
Held on: Monday 22nd November 2021 at 6.30pm

Place: Coughton CofE Primary School

Present: Cllrs Roy Piddington (Chair), Len Carter, Christine Lewington and Lynne Stanton

In attendance: Sarah Whittaker (Parish Clerk), DC Gill Forman, CC Justin Kerridge, Alex Kolb

Members of the public:0

- 98/21 **WELCOME and APOLOGIES**
The Chairman welcomed all attendees. No apologies were received.
- 99/21 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
There were no interests declared in any item of business on the agenda
- 100/21 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 27th September 2021 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
Proposed Cllr Stanton Seconded Cllr Carter All in favour
- 101/21 **VILLAGE REPORTS**
- i. **Flood Group**
An email from a resident in the village who had her front garden flooded was sent to Cllr Stanton who had recommended contacting Severn Trent. The property had been assessed and Severn Trent agreed to dig out culverts to ease the ongoing flood risk.
There had been some flytipping at Culshaw Heath reported by Cllr Stanton.
 - ii. **Community Group**
Choir now has 25 members and is proving a great success. The choir will be meeting at the school from Thursday 26th November 2021. Lots of positive feedback had been received including making an impact on isolation and loneliness which in turn has a positive impact on health. Cllr Lewington will be seeking some grant funding in the next financial year to keep the choir running. Cllr Lewington would also welcome any suggestions of local grant funding. The choir will be singing at the upcoming hog roast at the National Trust and Sambourne Christmas Light switch on.
 - ii. **Ford**
The Clerk had received an update from Richard Roberts at WCC. The bridge had been assessed and it was confirmed that there were some bolts that needed replacing and would be included in schedule of works. There was no safety risk to the bridge. **AP1 Nov** - Clerk to chase update from WCC regarding expected timeframe for repair.
 - iii. **Village Issues**
The scarecrow competition had taken place and been a great success with around 10 entries
1st Place Skeleton
2nd Place spiderman
3rd Place Upside down pumpkin.
Next year the date for the scarecrow competition will be moved so it doesn't coincide with other events in the village.

Coughton C of E Primary School

The hall is no longer being used as a classroom due to the opening of a brand new classroom. There has been around 20-25 covid cases with one particular class having an outbreak meaning drop off and pick up times are staggered for that class. The school hoped to be back to normal within 7-10 days. Mr Kolb noted it was a very difficult time for schools trying to manage the Covid situation.

Car parking issues had taken place again. Cllr Stanton pictures offered to pass on pictures of a car that persistently parks and blocks their drive.

102/21 **OPEN FORUM**
Nothing to report

103/21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
i. RFO Report
Payments:

Inv. No.	Payee	Details	TOTAL
	Unity Bank	Service Charge	18.00
31	L.Stanton	Newsletter	32.55
32	S.Whittaker	Sept salary (inc tax rebate)	309.65
33	K.Finlayson	Sept Salary	215.80
34	S.Whittaker	Laptop repair, amazon voucher	90.00
35	K.Finlayson	October Salary	61.66
36	S.Whittaker	October Salary	258.05
37	CTKT	Grass cutting - Sept	135
38	S.Whittaker	Expenses (Oct/Nov)	80.50

Proposed Cllr Stanton

Seconded Cllr Carter

All in favour

Receipts

Receipt	Date Rec'd	Payee	Details	TOTAL
1	06/05/2021	SDC	Precept	2,575.00
2	23/06/2021	HMRC	VAT return	190.87
3	15/09/2021	SDC	Precept	2575.00

ii Draft Budget

The bank account was reconciled and Virements approved

There were some queries regarding increase of the dog bin budget. The cost this year had increased due to the purchase of a new dog bin. Therefore, next year budgets would not need to be as large due to no initial outlay on a new bin.

AP2 Nov -Clerk to confirm the cost of the dog bin budget and rename Virements to dog and waste bins.

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Seconded Cllr Carter

All in favour

104/21 PREVIOUS ACTION POINTS

- AP3 Nov** RP - Parish Cross. ONGOING
AP1 Jul SW Bridge at the Ford
The Clerk had sent an update regarding scheduled works. ONGOING
AP2 Jul SW Tree down at Coughton Lane, planning approval to remove the tree had been approved and sent out to all councillors. RESOLVED.
AP1 Sept Procedure sent to all councillors. RESOLVED.
AP2 Sept There were seven chairs remaining which would be placed on freecycle. RESOLVED.
AP3 Sept Gifted Barn plans. The Chairman will ensure they are passed onto
Cllr Lewington had a conversation with the owner of the barn and it was suggested a feasibility study could take place first with local residents and Mr Kolb (Headteacher Coughton C of E Primary School). ONGOING.

105/21 General

Village Christmas Tree

Cllr Stanton had advertised a request for the donation of a Christmas Tree as had happened in previous years. The Chairman would make enquiries with some local contacts immediately to try and get a tree in place as soon as possible.

Queens Canopy Jubilee Tree Planting

County Councillor Kerridge offered to find out more information about the scheme from WCC and pass this onto the Parish Council.

106/21 PLANNING

21/03008/TREE Coughton Court
21/02912/FUL Parkfield Road
21/03042/VARY Coughton Lodge Farm

No objections

107/21 CC KERRIDGE REPORT

CC Kerridge offered assistance to resolve any queries with footpaths and stiles to try and move the process along. Cllr Stanton will pass on some queries that were passed on by local residents. CC Kerridge also encouraged the formation of a local group that could manage repairs and would get support from the County Council. Cllr Lewington asked if there was a map of the rights of way from the council and CC Kerridge would arrange a copy of this. Cllr Carter informed the Parish Council of the online maps available.

108/21 DC FORMAN REPORT

Covid cases in the district are on the rise to 613 per 100,000 up from 463 per 100,000
There has been a much higher uptake of green bin purchases up to 70% bringing in extra revenue.
More cohesive working had taken place between Warwickshire and Stratford councils with many officers working for both.

The public consultation regarding the merger of the two councils had closed. On the 13th Dec a full council meeting for councillors to vote on full merger will take place. On Saturday 4th December a Christmas fayre will take place at Greig Hall, Alcester showcasing craft stalls, food, drink and entertainment. Greig Hall refurbishment is due to be completed soon and reopen in the spring, when it will be available for hire for weddings, meetings, parties and shows.

109/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councillors discussed ways to encourage local residents to attend, but as the meetings were widely advertised it was unclear how this could be achieved.

Cllr Carter queried if any other councillors had any issues with Unity Banking as he had experienced some issues with communication, all other councillors were satisfied with the service.

110/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th January 2022 at 6.30pm at Coughton CofE Primary School.

The meeting was closed at 7:21

Proposed Cllr Stanton

Seconded Cllr Carter

All in favour

Dated:

Signed:

