

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 June 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 Joanne Shattock
Cllr Win Nwachukwu

In attendance: PCSO Sharron Underwood
PCSO Craig Ricardo Kenilworth SNT
Cllr Trevor Wright Warwickshire District Council
Mr Doug Evans Parish Clerk

Two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bob Powell, Cllr Pam Redford (WDC) and Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Chair reported that two residents had expressed an interest in becoming Councillors and were due to attend the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 14 MAY 2019 AND THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 21 MAY 2019

The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2019 were confirmed and signed, along with the Annual Parish Assembly held on 21 May 2019.

5. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/oak tree/trough

The Chair reported that Cllrs Pam and Wallace Redford had kindly offered to donate a trough they owned but, after visiting to view it, it was found to not be suitable as it did not match the Spout area. The Clerk shared with Councillors two estimates that had been obtained in relation to repointing the granite stones at the Spout but it was agreed that this work should be left until the trough had been renewed. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Tony Sproul to discuss investigating obtaining a trough and pricing other aspects of the project. The Clerk reported that the arboriculturist had confirmed there was no need to carry out remedial work on the oak tree for the foreseeable future.

ii. Village Hall CCTV

The Chair reported that Emily Naismith had resigned from her post and her work had been taken on by her superior, Bob Church. Although anti-social behaviour around the village hall had not been an issue recently, it was felt that CCTV should still be considered in case there was a recurrence. It was therefore agreed the Chair would wait for a response from Bob Church.

iii. Update on WW1 and WW2 memorial

The Chair reported that Pete Wilkins, the resident who had reported on his plans for a memorial at the May meeting, had sadly passed away suddenly. After discussion, it was agreed to find out who else had been involved in Pete's plans so that the proposed project could continue, bearing in mind Pete's original ideas.

6. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Underwood tabled a crime incident report and gave an overview of its contents, adding that an attempted burglary on 31 May that was not on the list. There had also been reports of an 'out of character' youth being spotted in the village but a subsequent patrol had not located the individual concerned.

7. 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
Heritage & Sons	£468.00
Doug Evans	£353.75
Starboard Systems	£308.40
Steve Sidaway	£60.00
A D R Sproul	£60.00

8. ADMINISTRATION

There was nothing to report on this item.

9. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs and buses using local lanes

The Clerk reported that he had made contact with National Express with regards to buses and they had confirmed that correct route details had been passed onto the depot concerned with no feedback given from drivers. As buses were still using incorrect routes, the Clerk agreed to contact them again.

HGVs spotted in the village were being reported and letters sent or emailed to companies concerned. Councillors noted that this issue seemed to be on the increase.

ii. Proposed closure of Rowley Road (Baginton) by the developer Buckingham

The Chair reported that three companies had been notified of the proposed three-month road closure but Cllr Wallace Redford had assured him that this could not happen without the correct approval being in place. Cllr Wright confirmed that this was the case and that an application for the closure had not been submitted. Cllrs expressed concern that if the road closure went ahead the diversion would be through Bubbenhall.

Cllr Shattock questioned Cllr Wright about any action that Warwickshire County Council might be taking with regards to Gateway South's original promise to create 6,000 – 10,000 jobs in the area, as recompense for the loss of green-belt, and the Green Party's plans to question this. Cllr Wright confirmed that this was to be discussed at a Cabinet meeting in the near future.

It was hoped that more information would be made available about the commencement of Gateway South at the meeting with Ragu Sittambalam on 19 June.

The Chair reported that a Speed Watch session had taken place since the last meeting.

10. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was reported that all those children affected by the error made by the County Council schools' admissions team had been allocated places at North Leamington School. However, the same error had now been made in respect of the current Yr 5 children as the catchment data was still incorrect. It was agreed that Cllr Baker would draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council and this would be sent to the NLS Headteacher, the Admissions Department, the local MP and other relevant County Councillors.

11. PLANNING

i. W/19/0383 – 8 Waggoners Close, Bubbenhall, CV8 3JE

It was reported that this application had been refused.

ii. W/19/0399 – Middle Barn, Pagets Lane, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BJ

It was reported that this application had been refused.

iii. 37 Home Close, Bubbenhall – Se

It was reported that this Lawful Development had been approved.

iv. 'Rivendell' Bubbenhall

It was reported that this was a Lawful Development, not application, and it had been approved.

v. Notice of consultation on Policy MCS 10 – underground Coal Gasification Warwickshire Minerals Plan 2018

The Chair explained that this consultation had been omitted from the original Minerals Plan and it meant that future sites would only be considered if environmentally sound. Therefore, there was no further action required as no sites were detailed in the document.

In response to a question, the Chair explained that Lawful Development applications could be found listed on the normal planning portal.

12. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Baker reported that the broken post on the trim trail had been made safe and some moles on the playing field had been dealt with. The Clerk explained that work on the multi-play equipment had commenced and the bark for the play area would be delivered at the end of the week. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Chris Goddard to arrange the spreading of the bark and to arrange for the broken post to be replaced by the company carrying out the refurbishment work on the multi-play equipment. The Chair reported that the new box for the tennis net had been loosened on its fixings and the net had been left in a bundled mess. Cllr Baker agreed to liaise with Derek Morris with regards to increasing the size of the box to hold the posts as well as the net, re-securing the box and fitting a hasp and combination lock.

13. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

It was reported that a Community Group meeting had taken place. Concerns had been raised at the meeting about out of date environmental information being used at a recent planning meeting and a letter would be sent by the Clerk to Baginton Parish Council to the Planning Committee to raise concerns about the matter.

14. PARISH MATTERS (AOB)

i. Broken memorial bench in playing field

The Chair explained that a bench at the end of the village hall veranda in memory of Dolly Kettle, who died in 1967, had broken and it had not been possible to trace her family. It was agreed that Cllr Baker would liaise with Derek Morris to obtain an estimate for a repair to the bench.

ii. Update on wildflower meadow

The Chair reported that he had met with a representative of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who had carried out a survey of the meadow. It had been found that there was an abundance of oxeye daisies present but very little else. This could mean that the meadow would need weeding and re-seeding but no other information had been received. The Chair agreed to circulate the survey report when available and villagers would be consulted on future plans.

15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

There was nothing to report on this item.

Date of next meeting – 23 July 2019