

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 02 October 2018 in the Village Hall, Bubbenhall.

Present: Cllr Jan Lucas Chair of the Parish Council
Cllr Sam Baker Vice Chair of the Parish Council
Cllr Bob Powell
Cllr Joanne Shattock

In attendance: Cllr Trevor Wright Warwick District Council
Mr Doug Evans Parish Clerk

Two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Haynes, Cllr Win Nwachukwu, Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC) and Cllr Pam Redford (WDC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON 04 September 2018

These were confirmed and signed, subject to the following amendment:

6. Matters Arising and Updates

i. Brick edging/spout/BT Openreach

It had been suggested that roses grown over the stump, not around it.

4. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Brick edging/spout/oak tree

It was confirmed that the storm drain around The Spout had been repaired. It was still hoped that a project for the oak tree could be completed but it was feared that the tree was hollow and could not be carved. The Clerk agreed to contact the arboriculturist at the County Council to see if this could be confirmed, along with a dating for the tree.

ii. Bins in A445 layby and village bin survey

All Councillors present confirmed that they had received emailed copies of the bin survey from Cllr Nwachukwu and they agreed with the suggestion that one extra bin would be requested for the end of the field by the track and one for the A445 layby.

5. FINANCE

i. Financial reports and payment schedule

The following cheques detailed in the payment schedule were authorised, after being proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Baker, and duly signed:

Chris Goddard	£64.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00
Heritage & Sons	£324.00	Doug Evans	£122.99
A D R Sproul	£60.00	Doug Evans	£849.05
Village Hall	£95.00	The Chocolate Shed	£212.20

ii. On-line banking consideration

It was agreed to implement on-line banking for the Parish Council and the change of mandate paperwork was signed to enable the Clerk to take the necessary steps.

6. ADMINISTRATION

- i. The Clerk reported that the control document had yet to be set up.
- ii. The Councillor vacancy created by the resignation of Cllr Pilgrim had been advertised in accordance with regulations concerning casual vacancies.
- iii. The Chair reported that Cllr Haynes had considered resigning due to other commitments but had decided to remain until the elections.

7. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Cllr Powell reported that, as mentioned earlier, the roadworks around The Spout had been completed. Repairs had also been carried out on Stoneleigh Road and holes in Waggoner's Close had been filled. There remained one to be filled in Cooper's Walk, past the junction with Waggoner's Close. Cllr Powell also reported that no speed watches had taken place since the last meeting.

8. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chair reported that he had been notified that someone had cut down some branches at the top end of Moat Close.

Cllr Powell reported that the snickett had been very well trimmed but it was unclear as to who had carried out the work. Cllr Wright agreed to contact WDC to establish if it been completed by the Council. It was agreed that a note would be added to the village newsletter stating that Parish land should not be damaged.

It was noted that a street light by the village hall was not working but there was no identification number on it to enable it to be reported. Cllr Wright agreed to establish who was responsible for the light.

9. PLANNING

i. W/18/1630 – 1 new dwelling. The Cedars, Stoneleigh Road, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BT

The Chair read out an email from Cllr Haynes, who had been Chairman of the Joint Neighbourhood Plan Committee, setting out grounds for objecting to the application because the land was in Green Belt and the application did not meet the criteria for development set out in housing policies BUB1 and BUB2 of the Neighbourhood Plan. After a robust and extensive discussion, a motion to object to the application was carried.

ii. W/18/1717 – Construction of UKBIC facility. Land to the north and south of the A45

Cllrs discussed this application and noted that it was a concern to the Parish Council of Baginton as they were closest to the proposed site. The main issues revolved around the height of the buildings, the size of the car park and air pollution. It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Shattock would meet with Baginton Parish Council to formalise a written objection to the designs, as opposed to the underlying JLR development which was linked to the application.

iii. The Warwickshire County Council (A46 link road/Stoneleigh junction improvement works)

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Department for Transport to lodge a holding objection to the development. Cllr Wright questioned the reason for the objection and it was explained that it was based on a lack of proper consultation and the fact the development was not part of the original plan. The level of input from WCC was also questioned.

Cllr Wright agreed to circulate the presentation that was given to Stoneleigh Parish Council.

10. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Update

Cllr Baker reported that some areas of paint had started to flake on the multi-play equipment and quotes would be obtained to carry out remedial work after the winter.

It was reported that moles were again present on the field and a contractor would be appointed to remove them.

ii. Running track and outside gym equipment

There was nothing to report on this item as Cllr Haynes had given his apologies for the meeting.

11. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting of the Liaison Committee and minutes from the meeting would be circulated in due course.

12. PARISH MATTERS (AOB)

i. Fence along footpath between Home Close and Moat Close

The Clerk agreed to source further quotes for work to replace the fencing and would also contact the contractors responsible for the verge as it was not being trimmed properly.

ii. Schedule of dates for 2019 meetings

A schedule of meeting dates for 2019 was circulated. It was felt that only one would clash with Cubbington Parish Council.

iii. The Chair reported that a request had been received from the Mayor and Mayoress of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council asking for permission for them to wear their civic chains whilst on civic business in Bubbenhall. This was approved.

iv. Items for the next village newsletter were discussed and included advertising for new Councillors, the damage to public land issue, the oak tree and a reminder that the 30mph speed limit extended 100m past the Watery Lane junction.

13. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

The Clerk shared with Councillors various items of post, mainly brochures and newsletters, that had been received from different organisations. Relevant email correspondence would continue to be forwarded.

Cllr Wright updated Councillors on changes to the Community Payback scheme and correspondence he had been having with the Police and Crime Commissioner about strategic policing plan for the whole area.

Date of next meeting – 06 November 2018