

Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council

MINUTES of a meeting held on Tuesday, 1st December 2015, at the Village Hall, Bramshall. The meeting commenced at 7:32pm.

Action

PRESENT: Messrs. T. Ollerenshaw, R. Jones, T. Postlethwaite, P. Smith (Chair), Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. R. Dunn (Vice Chair), Mrs J. Pattinson-Evans, Mrs C Smith, Cllr. C. Whittaker and the clerk.

1 APOLOGIES: Mr D Oulsnam

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2015, having been circulated, were signed by the chairman on the approval of the members.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – A couple of parishioners from Abbots Bromley Parish addressed the meeting about the Turkey Farm planning application - P/2015/01454-The farm is in Abbots Bromley Parish, two 100m sheds, each will have 5000 turkeys over a 3 -4 month growing cycle, so will provide 30k turkeys a year. Collectively the Parish will be focusing on 3 main areas of objection, appropriate development, road safety, smell, noise and light. Comments need to be with the Planning Office by 10th December. The Councillors thanked them for their presentation and decided to discuss the details in the Planning section of the Agenda.

4. CLERK'S REPORT:

4.01 The Clerk wrote to Mr J Green at SCC Highways about the root cutting in Spath and advises a site visit was needed with Councillors – sent 05.11.2015.

4.02 The Clerk signed the petition for all Councillors about the Parish Council Planning Powers on the UK Government website <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489>

4.03 The clerk contacted the Lengthsman to confirm the ditch estimate for St Michaels road could go ahead and would be paid for by the Lengthsman fund.

4.04 Came & Co confirmed on 05.11.2015 that the VAT (IPT) increase on our insurance will be 9.5% from 6%, as per the Governments new legislation.

4.05 The clerk contacted Total Pest Control with regards to the moles on the Playing Fields.

4.06 The Clerk spoke to Bagshaws about valuations of Stramshall Playing Fields and Allotments with regards to our Asset Register for Came & Co insurance and the Annual Audit – we need to provide certain details for them to value the land, conveyance's on the land, rights of way, third party access for the playing fields and for the allotments, the rents(income) and rent agreements, way leave agreement details, water supply and billing details and then they will charge £350 + VAT to provide a Red Book Valuation report. It was decided to ask other Parish Councils how they dealt with this issue. The Clerk to investigate.

4.07 The Clerk posted the HSBC Tax forms to the bank via the branch in Uttoxeter.

4.08 The Clerk responded to BAT Fabrications and explained their quote for Stramshall Playing Fields fencing was unsuccessful.

4.09 The Clerk sent Wheelie Bin Stickers application form to Michelle Shaker at Staffordshire Police, made request for Bramshall and Stramshall road.

4.10 a YouTube video has appeared about Stramshall, the person who took it, reported to the Clerk that lots of the grave stones in the church yard are laid down, the church warden explained this is due to health and safety, as no funds available to ensure they are safe, the YouTube video was passed to Councillors on 24.11.2015

4.11 Transparency Code for Small Authorities – SPCA Bulletin 19th November – the Parish Council needs to agree how to comply with the transparency code. It was proposed that the minutes will list the cheques/standing orders and Direct debit details in the minutes and have the Red Book available at all times for inspection – Voted on by all Councillors unanimously.

4.12 Mc Culloch carried out the Ivy removal on Stramshall Playing Fields and sent an estimate for carrying out the tree maintenance of the boundary fields. It was voted to ask Mc Culloch to carry out the works, the Clerk to advise him.

4.12 The clerk wrote to the Parishioner about fly tipping in Loxley Green.

4.13 Speed watch signs are still with Richard Rayson to be considered, Michelle Shaker is chasing him. The wheelie Bin application has been passed to the Staffordshire County Council and we are waiting for the letters to be sent out to the residents. Michelle Shaker is awaiting an update on when this will happen and then the PCSO will distribute them to all residents in the Parish.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 4.01 The Clerk received details of the Staffordshire Parish Council Association AGM – 7th December 2015 at Staffordshire Place One, Tipping Street, Stafford. **Agenda** and full papers forwarded to Councillors on 17.11.2015
- 5.02 Received two booklets from SPCA entitled Fit for Farming – A men's health workshop manual, a guide to men's health for Staffordshire farmers.
- 5.03 Received an invoice for the latest election. They confirmed that a full election would cost £5,000 and a split election would cost £2,500. It would be prudent to add monies into our budget for these costs.
- 5.04 Historic Town Newsletter – forwarded to Councillors on 13.11.2015
- 5.05 Improving Lives Event at Uttoxeter Race Course on 24th November 2015 – forwarded to councillors on 13.11.2015
- 5.06 Village SOS event details – forwarded to councillors on 13.11.2015
- 5.07 SPCA – Chairman course details – 14th December in Stafford
- 5.08 SLCC Christmas lunch and training details, this is for Staffordshire County clerks – 9th December at Penkridge – The Clerk would like to go, £5 cost.

6 PLAYING FIELDS

- 6.01 The clerk wrote to the Lengthsman and confirmed to go ahead with the fencing repairs on the playing fields.
- 6.02 The annual report arrived 05.11.2015, forwarded to all Councillors.
- 6.03 Completed the ESBC Neighbourhood Funding form and sent to Sara Botham for consideration at the August 2016 funding committee meeting. We cannot be considered **before August 2016** because we received a grant in August 2014 for the BMX humps on the site.
- 6.04 Replied to Neighbourhood Funding with regards to the event at Branston Golf Club for the funding presentation on 25th November to say Cllr Dunn will attend.
- 6.05 Cllr Oulsnam provided funding details for Tesco Community Scheme – it was decided that the Clerk would apply for funds for the full amount of play equipment. The Clerk to gain prices of swings and climbing frame and pass to Councillors for a decision, so funding application can be started.
- 6.06 The playing fields sign will be put up by 11th December; the clips had not yet arrived.

7 ALLOTMENTS

- 7.01 Due to the need for new contracts, it was decided to use the standard contract, but to reduce it to one page. The Clerk to reduce contract and send to Councillors for review.
- 7.02 Rents – it was decided to ensure that the rents cover the costs and to review how the rent is charged. Cllr Oulsnam needs to be consulted, but a suggestion of taking the total costs and dividing it by the area of the plot was deemed a fair option. The Clerk to write to allotment holders to explain that contracts and rents are being discussed in February meeting and they will be updated after that meeting.

8 TRAFFIC CALMING/HIGHWAYS LOG

- 8.01 A copy of the Highways log was sent to the councillors on 27.11.2015 – The Clerk needs to write to the Rectory about the Yew hedging as it has not been cut.
- 8.02 The Speed Watch coordinator reported that the rules relating to the speed watch mean it will be unlikely a session will be arranged for a few months; this is because of daylight hours being reduced and not able to carry out speed watch duties in dark. The Speed Watch co-ordinator asked if we could contact the Police to be put on the list for their mobile speed cameras. The Councillors confirmed we are on this list already.
- 8.03 SIDs signs have been moved from Stramshall, they were in place for 3 weeks, the Clerk is trying to establish the time scale for the rota for these signs, but no update as yet.
- 8.04 The Spring by the church in Stramshall – a new drainage grid has been installed, but a parishioner advised it may not be sufficient and so I contacted Sam Griffiths at the Highways Team to get an update 01.12.2015
- 8.05 The hedges in Bramshall by C9 have not been cut, but the case has been closed, clerk to reopen enquiry,
- 8.06 It was reported that a ditch by the playing fields is blocked, The Clerk to report this to Highways.

9 FREEDOM OF THE PARISH EVENT

- 09.01 The Oak Tree was planted on 11.11.2015 at Stocks Lane, Bramshall and further supports were added on 29.11.2015 due to high winds.
- 9.02 License to plant is still with the Legal Team at Staffordshire County Council, no invoice yet.
- 09.03 The Advertiser and the Echo covered the story and Click IT loaded the story onto our website.
- 9.04 The Council received a thank you letter from one of the attendees and Mr John Whittaker.
- 9.05 Thank you cards were sent to Mayor Leese, Mayor Blencowie, Deputy Mayor Noyes and others who helped make the day possible: Rev and Mrs Lander, Ian Davies, Tina Jeffrey, Mrs C Whittaker, Mrs Anne Harris, Andrew Griffiths MP, Lavins Printers, Anns Catering & Woodgrow Nurseries.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10.1 During the Planning Training Course at SCC it was suggested that the Community Infrastructure Levy is no longer in place in the Local Plan that has been passed by the Borough Council. The training course advised all Parish Councils to write to the Borough to re-introduce it. The Councillors decided not to write as the 106 will still be in place.

10.02 The training also discussed that we can ask for a National England Survey for Quarry planning – The clerk to contact National England, using contact details from the application P/2015/00882/00883 to ask how much it would cost.

RESULTS

P/2015/ 00954 – Small Farm Dagdale Lane, Dagdale – conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling – PASSED.

P/2015/01293 – former parish hall, Bramshall – oak car port – REFUSED.

P/2015/00702 – The Alders, Crakesmarsh – retention of barn as living accommodation – REFUSED

P/2015/00882/00883 – Development of 58 houses on Bramshall/Utttoxeter boundary – PASSED

P/2015/01230- conversion of two agricultural barns to three dwellings – stone road, Bramshall - PASSED

P/2015/01285 – demolition of existing buildings to be replaced with implement building – old wood, Hollington lane, Stramshall - PASSED

NEW

P/2015/01456 – Bramshall inn, Bramshall - Erection of single storey front and side extensions, erection of a pergola to front entrance area, demolition of existing toilets and store to facilitate the conversion of part of the rear yard & store and single storey extension to form additional dining area and toilets and formation of an outdoor seating area – received 2 ‘no comments’, so added these on 25.11.2016, but a further comment needs to be added, The Clerk to add, “ need to connect to main sewer, as a septic tank would not be sufficient.

P/2015/01496 - Eaton Villa 11 Broomyclose Lane Stramshall Staffordshire ST14 5AN - Outline application for the erection of 2 dwellings with all matters reserved – comments by 2nd December. The clerk to add the following, The Officer who considered the application in 2014 noted that it was refused and recommended it be one dwelling, the Council believe the objections from P/2014/01020 still stand, loss of light, loss of street parking, unsuitable for multiple dwellings.

P/2015/01533 – Cullamore lane, Willslock – proposed barn conversion plus relocation of access – comments by 8th December

Cllr C Smith declared an interest. The comments to be added are, In May 2015 it was refused, the vehicle access although changed, is still not safe.

P/2015/01548 - Spath Cottage Farm Stramshall Road Spath Stramshall Staffordshire ST14 5AD — Agricultural Building – comments by 3rd December - Comments to be added, No objections, but can we suggest the materials used are dark green to blend with the country side.

P/2015/01566 – Longacre Farm, Hook Lane, Crakemarsch – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling, and formation of new vehicle access. Comments by 20th December. Comments to be added are No objection.

P/2015/01454 – Turkey Farm, Hobb Lane. The Comments to add are, From Hobb Lane to Abbots Bromley onto the main road, this is a dangerous junction for HGV lorries.

11. ACCOUNTS/FINANCIAL MATTERS:

CHEQUES

Entrust - £ 83

Play Inspection Company - £ 75

Staffordshire Parish Council Ass - £20

JCA Graphics - £168.39

East Staffordshire Borough Council – election fee - £93.56

Doveridge Landscaping - £47

Staffordshire Parish Council Ass – planning training - £35

Total Pest Control - £75

Anns Catering - £282.00

GC McCullon £20

Mr Durose £615.60

Mr Durose £192 – to be reclaimed from Lengthsman Fund

Clerks expenses £ 61.12 – includes stake for event

DIRECT DEBITS

South Staffs Water - £ 17.50

STANDING ORDERS

Clerks wages - £220.97

Total spend £2,006.14

OPENING BALANCE £5298.25

CLOSING BALANCE £3286.11

BRITANIA BUILDING SOCIETY BALANCE - £14,990.11

The above accounts were passed for payment on the approval of the members.

The Clerk was asked to get further quotes for Pest Control.

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

12.01 The Laurel Bush by the Brick Bus Shelter needs to be cut back. Cllr T Ollerenshaw to carry out this work.

12.02 The pot hole at the top of Bennetts Lane still not filled, The Clerk to chase this with Highways.

12.03 The Stramshall YouTube video is OK, but not suitable for the website.

12.04 There is concern about the speed of traffic on the road from Stafford Road up to Cullamore Lane, Willslock, the Clerk to report to Highways and ask that the speed limit be re considered from 60 mph to 40mph. evaluated.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 2nd February 2016 at Stramshall Village Hall at 7:45pm. The meeting was formally closed at 9.10 .

.....CHAIRMAN