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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 01 October 2019 in the Village Hall, Bubbenhall.

Present: Cllr Sam Baker Vice Chair of the Parish Council
Cllr Joanne Shattock
Cllr James Macalister

In attendance: Cllr Trevor Wright Warwick District Council
Mr Doug Evans Parish Clerk

One member of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jan Lucas, Cllr Win Nwachukwu, Cllr Bob Powell, PCSOs Sharron Underwood and Edward King, Cllr Pam Redford (WDC) and Cllr Wallace Redford (WCC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. MEMBERSHIP

There was no further progress to report on filling the one vacancy. Cllr Baker requested that any interested parties should be asked to contact the Chair or Clerk.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 03 September 2019

These were confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/oak tree/trough

The Clerk had previously circulated a document from Tony Sproul detailing available troughs and Councillors commented that they thought such designs would be ideal. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Tony to check on availability of these so as a purchase could be timed with a possible grant application.

ii. Village Hall CCTV

There was nothing to report on this item and it would remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

iii. Update on WW1 and WW2 memorial

There was nothing to report on this item and it would remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

iv. Path between Coopers Walk and top road

The signs depicting what was banned from using the path had been received from WCC and these would be installed by Chris Goddard.

v. Andrew Day visit on 05 November 2019

The Clerk reported that Cllr Day had cancelled the visit for that day but it was hoped that it could be re-arranged for the December meeting.

vi. WCC local hedge work

The Clerk reported that he had submitted the pictures of hedges needing attention to David Elliston of WCC and had been informed that work was scheduled for October and November.

6. POLICE REPORT

Although both PCSOs had tendered their apologies for the meeting, the Clerk tabled a crime report that had been supplied in relation to reported crimes in the area, although there were none in the village itself. Councillors reviewed the report and commented on the unusual location of the cannabis cultivation report.

Councillors expressed concern about the theft of the lead from the roof of the church in Weston under Wetherley and it was agreed that a notice asking residents to be vigilant would be placed on the Facebook page and sent out via the village email. Cllr Shattock would also raise the matter with Jackie Lloyd and the Clerk would alert the PCC.

7. FINANCE

i. Financial reports and payment schedule

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

Chris Goddard	£64.00
Heritage & Sons	£156.00
Doug Evans	£353.75
A D R Sproul	£70.00
Bubbenhall Village Hall	£95.00
WALC	£46.00

8. ADMINISTRATION

There was nothing to report on this item.

9. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. HGVs using local lanes

Councillors received and noted the updated HGV report.

ii. Communication with bus companies

There was nothing to report on this item as Cllr Wallace Redford had tendered his apologies for the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that he had forwarded relevant email threads to Cllr Redford.

iii. Dropped kerb review

Potential sites for dropped kerbs had been suggested previously and it was hoped that Cllr Redford would be able to update further at the next meeting.

v. Further information on 30mph roundels

The Clerk reported that Cllr Lucas had met with a representative of the Highways department to consider locations for the roundels and he had been informed that there could be a shortfall in funding. Councillors agreed, in principle, to consider making a contribution to the costs once locations and exact pricings had been established.

10. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Cllr Baker gave a brief overview of a proposal that had been made by Gail Haynes to provide a Christmas lunch for village pensioners. This would take place at the village hall and a grant request for a contribution to the costs would be made to the Parish Council. Full details of the proposal would be circulated prior to next meeting where any grant request would be considered as a specific agenda item. The Clerk would also investigate other possible sources of funding, such as Warwickshire CAVA, as Health and Wellbeing was a topic high on the current political agenda.

Cllr Baker stated that she had reported many faulty streetlights via the on-line system and would remind residents on Facebook to do the same.

11. PLANNING

The Clerk reported that two Councillors would be attending the forthcoming training session on planning. Cllr Shattock commented on the complexities of the recent Featherstone application and added that a third quarry processing plant would be too many for the area.

12. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Dunsmore Living Landscape Team suggested refurbishment of pond

Cllr Baker reported that Cllr Lucas had met with the Team and it had been suggested that, for a relatively small cost, a refurbishment of the pool in the corner of the playing field area could be carried out. After some discussion, it was felt that the area might need to be fenced off to prevent the pond being a danger to children. It was agreed that the matter would be carried over to the agenda for the next meeting and that Councillors would carry out a site visit in preparation, prior to the meeting.

Cllr Baker reported that Chris Goddard had completed the cleaning of the multi-play equipment with pleasing results. It was felt that a pressure washer might need to be purchased and that the cleaning could be added to the regular maintenance schedule, as opposed to being ad-hoc cleans.

13. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

i. South of Coventry Liaison Meeting on 17 September 2019

Cllr Shattock explained how the population figures had been exaggerated but how this had only come to light in the public domain once the application had been approved.

Cllr Wright gave a brief overview of the meeting and explained that WDC and WCC would be asking the Government to suspend all HS2 work. Cllr Wright added that Coventry airport had been selected as a 'Free Port' in the event of a no-deal Brexit but this would be monitored as the airport could not be used commercially.

Councillors raised concerns about the loss of trade to shops and other businesses in Baginton as a result of the recent Rowley Road closure. This was considered to be inexcusable, with a very serious effect on the local economy and community. After discussion on possible compensation, Cllr Wright agreed to investigate if there were any such schemes for those affected to claim.

ii. Landfill/Quarry Liaison Committee on 17 September 2019

The Clerk gave Councillors an overview of the very brief meeting. It had been explained that Wolston Fields Farm had been granted permission to continue but with tighter vehicle movement controls. John Green had invited any Councillors, or members of the public, who wished to visit the site a tour of the facility. Cllrs Shattock and Macalister expressed an interest in doing so and the Clerk agreed to liaise with John to arrange.

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

Apart from items discussed earlier in the meeting, there was nothing further to report on this item.

15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

Cllr Wright reported that the next WRE meeting would be taking place on 16 October at Stoneleigh. Cllrs Wallace and Pam Redford would be on annual leave between 19 October and 04 November but Wallace had asked for Councillors to be reminded to apply for WRE funding when appropriate.

Date of next meeting – 05 November 2019