

Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council - Minutes

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 5th September 2017, at the Village Hall, Vicarage Drive, Stramshall ST14 5DL. The meeting commenced at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllrs: Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. R. Dunn, Mrs J. Pattinson-Evans (Chair) , Mrs C Smith, Messrs. D. Oulsnam, P. Smith, R. Jones, T.Postlethwaite, Cllr C Whittaker(Borough) and the clerk.

Apologies:

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES- Cllr T Ollerenshaw, Mr Richard Rayson
2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

Cllr C Smith declared an interest in P/2017/00857 & P/2017/00856 – Dispensation received and RESOLVED to allow for discussion only for one meeting.

3. TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON 4th July 2017 ARE A CORRECT RECORD
4. TO RECEIVE RICHARD RAYSON – STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – S106 funding.

Richard Rayson sent a report about the progress of the s106 funding and the proposed traffic calming for Bramshall. Councillors discussed report and suggested to look at Abbotts Bromley chicane and also to have a look at pinch point traffic calming systems too. Resolved to invite Richard Rayson to November meeting and inform Cllr Mark Deaville of progress.

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- DEFIBRILLATOR FUND RAISING – UPDATE REPORT – Councillors resolved that the backboard design is acceptable. Machines will be installed as soon as possible. An event will be held that sponsors will be invited that will incorporate the training sessions. Event and training to be discussed in October meeting.
- STRAMSHALL CLIMBING FRAME – OPENING EVENT –UPDATE REPORT – Councillors agreed this was a good event and thanked everyone who attended.
- STRAMSHALL PLAYING FIELDS – INSPECTION CONTRACT – NEW REPORT – Councillors resolved to award the inspection and maintenance contract to DSK Engineering Services Ltd starting from now. The cost to the Parish Council will be £30 + VAT per month invoiced quarterly. This will be included into Budget and Precept request for next year. The Annual Inspection Report will no longer be needed and will be cancelled.
- STRAMSHALL PLAYING FIELDS – ENTRUST MAINTAINANCE CONTRACT – NEW REPORT – Councillors resolved to accept the proposed annual contract for £840 per year but resolved to review all grass cutting contracts within the Parish before the next Budget meeting in November. The new contract for 2018 quotes would be for the football pitch to only be 6 marked per year and 12 cuts.

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- STRAMSHALL WELCOME SIGNS – UPDATE REPORT – Resolved to only acquire 2 welcome signs for the village. Clerk to approach Aggregate Industries for confirmation of funding.
- STRAMSHALL PLAYING FIELDS – FUNDING APPLICATION – NEW REPORT – Clerk reported applying to Big Lottery for £10k to replace both swing frames and safety flooring.
- CHRISTMAS TREES FOR BRAMSHALL & STRAMSHALL – NEW REPORT - This will be discussed in October meeting.
- STRAMSHALL TELEPHONE BOX – UPDATE REPORT – Resolved to turn telephone box into a book swap facility for the village.
- SPEED WATCH EQUIPMENT– UPDATE REPORT – Cllrs voted to purchase the new equipment – Tele Traffic Community Speed Watch RADAR – Cllrs thanked Cllr Colin Whittaker for his generous contribution to the project and Police Commissioner Fund for their match funding.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION* NONE

7. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

New

P/2017/00857 - The Beeches, Cullamore Lane, Willslock, ST14 8NJ - Erection of a building for the storage for silage and hay

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P/2017/00982 - North of Caverswall Farm, Lower Loxley, Uttoxeter, Staffs, ST14 8RZ - Removal of 500m of hedgerow – comments added on 30.08.2017 The Parish Council would like to object due it being too great a loss of habitat for birds, wildlife and wild flowers /grasses.

P/2017/01044 - Dove View, Moisty Lane, Marchington , ST14 8JY - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the construction of a 5.1MW Solar Farm with ancillary development including solar panels and frames, inverter cabins, switchgear enclosure and metering point and security fencing without complying with Condition 7 of planning permission P/2016/01551 dated 18/01/2017 relating to the photovoltaic arrays and associated cabinets hereby permitted shall be dismantled and removed from the site and the land reinstated to its former condition and agricultural use by the 11th September 2041 or immediately following any consecutive 6 month period of non-operation, whichever is the sooner – comments by 13.09.2017 – NO COMMENT

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P/2017/01057 - Land At Hollington Lane, Stramshall , Staffordshire - Retention of a chicken coop – comments by 13.09.2017 - No objection to Chicken Coop. Clerk to enquire if caravan has planning permission.

P/2017/01047 - Land at Cullamore Lane Willslock Staffordshire - Erection of an extension to an agricultural building to house livestock and feed – - Cllrs requested a site visit for this application and clerk to contact Emily Christie at ESBC.

Decisions

P/2017/00606 - The Barn, Watery Lane, Lower Loxley Bank, Nr Uttoxeter, Staffordshire - Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling – Given

P/2017/00527 - Roycroft Farm, Bennetts Lane, Bramshall, ST14 5BG - Erection of a single storey side extension to existing shop – PERMITTED

P/2017/00758 - 10 Mallens Croft Bramshall Staffordshire ST14 5NG - Conversion of garage to form utility room and storage – APPROVED

P/2017/00672 - Walnut View, The Orchard, Stramshall, Staffordshire, ST14 5AY - Felling of one Walnut tree TPO 51. - Consent Granted

P/2017/00496 - Proposed Barn Conversions, Hollington Lane, Stramshall, Staffordshire, ST14 5ER - Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to form two dwellings – Refused

Updates on reported items

- Spath Farm – Enforcement Officer has recommended retrospective planning for the structure.
- Letter was sent to the owner of Flatts Farm to apologise for reporting incorrectly.

8. TO RECEIVE ORAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR - Cllr Whittaker

The next phase of the Bramshall Meadows has been given the go ahead. 100 houses will be built. They will be of a traditional design.

ESBC are organising events in 2018 to commemorate WW1

9. FINANCE – TO CONSIDER & AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF LIST BELOW:

NEW

AEDdonate – 2 Defibrillators - £3,873 (invoice deducted by £125 - donations received via AED website)

SPCA – Allotment Training - £20

Grant Thornton – Audit Fee £240

SJL Landscaping – Bramshall Grass Cutting – July - £216

GC McCulloch – Stramshall Grass Cutting and Hedge Cut – July - £400

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GC McCulloch – Stramshall Grass Cutting – August - £280

Tele-Traffic – Speed Watch Equipment - £324

SJL Landscaping – August - £372

Clerk Expenses – July/August - £48.91

RECEIVED:

VAT Refund - £330.52

Police Commissioner Grant for Speed Watch Equipment - £181.75

Allotment Holder Rent 5b - £4.40

Total of Defibrillator Donations - £3870

- Grant Thornton confirmed Audit completed and included invoice for £200 plus VAT.(25.07.2017) – Comments were received and put on website 25.07.2017:
 1. Internal controls – advised Parish Council to maintain an adequate system of internal control – Cllr Dunn carried out an audit trail on 04.09.2017 and sent to Alan Toplis for review. Cllrs thanked Cllr Dunn for her work on the internal audit trail.
 2. Total Borrowing – this box needs to have nil in it, as no borrowing took place.

Bank Balance: Leek BS – £ 9,623.80 HSBC - £ 3,993.65

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.01 e-mail from Michelle Shaker - As a pilot initiative, the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is providing, through a bidding process, £200k over the next 2 years in the form of the Road Safety Grant Fund. The money has been made available to:

- improve road safety
- increase public confidence in the safety of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire's roads
- support communities to take local responsibility

The Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is keen to support locally driven community road safety activities. Activities should aim to address an identified road safety issue which is of concern to the community. The Partnership would welcome a wide range of bids and encourage inventive thinking in how the funding could be used to make a positive difference in communities.

The initial funding round invites applications to be submitted between 1 August and 14 September 2017. Further funding rounds will be held every 6 months. Full information is available on the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership website:

<http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/road-safety-grant-fund>

10.02 ESBC provided a residents Count for Parish:

Bramshall

AD – has 533 over 18 and 2 Attainers (will be turning 18)

AE – has 186 over 18 and 0 Attainers

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AF - has 571 over 18 and 3 Attainers

AG – has 15 over 18 and 0 Attainers

10.03 Bramshall Village won the Best Kept Village for Small Village, East Staffordshire Group. On website 09.08.2017

10.04 Staffordshire Parish Council Association updated the Parish Council that Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is seeking views from households on the specification for a broadband Universal Service Obligation (USO) to be set in secondary legislation. Please go to the link and have your say. Consultation closes at midday on 9th October 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/broadband-universal-service-obligation-consultation-on-design>

10.05 Staffordshire County Council are reminding people that there is still time to have their say on how the budget for subsidising bus journeys in Staffordshire can be best spent. Although the county council does not operate bus services, it subsidises just under ten per cent of bus journeys in Staffordshire, largely because not enough people use them or not enough income is generated to make them profitable. Next year, £1.3m will be spent on these journeys and we are asking people, whether they use the bus or not, for their views on the four options possible with the budget. The consultation closes on September 17 and residents are being encouraged to go online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busreview to have their say.

Cllr asked Clerk to vote for Option 1.

10.06 Uttoxeter Town FC have donated football nets to Stramshall Playing Fields – Thank you letter to be sent to thank them for the nets.

10.07 Leek Building Society sent details of the FSCS compensation fund and asked Clerk to send confirmation that Council budget does not exceed £439,367. Replied 4th August 2017

10.08 SPCA are providing a Budgets/Precept/Annual Return course - Monday 16 October 2017 - Venue: Trentham Suite, Staffordshire Place One, Tipping Street, Stafford ST16 2LP Time: 7:00pm – 9.00pm Cost: £20.00 for the first delegate – Cllr resolved for clerk to attend.

11.09 Community Speed Watch update from Staffordshire Police:

Project EDWARD (European Day Without A Road Death) is 21/09/2017. visit <https://projectEdward.eu> and take a look at some of the videos. Staffordshire Police will be uploading a video shortly to show their support too.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS (information only)

Clerk annual appraisal took place on in July 2017 – Chair and Vice Chair at Bramshall Village Hall. Chair advised Council that Clerk will reduce her hours back to original 24hrs

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once current projects are finished. Chair to contact Clerk each week for an update on work load. Council to prioritize projects at meeting so work load fits with hours.

Cllrs require Clerk to report plant pots on highway at Cullamore Lane as affecting width of road also to report soil blocking footpath no 15.

Clerk reported no letters sent to Allotments with regard to trip hazard. No letters have been sent to Allotments – update needed re trip hazard

Clerk reported no application sent for Stramshall Village Green – ownerless land.

Cllrs will discuss Parish Questionnaire at next meeting.

Cllrs would like pot holes on Dagdale Lane, Dagdale to be reported and pot hole on junction of Beamhurst/Pigeonhay Lane.

Cllrs would like blocked gully reported on Spath roundabout.

Cllrs would like a report on Spath flooding for next meeting.

Cllr reported that some fence rails at the playing field had been vandalised. It has been made safe. No further action at present.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 3rd October 2017 at Bramshall Village Hall at 7.30PM. The meeting was formally closed at 21.33.

.....CHAIRMAN