



**Minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council**  
**held on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 7:45pm**

**Present:** Councillor: Cllr. Mrs. L Jones (Chairman)  
County and District Councillor: Mrs Victoria Wilson  
Councillors: M Snelson, A Burton, Mrs I Rees, S Hadgett and Mrs J Stanton, M Slater  
Victoria Morris – Clerk to the Council

**1873. Apologies:**

There were no apologies for non-attendance.

**1874. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllrs. Mrs Jones, Snelson and Slater declared interests in 1876b.

**1875. Minutes:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Bobbington Parish Council held on 17 March 2021, a copy having previously been circulated to each member of the Council, be approved.

**1876. Matters arising:**

**a. Tree Update (Brantley Lane / Crescent)**

Cllr. M Snelson reported that the tree is still to be moved, given the national lockdown it was not deemed essential travel/work. The tree is now in leaf and will have to remain in-situ until later in the year to ensure its survival. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda for the current time.

**b. Affordable Housing**

As requested at the last meeting the Clerk had prepared and circulated a timeline (see attached). A full discussion took place and each site was reviewed.

The Clerk was asked to:

1. Confirm no response was received from Severn Trent with respect to access
2. Establish whether site 2 would still be big enough given the increased demand for houses in the last survey
3. Request the Housing Association make further enquiries with respect to site 1

**c. Bobbington website**

Cllr. Burton reported that enquiries had been made into the acquisition of the domain [www.bobbingtonparish.co.uk](http://www.bobbingtonparish.co.uk). Staffordshire County Council ("SCC) can purchase this for £4.95 for year one and then approximately £6.95 each year thereafter or the Parish Council can purchase the domain and SCC can help linking it to the website they host. Cllr. Burton had reviewed the costs and recommended SCC purchase the domain. It was agreed by those present that SCC should purchase the domain.

It is anticipated the new website will be up and running at the end of the month.

**d. Unkempt properties/gardens**

The Environmental Health department is currently understaffed and, therefore, this matter has not been progressed. However, a new officer (Alison Simmons) has now



been assigned. She has been in contact with Cllr. Burton and should have carried out a site visit today, with a view to liaising with the housing association with respect to next steps.

**1877. Parish online and Ordinance survey website**

It was agreed that the overview would be better performed over zoom, as such it was agreed to defer this matter to a later meeting.

**1878. Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Isolation / community assistance**

No additional help has been sought by any Parishioners.

**1879. Civic Award responses and discussion re presentations**

Both nominees for 2019-20 and 2020-21 awards have confirmed their acceptance and thanked the Parish Council for recognising their efforts. Given the current restrictions the presentations have been deferred and will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

**1880. Highway Matters**

**a. Road closures**

- i. Close that length of Lutley Lane from Mere Lane to Leaton Lane for a period of 1 day but no more than 5 days from 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 because of the likelihood of danger to the public during carriageway repairs"
- ii. Close that length of Six Ashes Road from Bridgnorth Road to Church Lane for a period of 1 day but no more than 5 days from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 because of the likelihood of danger to the public during drainage works being undertaken by Staffordshire County Council.

It was noted there were traffic lights on Six Ashes Road due to services being installed into the new properties.

**b. Flooding - Six Ashes Road**

It was reported that there were eleven jammed manway covers, many have been released resulting in only four/five still being jammed.

Cllr. Hadgett reported that a site visit had been performed with respect to the brook. Photos were taken of the brook, road, culvert and fields. A report is now being compiled to establish what can be done to alleviate the problem. Natural flood management was mentioned, as was replacing the culvert.

Along Crab Lane and Leaton Lane three gullies have been cleared, one broken pipe was located and one drain found to have tree roots in – a CCTV survey will be required.

Cllr. Mrs Stanton asked whether the gullies would be jetted, Cllr. Mrs Wilson hoped this would be done at the same time as the work, but was unsure as to the position.

**c. Highways Divisional programme funding**



Cllr. Mrs Wilson is preparing for her annual budget meeting and asked for suggestions. Several pavements are in a bad state of repair and were mentioned e.g. around the post box, outside the Red Lion and leading up to the school.

Cllr. Hadgett asked about white lines in the middle of the road, a discussion followed, the majority were not in favour of these returning.

Concerns were raised with respect to the A boards outside the Airport entrance. Cllr Mrs Rees agreed to raise this with the Airport management.

#### 1881. Telephone box – Salt Box Lane

A discussion was held with respect to the future of the red telephone box. It was unclear who takes on responsibility for the upkeep of the box if adopted as a heritage asset. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.

#### 1882. Reports from Committee Representatives

##### **Corbett School**

Nothing further to report – see annual parish meeting minutes.

##### **Village Hall**

Nothing further to report – see annual parish meeting minutes.

##### **Church of the Holy Cross**

Nothing further to report – see annual parish meeting minutes.

##### **Community Speed Watch (“CSW”)**

Nothing further to report – see annual parish meeting minutes.

##### **Police Crime Report**

- Attempt theft of motor vehicle – Manor Ln, Bobbington  
Overnight unknown offenders have attempted to steal a Quad bike which was left in a field, CCTV footage unclearly shows persons pushing the bike unfortunately the footage was not evidential. No damage caused

##### *Proactive news:*

- Wombourne Neighbourhood Police Officers have been working alongside police officers from our Roads Policing Unit, targeting cross boarder vehicle criminals coming to the Wombourne / Himley / Kinver areas.
- Local officers are currently running additional patrols on a weekend under Op Scramble targeting off road bikes in the local area.
- We have continued to see a crime trend centred on the theft of catalytic converters. Honda and Toyota vehicles are, again, the ones targeted. Owners of such vehicles should be mindful of where they park their vehicles and put additional security measures in place where possible, such as CCTV / ring doorbell / floodlights etc.

#### 1883. Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

#### 1884. Finance:-



- a. Internal audit year ended 31 March 2021- Mr Dudley has agreed to carry out the Internal audit, the records are to be delivered to him in the next couple of weeks. The submission deadline is 30 June 2021.
- b. Certificate of Exemption – Agreed to defer to the next meeting
- c. Governance statement annual return 31 March 2021 - Agreed to defer to the next meeting
- d. Accounting Statements 2019/20 – The Clerk circulated the accounting statements. No questions were raised. Given the above deferrals the Clerk offered to answer any questions that arose following detailed review by email or at the next meeting.
- e. Review of Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessment - Agreed to defer to the next meeting
- f. Insurance Renewal: The policy is due for renewal, the Clerk asked Cllr Burton to send her the details of the brokers connected to Parish online, so that a quotation can be obtained.
- g. **Cheques**  
The following cheques were proposed by Cllr. Mrs Stanton and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Rees
  - i. Chipmonk Computing      Web hosting and domain renewal      £97.60  
(note this business no longer accept cheques, therefore the cheque will be made payable to the Clerk, who will forward a personal BACS payment as agreed in 2018)
  - ii. CPRE – Membership      £36

#### 1885. Planning matters

- a. **Received**  
Nothing to report
- b. **Responded to**  
Nothing to report
- c. **Outcomes:**  
Nothing to report
- d. **Enforcement matters:**  
Nothing to report
- e. **Made aware of:**  
21/01942/FUL | Conversion of outbuildings to form one residential dwelling, four holiday let properties and commercial storage building for touring caravans | Brantley Farm Broughton Claverley Shropshire WV5 7AY  
<https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=QRLYJZTD02B00&activeTab=summary> – concerns were raised with respect to the increased volume of traffic on narrow lanes.

#### 1886. Airfield matters

The Clerk read a letter from a parishioner as follows:

*"Whilst I am content with the normal operating activities of the Halfpenny Green airport (aka other nomenclature) I cannot approve or condone the activities of the individual whose hobby is to fly an acrobatic aircraft above what is a built-up area. Yes, Halfpenny Green is a built-up area with an extensive 30 mph zone similar to Bobbington.*

*On Friday and Saturday of last week (23/24 April) he flew, between refuelling stops, almost continually on both days day performing his 'tricks' above Tom Lane.*



*If this selfish individual has to log a certain number of hours I suggest he books a slot at a coastal airport and performs his stunts SAFELY over the sea and not in/over my back yard. The noise is not welcomed nor is the danger of an accident away from the usual take off & landing fly paths.*

*I believe the Parish Council has a liaison team with the airport and I trust this representation along, no doubt, with many others is made abundantly clear that it should not happen again. The latter includes his regular weekly practice periods. Representation should also be made to the District Council and the County Council and who ever grants him a license to act in such an unsocial manner. Likewise the airport control staff should have more thought for the well being and SAFETY of the local community."*

The Councillors discussed the content. It was agreed that the aircraft was noisy, however, noted that complaints can only be made to the Airport. The Clerk was asked to make the Parishioner aware.

Cllr Mrs Rees reported that the AGM will be held in June 2021.

### 1887. Correspondence

*Circulated by email prior to the meeting:-*

Voluntary sector news for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent (VAST) 31/3/21,  
15/4/21, 29/4/21

South Staffordshire Council (SSDC) - Council news 210, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217  
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA) bulletin & Extra bulletin –  
18/3/21, 25/3/21 (x2), 1/4/21, 8/4/21,

SPCA NALC covid-19 update

Covid rates Trysull & Seisdon ward 23/3/21, 5/4/21, 26/4/21, 01/05/21, 10/05/21,  
17/5/21

SCC Covid 19 Financial and business support update

NALC Covid-19 update

Staffordshire County Council ("SCC") Highways data 15/3/21, 29/3/21, 26/4/21,  
3/5/21

SPCA courses

Staffordshire libraries update SCC e-newsletter

SSDC Streetscene update 10

SSDC Open space improvement scheme

SSDC webinar: re-opening of indoor hospitality 6/5/21

SSDC Climate change workshop

Staffordshire fire & rescue: webinar: home safety workshop 19/5/21

Staffordshire fire & rescue: Community safety flash – outdoor fires

Staffordshire fire & rescue: Community safety flash – Thatch roof fire causes  
devasation

Staffordshire fire & rescue need your help – could you act as our eyes and ears re  
woodland and grassland heath fires

Staffordshire fire & rescue: online workshop: meet your community safety officer  
– outdoor fire / water safety

SSDC: Library update – offer changing from 12/4/21

SPCA Protocol on marking the death of a Senior royal

SPCA HRH Prince Philip

SSDC Information relating to the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of  
Edinburgh

Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services (SCVYS) - Introduction to Jane Reynolds – Development worker for Cannock Chase, Lichfield and South Staffordshire

SPCA – Let's beat loneliness together – feedback required

SSDC – Locality 5 Agenda 1/4/21

SCC Everyone health Staffordshire – free health service, community based – improve physical and emotional well-being of adults

My neighbourhood plan – act now to control aggressive planning applications in your area.

Public sector communications – PSGA – Digital mapping for your neighbourhood plan

CSW update

**1888. AOB**

Cllr Hadgett had spoken to a parishioner who expressed concerns about cars parked along Brantley Lane. They do not belong to people living along that stretch of road however, they are restricting views when entering / leaving driveways. It was agreed Cllr. Stanton would mention this to the owners.

The Clerk had received reports of a large amount of rubbish left after the Farmers' markets at Halfpenny Green. It was agreed that Cllr. Snelson would mention this to the owners.

Cllr. Hadgett informed the meeting of fly-tipping in Lutley Lane. This had been reported and removed within 3 days. The District Council were commended on their service.

**Date of the next meeting** 16 June 2021

Meeting Closed

## Affordable Housing timeline

01/05/2013	SSDC attended PC meeting and gave a talk on affordable housing – prompted by a planning application claiming to be “affordable housing”
19/06/2013	Housing Plus attend PC meeting to discuss housing surveys and the processes for affordable housing
25/08/2013	PC decision to proceed with housing survey
11/09/2013	Housing Plus attend PC meeting to progress survey
20/09/2013	Housing surveys distributed to 235 households
11/10/2013	Left until 24/10/2013 to capture late responses. 63 surveys returned; 27% response rate
12/2013	Report and recommendations published to PC  2 x 2 bed rented  2 x 3 bed rented  1 x 2 bed shared ownership
01/2014	Closed meeting to discuss survey – due to there only being a few Councillors present it was agreed to adjourn to the following month
02/2014	Clerk asked to arrange a meeting with SSDC
31/03/2014	PC decision made to progress to next stage
13 & 14/4/2014	Fieldwork carried out to identify potential sites
22/04/2014	John Lancaster’s report and recommendations published
21/05/2014	John Lancaster presented report and recommendations at PC meeting  Sites 1 to 8 explained – see separate sheets
6/2014	Councillors met to discuss the report and their preferred sites. It was decided to initially proceed with sites 2, 6 and 8
03/09/2014	SSDC Development team meeting. SSDC had received a copy of the report and discussed the possible sites. They concluded that site 2 and 7 were the most favourable, although site 7 was noted to have some flooding issues. Site 6 was the next favourable.  Site 8 rejected as not within the settlement boundary.
10/2014	Housing Plus and John Lancaster attended the meeting to explain the above meeting and next stages.

3/2015	Housing Plus still making enquiries into 2 sites these being sites 2 and 6
06/2015	Housing Plus still in talks with landowners
07/2015	Housing Plus and John Lancaster attended to update the new Councillors. In talks with 3 landowners.
10/2015	Whist talking to 3 landowners, efforts are being concentrated on one site. Ongoing discussions with Severn Trent water with respect to access along their road to site 2
09/11/2015	PC asked to Housing Plus to also progress site 1 and site 6, due to the problems being encountered with site 2 access.
25/11/2015	Update to PC meeting  Site 1 – contacted land owner who was keen. Work undertaken with respect to access to the site – either off Brantley Lane or via Severn Trent access  Site 2 – Ongoing discussion with Severn Trent water re access. Other access reviewed however not wide enough for emergency vehicles  Site 6 – Landowners contacted  Site 8 – Councillors still very keen, however, this site has been rejected as it is divorced from the settlement boundary and will only therefore be considered in exceptional circumstances
01/2016	Contact made with Severn Trent – query raised with their agent Capita
02/2016	Little progress made re site 2 with Severn Trent water
29/02/2016	Reconfirmed sites 1, 2,6 and 8 – however, there were concerns with sites being “out of sight”
03/2016	Housing Plus confirmed their preferred site was site 2. Severn Trent legal team were now dealing with the enquiries – may need to decide on an order of priority
18/04/2016	Priority order determined by PC as site 6, 1, 2
06/2016	Dropped site 2 – to pursue sites 1 and 6
27/06/2016	PC agreed to hold a public consultation
07/2016	Site 6 trustees agree to talks re affordable housing / sale of land
08/2016	Agent for site 9 approached Housing Plus with respect to their site – this was added to the list of potential sites
16 & 17/09/2016	Public consultation
26/9/2016	Report produced following consultation event. 87 people completed the sign in sheets; representative of 20% which is considered good. 14 completed a feedback sheet and a further 12 sent comments via email after the event. Generally affordable housing was supported (15 votes for; 11 votes against). The public views were:



Site 1	For	7	Against 0
Site 2	For	4	Against 2
Site 3	For	2	Against 3
Site 4	For	0	Against 2
Site 5	For	3	Against 4
Site 6	For	8	Against 1
Site 7	For	2	Against 2
Site 8	For	9	Against 0
Site 9	For	4	Against 7

10/2016

PC confirmed site 6 was their favourable site and they supported 6 premises: 2 x 3 bedroom, 2 x 2 bedroom and 2 x 2 bedroom bungalows.

Confirmed that if the conversations with site 6 landowner do not prove successful then the PC will support site 9

SSDC confirmed they would not support an additional dwelling even though consultation event suggests a need for 6 properties

12/2016

Offers made to the owners of 2 sites to try and progress matters.

The agents of site 9 confirmed that the offer was of interest and would be acceptable subject to clarifying more details and agreeing a contribution towards costs.

Trustee of site 6 confirmed an interest, however, a lot of questions were raised that required answers.

02/2017

PC agreed to concentrate efforts on site 6

03/2017

Approached by the agents of site 6 requesting a meeting with PC

04/2017

Met with site 6 trustees and agent

All efforts since have concentrated on site 6