

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 1 October 2013 in the Village Hall

Present:	Cllr Joanne Shattock (Chair)	Cllr John Hammon
	Cllr Win Nwachukwu	
	Cllr Sam Baker	Rose Woodforth (Clerk)
	Cllr Steve Haynes	
	Cllr Wendy Harrison	
	Cllr Bob Powell	Members of Public: 1

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Pratt, Redford and Symes.
2. **Declarations of interest** None.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting on 3rd September 2013** were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising**
Community Governance Review: The Chair and Clerk to complete response stating the PC works very well with its current 7 councillors.
5. **Highways**
 - 5.1 The Chairman of Eathorpe JPC is interested in forming a Flooding Pressure Group as a way to influence the decisions of WCC in its Flood Alleviation Policy. Councillors discussed the flooding concerns in Bubbenhall and agreed to join the group. Clerk to contact Cllr Redford.
 - 5.2 The WCC Traffic and Road Safety Group has confirmed the cost to have 2 signs installed on the main road (warning vehicles that pedestrian crossing) is £691.46. The Council unanimously agreed to fund the signs. Cllr Powell also suggested a "please drive carefully in our village sign" be erected as well. Clerk to contact WCC.
 - 5.3 The Clerk contacted WCC with regard to lowering the speed limit on Paget's Lane, Cllr Redford has included this in his list of schemes to be looked at in January next year at the Transport Seminar.

Cllr Powell also commented that there ought to be double white lines on the main road through the village, stopping vehicles from overtaking. Clerk to contact Cllr Redford.
 - 5.4 The trees (on the edge of the field on Spring Hill opposite Malpas) as discussed during the last meeting are located in the conservation area. The Parish Council must complete an application for "proposed works to trees in a conservation area", which must be approved before any work can be carried out. The Clerk to complete and notify residents concerned.
6. **Gateway Zone**
The Chair reported the Community Group is meeting weekly. The dates for the enquiry have been set for 8th April to 9th May 2014, however these dates will not be confirmed until an inspector has been appointed. *Post meeting note: The Inspector has been appointed, and the dates confirmed.*

The Community Group hopes to gain support from other parish councils who are also against the Local Plan. Cllr Symes has volunteered to address each parish council to ask each council to sign up to the Community Group. It is hoped other parish councils will support the Community Group as there are links between the Gateway's inflation of employment land needs and the similarly inflated housing requirements in the Local Plan.

7. Local Plan

Cllr Hammon commented that the Local Plan will only be in draft form at the time of the Gateway enquiry and it is not expected to be final until January 2015.

8. Coal Drilling (UCG)

Cllr Hammon reported that WCC gave a presentation today on UCG, however still no approach has been made to WCC from the drilling company. Similarly the District Council has written to the drilling company for further information; however no response has been received.

9. Finance

9.1 The Clerk presented the financial report (payments and summary schedule attached). The Annual Return has been received from the external auditors and closure notice has been displayed as required.

Due to a problem with the current bank mandate and signatures, all Councillors (except Cllrs Nwachukwu and Shattock) must visit the bank to confirm their identity. All Councillors agreed to do this before the next meeting.

10. Planning

10.1 W/13/1062: Shrubs Lodge, Paget's Lane: Replacement of existing outbuildings with single steel framed barn containing small indoor exercise area, 6 stables, wash room, tack room, feed room, toilet, storage area and workshop (used for machinery and wood store). WDC would like further clarification regarding the Parish Council's response.

After discussion the Council agreed that there is no objection to the application as long as the new buildings fall within the same footprint as the current buildings and also that the same restrictions are placed on height, i.e. that the new buildings are no higher.

11. Youth Space Project

The Chair commented on the successful opening of the Youth Space in September. The Parish Council recorded their thanks to Kelly Sibley for her involvement and also to BVE for permitting the Parish Council to hold the opening during the Fruit and Flower Show.

The Clerk will send WREN a copy of the report from the next village newsletter of the official opening, complete with photos.

Cllr Haynes reported the newly marked lines on the court are not straight, Cllr Haynes to follow up with Proludic and the sub-contractor.

12. Recreation Ground

The ROSPA report is expected soon but has not been received yet. Cllr Baker reported that Wicksteed are preparing a quote for refurbishment of the climbing frame and log trail.

The Clerk reported that WDC has agreed to empty all litter bins in the village. A new bin, as discussed at the last meeting would cost approx £145 plus £90 installation, the Council agreed to these costs.

13. Reports from meetings attended

No meetings have been attended since September.

14. Business from members of the public

14.1 A resident has complained about a newly erected fence in a neighbouring property. The Parish Council agreed this was a neighbour issue and not a parish council matter as planning permission is not required.

15. Parish Matters (AOB) None.

16. Correspondence not dealt with in other items

- (i) WCC Chairman's "Open Evening" 21.9.13
- (ii) WALC: Local Councils Charter Revised Draft
- (iii) WALC: Filming of council meetings Opinions Requested , plus WCC offer of free computers
- (iv) WDC: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA CONSULTATIONS – Barford, Lapworth, Budbrooke
- (v) WALC: AGM of WALC (Warwick) 9th October
- (vi) WALC: How to make effective response to planning applications. 16.11.13 Burton Green Village Hall 10-1pm
- (vii) WCC: Chief fire officer response to announcement of FBU strike
- (viii) Press Release - Warwickshire Care Services Directory 2013/14

Date of next meeting 5th November