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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 05 November 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 James Macalister	
Cllr Win Nwachukwu	

In attendance:

Cllr Pam Redford	Warwick District Council
Cllr Wallace Redford	Warwickshire County Council
Mr Doug Evans	Parish Clerk

Two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSOs Sharron Underwood and Edward King and Cllr Trevor Wright (WDC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MEMBERSHIP

There remained one Councillor vacancy. All those present were asked to mention this when they spoke to other villagers.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 01 OCTOBER 2019

These were confirmed and signed, subject to one minor amendment.

Councillors agreed to a change in the order of the agenda and took Item 12, 'Youth Space and recreation ground' at this point in the meeting.

5. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Dunsmore Living Landscape Team pond refurbishment update

Cllr Shattock shared with Councillors a map showing the location of the pond which indicated it was not on Parish Council land. After discussion, it was therefore agreed to not proceed with any work on the area.

ii. RoSPA Safety Inspection Report

Cllr Baker gave a brief overview of the recent report and items that required attention. Some of this work could be undertaken by Chris Goddard or regularly monitored for any deterioration. The Clerk agreed to investigate the cost of replacing the metal mobile goalposts and to find a company that could maintain the trim trail, although the ultimate goal would be to replace this when necessary.

The Clerk reported that a payment of £70 had been made to Steve Sidaway since the last meeting for removal of moles on the playing field.

It was agreed to not include recent disruption caused by the Rowley Road closure in the village newsletter.

6. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/trough

After some discussion on funding opportunities, the Chair agreed to contact Tony Sproul to discuss the best way to progress the project.

ii. Andrew Day visit on 03 December 2019 and JSNA visit on 14 January 2020

The Clerk reported that the changed meeting dates had been confirmed. The Chair reported that he was compiling a list of questions for Andrew Day's visit.

iii. WCC local hedge work

It was reported that the hedge work reported to WCC had been carried out.

iv. Pensioners' Christmas lunch update

The Clerk reported that a fundraising quiz had raised more money than expected so Gail Haynes would not be seeking a grant from the Parish Council.

7. POLICE REPORT

Although PCSO Underwood had tendered her apologies for the meeting, she had sent through a crime report. This was circulated for information and the Chair gave a brief overview. Councillors commented on the recent theft of a fish van, along with a recent incident of horses running wild in the locality that was not on the report. Cllr Nwachukwu reported on a suspicious vehicle that had been parked in Pagets Lane for an extended period of time and an attempted quad bike theft.

Further to the report at the previous meeting concerning the left of lead from the roof of the church at Weston under Wetherley, Cllr Shattock reported that she had spoken with church officials and it had been confirmed that St Giles' church in the village had very little lead on the roof and what was there was very hard to reach.

8. 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	Doug Evans	£353.75
A D R Sproul	£70.00	Playsafety Ltd	£181.20
A D R Sproul	£60.00	PKF Littlejohn	£96.00
Heritage & Sons	£312.00	ICO	£40.00
Heritage & Sons	£156.00	James Macalister	£16.20

Some discussion, and an explanation from longer serving Councillors, took place around the reasons behind Tony Sproul being paid to maintain the village green and Spout area.

Cllr Pam Redford suggested that the payment to the ICO was verified as it could be that the Parish Council did not have to pay this, following rule changes in April. The Clerk agreed to investigate this.

9. ADMINISTRATION

There was nothing to report on this item.

10. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs using local lanes

It was felt that HGVs connected with the Rowley Road works were still using unsuitable local lanes and it was suggested that a Mr Stubbings should be contacted about this.

ii. Update on communication with bus companies

The Clerk reported that he had not received any further communication from Barry Molesworth of National Express but would continue with attempts to arrange a meeting. The Chair commented that the company running the 539 bus service might not like using the junction at the top of Spring Hill because visibility was affected by hedges.

iii. Proposed work around the village (yellow markings on roads)

Cllr Powell reported that the yellow markings did relate to work that was planned around the village, including the installation of four dropped kerbs at the previously suggested locations. The Chair questioned 'HGV' markings written on the road by Watery Lane and Cllr Wallace Redford suggested these could be the location of new HGV signs.

iv. Update on dropped kerb review

This item had been covered above.

v. Update on 30mph roundels

Cllr Powell reported that the location of the roundels had been finalised and they would be completed in the near future at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Wallace Redford was thanked for his work in arranging the funding for the roundels and dropped kerbs.

Cllr Powell explained that he had been approached by a village resident who raised concerns about estate agent signs at the top of Pit Hill. Cllr Powell gave a brief overview of the regulations controlling the placement of such signs and it was agreed that they were in breach. Cllr Pam Redford recommended contacting the relevant estate agents to ask for them to be removed and the Clerk agreed to action this.

11. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

i. Management of laurels and weeds in alleyway from Coopers Walk

The Chair explained that a resident living adjacent to the alleyway had questioned who was responsible for trimming the laurels. Cllr Shattock suggested that only minor work was needed and Cllr Pam Redford agreed to investigate whether the area in questions was on the WDC work schedule.

ii. Spring water testing and analysis

It was confirmed that the water source in question was the pump by the bus stop on Pit Hill. It was agreed that the water should be tested and that the Parish Council would foot the cost, if necessary. Cllr Pam Redford agreed to action this.

12. PLANNING

ii. W/19/1752 – Two storey side extension at 7 Orchard Way, Bubbenhall, CV8 3JQ

It was agreed that no comments would be made on this application.

iii. South West Rugby Supplementary Planning Document: Consultation 17 October to 20 November 2019

It was agreed that the Chair and Cllr Shattock would study the consultation documents to consider whether a response was required.

13. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Shattock reported that she had attended planning training on 14 October which had been very worthwhile and served as a good 'refresher' for items such as reasons for an application to go to the Planning Committee. In response to questions raised on the night in relation to the inaccurate Coventry population figures, it had been reported that there would be no review of the Local Plan until 2021. Section 106 funding had also been questioned and the difference between major and standard applications. The Clerk agreed to follow up the documentation from the session.

Cllr Powell reported that he had attended a poorly supported Rural East meeting on 16 October where local policing priorities had been set. A talk had also been given on the night by the Fire and Rescue Service.

As the village hall had been successful with its Rural East grant for new chairs, Cllr Lucas asked all those present to give some thought to organisations who might want the old chairs.

Following the recent Liaison Committee meeting, it was agreed that four Councillors would make a visit to the site and the Clerk agreed to arrange this with John Green at Smiths Concrete.

14. PARISH MATTERS AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

i. Installation of ATM in village

The Chair gave a brief overview of the National initiative to fund the installation of a cash machines in the villages over a certain distance from other facilities. Councillors commented that one of the village pubs offered a cashback service and a cash machine would be a crime target.

After extensive discussion on all aspects of the scheme, it was generally felt that it would not be a good idea for a machine to be installed. The Clerk agreed to find out the full details of the scheme and circulate these.

15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing to report on this item.

Date of next meeting – 03 December 2019