

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 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 Trevor Wright	Warwick District Council
	Mr Doug Evans	Parish Clerk

Eight members of the public present.

1. PRESENTATION BY CHARLES BARLOW, LOCALITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER, WCC

Charles was welcomed to the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This involved a survey to assess the local health and social care needs and influences on health outcomes of residents as part of a countywide initiative and data from the survey would shape funding on services in the area.

Charles was thanked for his presentation and he left the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Sharron Underwood and Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

4. MEMBERSHIP

There was nothing to report on progress to fill the one vacancy.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 03 DECEMBER 2019

These were confirmed and signed.

6. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/trough

Geoff Glover's family had approved the purchase of a new trough as a memorial and Tony Sproul was in the process of sourcing one.

ii. Spring water testing

The Chair reported that he had received a report via Cllr Pam Redford that the pump water was contaminated and unsuitable for drinking. It was agreed that a sign to this effect would be put in place.

iii. Geoff Glover memorial

This item had been covered above.

iv. Over-flowing drains

The drain at Lower End had been cleared but it was uncertain if the one outside of 'The Gables' had been unblocked. It was reported that an issue with drainage at 1 Church Road had also been logged.

v. Footpaths/hedge update with regards to 'Riverside'

It was reported that the hedge had been cut back but it was felt that it would be an issue again later in the year.

7. POLICE REPORT

Although PCSO Underwood had tendered her apologies for the meeting, her crime report was circulated for information. Councillors noted that no crimes had been reported in the village itself.

8. FINANCE AND 2020/21 PRECEPT

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

Chris Goddard	£64.00
Doug Evans	£353.75
WALC	£60.00

With regards to the budget for 2020/21, after discussion, it was agreed to increase the precept to £18,000 from £17,000. This would give a revised Band D charge of £56.60, a modest increase of 5.87% on the previous year's figure of £53.46.

It was agreed to purchase replacement goalposts at a cost of approximately £1,000. The condition of the trim trail would continue to be monitored, but the aim remained for a total replacement within a few years. It was agreed that the new goalposts would be chained up for security reasons and they would be added to the insurance schedule.

9. SEVERN TRENT AND SPORTS GRANTS

The Clerk agreed to investigate what could be claimed for and if funding would be suitable for village projects.

10. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs using local lanes and relevant signage

It appeared that less HGVs were using local lanes but it was unclear if this was an accurate picture. On behalf of Cllr Wallace Redford, Cllr Pam Redford reported that the HGV signs on Bubbenhall Road and Watery Lane were simply replacement signs.

ii. Bubbenhall Road closure update

Cllr Redford reported that no plans had been approved so the situation was unclear. The Chair agreed to clarify the position with Buckingham.

iii. Flexibus changes

Cllr Powell reported that he had checked the information circulated by the Clerk and that none of the changes affected the village.

iv. Public transport survey

The Chair explained that the survey content had been almost finalised, with only a few minor changes to be made. Neighbouring parishes had been contacted to participate but only Stoneleigh and Baginton had replied. Cllr Redford stressed the importance of including bus routes to UHCW and Warwick hospital. Once the changes had been made, and the revised document circulated to Stoneleigh and Baginton, the survey would be circulated as soon as possible with a return deadline of 29 February.

11. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

One resident reported damage to a verge in Home Close and shared some photos. This had been caused by contractors resurfacing Coopers Walk, although no vehicle registration was available. It was agreed that this would be reported to the Highways Department by Cllr Wallace Redford. It was suggested that the installation of wooden poles or rocks would prevent such further occurrences.

The subject of VE Day had been raised with Cllr Baker and it was agreed that the Village Events Committee would be consulted to consider supporting appropriate events. This topic would be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

It was reported that the pathway between Moat Close and Home Close was being used as a bridleway. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact local stables to ask them to refrain from using the pathway. Cllr Baker would also obtain a price for enlarging the signs issued by WCC that showed that horses were not permitted.

One resident questioned ownership of a large oak tree at the Home Close end of the same pathway as this was encroaching on his property. It was confirmed that it was owned by the Parish Council and Cllr Baker agreed to arrange for Heritage and Sons to quote for appropriate remedial work.

The Chair reported that he had received a complaint via the website about the killing of moles on the playing field. It was agreed that a response would be made stating that moles had to be removed for health and safety reasons.

12. PLANNING

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

The Chair reported that the previously formed action group would be meeting again in attempt to get the application called in. Councillors voted to support writing a letter asking for the application to be called in. The fact remained that wholly inaccurate population figures for Coventry had been used in the application and there were no plans in place to accommodate the increased traffic in and out of the development.

ii. W/19/2128 – Erection of replacement dwelling at 'Intwood', Leamington Road, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BP

No objections had been submitted by the Parish Council in relation to the original application but a supplementary objection had been submitted as a result of the tree work that had already commenced. Cllr Redford agreed to liaise with the Enforcement Department in this regard.

iii. Consultations – HS2 concrete structures and Leamington Spa NDP

All those present were advised to respond to the consultations, if appropriate. Details would also be circulated via the village email.

13. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Metal mobile goalposts update

This item had been covered earlier in the meeting.

Cllr Baker reported that Chris Goddard had been issued with a list of work reported as part of the RoSPA inspection and he would be working through this.

Moles had been dealt with on the playing fields and also the village green.

14. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

The Chair reported that he had attended the South of Coventry Liaison meeting in December. Kings Hill and housing numbers had been discussed and it had been confirmed that WCC would be progressing with the Stoneleigh junction improvement plans.

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

i. Gas smell in village and surrounding area

Many residents had reported the smell online and some had also been sent hard copy forms for completion. Cllr Nwachukwu had been in touch with FCC at the landfill site and they had assured her that the smell, although more prevalent than anticipated, was part of the normal process and would subside with a few weeks. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

ii. Flooding on village green

A quite substantial stream of water was flowing down the street by the Spout, as a result of the recent heavy rain, and it was not 'finding' the drain. It had been reported on 'Fix my Street' and it was hoped that the situation would improve once the local land was less saturated. Cllr Pam Redford agreed to ask Cllr Wallace Redford to report this to David Elliston at WCC.

iii. Garden party nominations

No suitable nominations had been received.

It was reported that a village resident had been planting shrubs, without permission, on the verge at the side of the pathway between Moat Close and Home Close. As this was Parish Council land, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the resident asking them to remove the shrubs before the verge mowing schedule recommenced in the spring.

16. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

The Clerk reported that he had confirmed Cllr George Illingworth's visit to the next meeting in March.

Date of next meeting – 03 March 2020