

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 03 December 2019 in the Village Hall, Bubbenhall.

Present: Cllr Jan Lucas 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

Five members of the public present.

1. COUNCILLOR ANDREW DAY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Cllr Day was welcomed to the meeting and gave a brief overview of his history and his time at WDC. There followed a discussion with him, touching on several topics, which was structured by some pre-prepared questions. A record of this discussion was circulated to Councillors in a separate document.

Cllr Day was then thanked for his time and he left the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Sam Baker and Cllr Trevor Wright (WDC).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

4. MEMBERSHIP

There remained one Councillor vacancy. The Chair reported that he had spoken to some villagers about this but none had been willing to join.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 05 NOVEMBER 2019

These were confirmed and signed.

6. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/trough

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Tony Sproul and had confirmed that work on the granite sets had not been carried out due to illness of the contractor. The Chair stated that it would not be possible to apply for a Rural East grant for the new trough as an estimate would be needed. It was suggested that a certain amount could be agreed for Tony to spend but the Chair would speak with him first to discuss all options.

ii. Village hall CCTV

Although it had been agreed previously that anti-social behaviour had not been apparent for some time, the Chair confirmed that he had met with PCSO Underwood and had agreed on 3 suitable positions for cameras, should there be a return of ASB. Dummy cameras could also be an option.

iii. Estate agent signs

The Clerk reported that he had contacted the offending agents and that the signs had been removed.

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

All of the offending laurels and weeds had been cut back and Cllr Pam Redford had confirmed that this was part of the WDC schedule and would be carried out twice a year.

v. Spring water testing

Samples of the water from the Pump, not the Spring, had been taken away for testing but there had been no report back. The Chair agreed to follow this up, with the support of Cllr Pam Redford if necessary.

7. POLICE REPORT

Although PCSO Underwood had tendered her apologies for the meeting, she had sent through a crime report and the Chair gave a brief overview. The Clerk would circulate this to all Councillors.

8. FINANCE AND 2020/21 PRECEPT

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

Chris Goddard	£64.00
Doug Evans	£353.75

The Chair reported that he had received a request for a contribution of £80 towards the Christmas lights switch on. It was agreed that this payment would be made, subject to receipt of an invoice.

With regards to the precept for 2020/21, the Chair asked Councillors to give some thought to what might need purchasing in the new financial year so that a detailed budget discussion could take place at the next meeting when the precept would be agreed and set.

9. ADMINISTRATION

There was nothing to report on this item.

10. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs using local lanes

The Chair reported that new 'unsuitable for HGV' signs had been installed on Stoneleigh Road but their positioning was strange as vehicles would have already passed the same signs at another junction. Cllr Wallace Redford agreed to investigate.

ii. Update on communication with bus companies

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from National Express saying that the different route was being used as the buses had been grounding at the Spring Hill/Leamington Road junction. Cllrs agreed to keep monitoring the situation but it was felt that there was little else that could be done.

Cllr Powell reported that two Speedwatch sessions had been completed. Adverts had been placed for new recruits for the scheme and, although two people had come forward, training was not available so they would attend the sessions as observers until such time as they could be trained.

11. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

In light of the recent disruption caused by the Rowley Road closure, it was asked when the Bubbenhall Road would be closed. Cllr Pam Redford stated that she was unaware of any pending closure of this road, although there could be a need to install temporary traffic lights. The Chair agreed to clarify the situation with the contact at Buckingham.

12. PLANNING

i. W/19/1854 – Single storey rear extension at Middle Barn, Pagets Lane, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BJ

It was agreed that no comments would be submitted in relation to this application.

ii. South West Rugby Supplementary Planning Document: Consultation 17 October to 29 November 2019

The Chair and Cllr Shattock confirmed that they had reviewed the consultation documentation and felt that there were no issues at present. In the future, the 75 planned houses for the Coventry practice ground at Ryton could be a concern if permission was granted. Concerns were also noted about the proposed employment sites at the end of the A45 where it met the M45.

iii. W/18/0643 – Land at Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh

The Chair reported that a letter of objection had been submitted against this application.

13. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Metal mobile goalposts update

The Clerk reported that he had sourced some prices for replacing the goalposts but there were many choices available. It was suggested that Wayne Goddard, the football coach, should be contacted for advice.

14. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

There was nothing to report on this item.

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

i. 'Boundary Man' proposal

Stoneleigh and Ashow Parish Council had asked if Bubbenhall would be interested in sharing the costs of a person employed to cut village grass areas, clear verges collect litter etc. After discussion, it was agreed to continue with the current contractors and handyman, although such a proposal could always be considered in the future.

ii. Geoff Glover memorial

Geoff's family had offered to pay for some form of memorial in his name up to the value of £1,000. After discussion about a bench and the planting of a tree, it was agreed that an engraved new trough for the Spout area would be a fitting memorial. The Clerk agreed to contact the family to seek their views.

iii. Over-flowing drains

In addition to the blocked culvert at the end of Lower End that had been reported to WCC, Cllrs reported other blockages in the village, the worst being outside The Gables where it was suspected that a large tree bough was wedged. Cllr Wallace Redford agreed to discuss this with David Elliston at the Highways Department.

iv. Bagged dog excrement on Glebe Farm track/Bubbenhall Woods

Cllr Macalister gave a brief overview of the situation, including the distinctive bags being used. It was agreed that a reminder to bin such waste would be sent out on the village email. One of the luminous signs would be also be moved from the village hall to the gate at the area in question. The Clerk would contact Chris Goddard to arrange this.

v. Footpaths update

The Chair reported that Tony Cox had been in touch with the owners of Riverside to ask them to trim back the hedge over the path.

vi. Visit by Chairman of Warwick District Council

After discussion, it was agreed to accept the offer of Cllr George Illingworth to attend a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would arrange this for the March 2020 meeting.

vii. Dates of meetings for 2020/21

The Clerk would compile a list of dates and circulate via email.

16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing to report on this item.