

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 09 April 2019 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	
Cllr Steve Haynes	
Cllr Win Nwachukwu	

In attendance:

PCSO Sharron Underwood	
Cllr Trevor Wright	Warwickshire District Council
Mr Doug Evans	Parish Clerk

Eight members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Oliver Wintle, Cllr Pam Redford (WDC) and Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ON 05 March 2019

These were confirmed and signed, subject to removal of Cllr Wintle in the list of those present.

4. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/oak tree and plans for the future.

The Clerk reported that he had still not heard from Gavin Callard, the County Arboriculturist, but would continue to attempt to make contact. Cllr Wright agreed to speak with Gavin and the Clerk agreed to forward contact details to Cllr Wright. The Clerk would also investigate the costs of having the work carried out by other contractors.

The Chair reported that Tony Sproul had organised a contractor to carry out a successful repair to the drains at The Spout.

ii. Update on dog fouling reduction measures "We're Watching You"

It was reported that the signs had been installed and it was felt that there had been a reduction in fouling.

iii. Village Hall CCTV

There was nothing to report on this item.

iv. Annual litter pick

There had been a good turnout for this with approximately 30 people present. It was agreed that this would be carried out on a twice-yearly basis with the next one taking place in October.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had taken part.

v. Tennis net storage box

It was confirmed that this had been installed. In response to a member of the public who felt that the new net would continue to get tangled the Chair confirmed that yearly expenditure on a net was expected.

vi. Tree planting by Rainbows

This had been completed and gaps in the existing field boundary had been filled.

5. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Underwood tabled a crime incident report and gave an overview of its contents. In response to a question, she confirmed that the bogus caller incident was not linked to a similar previous event. PCSO Underwood was thanked for her work in removing the 'den' in the bushes of the playing field.

6. FINANCE

i. Financial reports and payment schedule

The following payments detailed in the payment schedule were authorised, after being proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Baker.

Chris Goddard	£64.00
WALC	£30.00
Heritage & Sons	£312.00
Doug Evans	£353.75
A D R Sproul	£70.00
WALC	£201.00
C D Morris	£110.00
N S Booth Electrical	£237.60

ii. Discussion on grant funding opportunities, including WALC and National Lottery

There was nothing to report on this item.

7. ADMINISTRATION

There was nothing to report on this item.

8. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs and buses using local lanes

All those present were asked to report any HGVs using local lanes, with a registration if possible, to the Chair who would keep a log. It was reported that buses were also still using incorrect routes and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the relevant bus company's Traffic Controller to clarify the correct routes.

ii. Complaint about speeding in the village

Cllr Powell reported that there had been a specific complaint from a resident about speeding in the village and gave an overview of the incident. Cllr Powell explained that it was not possible to carry out a Speed Watch exercise at the top of Pit Hill as it was not safe to do so. It was agreed that a reminder about speeding would be circulated via the village email system.

ii. Speeding on Stoneleigh Road

This was an ongoing problem with the main concern being the speed of vehicles around the Stoneleigh Road and Watery Lane junction. Cllr Powell explained that speeding motorists could only be reported as part of the Speed Watch process.

A meeting would be taking place on Friday 12 April as part of the launch of the PCC fund for road safety initiatives. Various suggestions were discussed with regards to how a grant could be used to fund speed reduction measures. These included countdown signs, repeater signs, electronic speed signs and monitoring strips.

Cllr Powell reported that a Speed Watch session had taken place on 27 March. Further sessions would have taken place but the speed gun had broken and was being repaired and paid for by the Police.

9. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was reported that there had been an area cones off on the road to Leamington Spa but with no road works actually taking place.

10. PLANNING

i. W/19/0370 – Conversion of carport to home office

It was reported that no comments by the Parish Council had been submitted against this application.

ii. W/19/0399 – Single storey rear extension at Middle Barn, Pagets Lane, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BJ

It was felt that this application was acceptable and similar to the next-door property and it was therefor agreed that no comments would be made against the application.

iii. W/19/0383 – Second storey side extension at 8 Waggoners Close, Bubbenhall, CV8 3JE

Cllr Powell gave all those present a brief reminder of how the planning process worked and gave an overview of the planning application in question. A very detailed discussion took place on all aspects of the application with input from various Councillors and members of the public. Particular attention was drawn to areas of the planned development that it was felt were not in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that a letter of comment by the Parish Council would be drawn up and uploaded to the Planning Portal.

11. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Update

Cllr Baker reported that the moles on the field had been removed. Alternative options were being considered for the supply of bark for the play area and it was agreed that the Clerk would order the required quantity at the quoted price of £803.88 if a cheaper alternative could not be found.

ii. Alternative options for work on multi-play unit

The Clerk reported that he had sought quotations for the work from other companies but not all had been received.

ii. Outside gym equipment

Cllr Haynes reported that a survey had been completed to assess villagers' desire for the equipment. As only 22 responses had been received, 17 of which had been positive, it was agreed to shelve the plans

12. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

i. Planning Committee on 12 March

The Chair reported that this meeting had been arranged by Cllr Pam Redford and had been attended by other parishes. A report on the meeting would be circulated by Rob Young.

ii. 'South of Coventry' Liaison meeting on 19 March

This had been the first meeting organised by Ragu Sittambalam and had involved other south of Coventry parishes. There had been a robust discussion concerning the re-use of hazardous waste and Ragu would be raising these concerns with planning officers.

Cllr Powell suggested that minutes from the meeting should be posted on the village website to illustrate the involvement of the Parish Council.

Cllr Wright gave a brief overview of HS 2 issues that had been raised with the HS 2 Commissioner.

iii. Landfill/Quarry Liaison Committee on 19 March

The Chair gave a brief overview of the meeting and explained that an application had been submitted to extend processing from the Wolston quarry. It was also reported that Smiths Concrete was the preferred contractor for the proposed new Wasperton quarry.

13. PARISH MATTERS (AOB)

The Chair reported that notice had been received of 4 Councillor applications and that there would not be a contested election on 02 May. Suitable candidates to fill the remaining positions would be sought. Cllr Haynes was thanked for his time as a Councillor and thanked the Council for its support over the years.

Cllr Nwachukwu explained that, in error, she had not submitted an application for the elections but would be keen to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported a loose kerb stone in the village to WCC for repair.

After discussion about the condition of the wooden notice board in the village hall car park, it was agreed that the board was needed and Cllr Baker would contact Mr Morris to investigate effecting a repair.

14. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing to report on this item.

Date of next meeting – 14 May 2019