

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Bubbenhall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 03 September 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	

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

Four members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Win Nwachukwu, 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 18 JUNE 2019

These were confirmed and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING AND UPDATES

i. Spout/oak tree/trough

Although the re-pointing of the granite stones had been authorised, it was unclear if the work had been completed and there had been no further updates from Tony Sproul. It was suggested that grants might be available to renew the trough but estimates would be needed. The Clerk agreed to obtain a full update from Tony in time for the next meeting.

ii. Village Hall CCTV

The Chair reported that he had not met with the PCSOs to discuss the CCTV so this item would remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

iii. Update on WW1 and WW2 memorial

The Chair reported that he had spoken to Bob Cragg but that no progress had been made on the project. Cllr Pam Redford commented that grants for the memorial could be available from WDC or WALC.

iv. Update on tennis net storage box

It was reported that the box had been fixed and secured in place. A new padlock had been fitted and certain Councillors would have the combination. A sign would be placed on the box with contact details so the number could be obtained by those wishing to use the court. It was agreed that Chris Goddard would be asked to check the wire and mechanism in case a new net was required for the next season.

v. Materials costs for repairs to memorial bench

An invoice from Derek Morris was tabled for information. Cllrs agreed to pay the £64.10 costs for the bench and tennis net box repairs.

vi. Path between Coopers Walk and top road

It was reported that the horse manure had been removed from the path. Cllr Pam Redford felt the path was a footpath, and not a bridleway and signs would need to be erected to state this. The Clerk agreed to arrange for the signs to be supplied and the relevant contact details were given by Cllr Wallace Redford.

6. POLICE REPORT

Although both PCSOs had given their apologies for the meeting, PCSO Underwood had asked the Clerk for it to be noted that there had been no crimes reported in the village since the last meeting.

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.

██████████	£64.00
Heritage & Sons	£312.00
██████████	£353.75
A D R Sproul	£60.00

8. ADMINISTRATION

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest forms were circulated for completion by those Councillors who had not yet done so.

9. HIGHWAYS UPDATE

i. Update on HGVs using local lanes

It was noted that the number of HGVs had greatly reduced but it was felt that this could be as a result of the school holiday period and with less people to report them.

ii. Update on communication with bus companies

The Clerk reported that he had received some communication from National Express but they had seemed reluctant to meet to discuss routes.

Catteralls coaches were continuing to use Bubbenhall Road, although there were no drop-offs, and had stated that the route was approved by WCC. Cllr Wallace Redford commented that the route would have been approved and that the 'unsuitable' signs were not mandatory. If an alternative route was requested, but was more expensive to use, WCC might not pay the extra costs for the school bus routes. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Stuart Kochane-Payne at WCC in the first instance to discuss alternative routes.

iii. Footpaths update from Tony Cox

The Chair reported that the footpaths had been inspected and that necessary work would follow.

iv. Update on dropped kerb review

Cllr Powell reported that he had submitted a report to Cllr Wallace Redford with four suggested locations for further dropped kerbs. Cllr Redford would review the suggestions in line with budget constraints.

v. Update on 30mph roundels

Cllr Powell reported that roundels had been approved and the Highways Department would be carrying out a site visit on 05 September to verify locations.

Cllr Wallace Redford gave a brief overview on the situation with regards to existing advisory HGV signs and explained that it was hoped that the more effective yellow signs would be used in the same locations whilst the road closure was in place. Cllr Redford added that he thought the diversion signs would be removed once the major road closure was lifted.

10. BUSINESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was nothing to report on this item.

11. PLANNING

i. Aggregates Processing Facility, Featherstone Farm, Leamington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore, CV8 3EL

An extension until 06 September had been granted to submit observations and a response would be drafted by the Chair and Cllr Shattock for the Clerk to submit.

ii. W/19/0984 – Whitley South (removal of Condition 13)

It was reported that this had been approved already and that the Clerk had requested why the Parish Council had not been included on the list of mandatory consultees.

iii. W/19/1136 – Update on Middle Barn, Pagets Lane, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BJ

It was reported that this application had been rejected.

It was noted that the appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission for the Cedars application had been dismissed.

12. YOUTH SPACE AND RECREATION GROUND

i. Wildflower meadow weeding day

The Chair reported that the weeding day had been postponed.

ii. Dunsmore Living Landscape Team hedge repair grants

The Chair gave a brief overview of how the scheme would work and agreed to meet with members of the team to see what work, if any, was required, particularly around the playing field area.

Cllr Baker reported that there was an issue with moles on the playing fields again and it was agreed that the pest controller could be used and paid between meetings, when necessary.

The new bark had been laid and some cleaning of the multi-play equipment had been carried out.

In response to a question, the Clerk agreed to speak to the Planning Department to verify the procedure around tree work that was listed on the weekly list of applications.

13. REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

The Chair reported that he and Walter Bush had met with Buckingham's after being told about the closure of Rowley Road. Buckingham's had agreed to attend a meeting that had been arranged in order to discuss concerns and they had viewed this as a 'public consultation'. Complaints had been made to WCC about the procedure but they had stated that there was no obligation to consult at all. Some further information had been sent out after the meeting and there had been a mail drop to some of the village. Cllr Powell had written to ask for a list of contacts at the Council but had been advised to visit the WCC website for details. Overall, Cllr Powell felt that the whole series of events had been a 'communications disaster'.

Cllr Shattock reported that she had attended a meeting concerning Hanger 5.

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

i. Andrew Day visit on 05 November 2019

In preparation for the visit by the District Council's leader, it was agreed that a list of questions would be compiled in order to make best use of the time available. It was agreed that these would be emailed to the Chair, with a final list also being emailed to Cllr Pam Redford.

15. CORRESPONDENCE NOT DEALT WITH IN OTHER ITEMS

The Chair gave a brief overview of the email that had been circulated in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of local health and social care needs and the influences on health outcomes of residents. Cllr Pam Redford added that District Councillors had also received presentations on this topic. After discussion, it was agreed to invite the JSNA Steering Group to give a brief presentation prior to a Parish Council meeting and to also promote the survey link on the village website.

Cllr Wallace Redford reported that David Elliston at WCC was currently planning work on hedges in the area that required attention. It was agreed that details of any such hedges should be sent to the Clerk to be forwarded to David.

Date of next meeting – 01 October 2019