget's lane. Cllr Nwachukwu to raise this with Smiths at the next Liaison Committee meeting.

15. Correspondence not dealt with in other items

(i) NALC: Queen's Speech and items relevant to PCs, consultation on relaxation of planning regs for broadband infrastructure, Success over Sustainability Communities Act

(ii) WALC Newsletter ADH 106/1/2013

(iii) WALC meeting 19.6.13

(iv) WALC Committee Infrastructure Levy Guidance

Date of next meeting 16th July