

THE CLERKS REPORT Nov 2017

RESOLUTIONS UPDATE AND INFORMATION

COMMUNITY BUILDING

See minutes for details of advice given by Cathy Russell a Village hall advisor. Quotes have been received from solicitors and emailed to councillors. Fees range from 2 to 8k depending on the level of work they have to get involved with in. Cathy has also advised that based on the plan provided that the large hall would have a capacity of 120 people as only 40 can be evacuated from one fire exit in one minute discounting the main fire exit if blocked by fire. The hall has potential for 240 people but there is not sufficient fire exits to allow this. If the layout of the changing rooms was changed for a smaller room to be used fire exits will need adding. Cathy advised to appoint an architect to advise further.

Paul Stone has confirmed the following details

1. Would the Hall be freehold or leasehold to the Parish Council if they took it on

Leasehold

2. Would it be passed to them as a functioning building with toilet and kitchen fittings, any furniture or curtains

It will be a shell . If you recall we have discussed this on a numbers of occasions with TPC

**An email requesting what is meant by a shell does it include electrics lighting fire alarms?
No response has been received.**

3. The open land next to the hall. Would scouts be able to erect tents and leave them standing for a number of days. Who would own and maintain it.

The POS land will be handed over to ESBC so a decision for ESBC

4. What size car park would they get and how many cars would it hold

The plan attached to the Section 106 show 7 spaces. There is capacity to park on the grass adjacent (See Plan). Again this will be a matter for ESBC once adopted.

ESBC confirmed that additional planning is required for a carpark.

5. Would they get legal fees to help them take possession of the hall

Not as far as Peveril Homes is concerned.

Thank you for your letter dated 17 October. We will await contact from your legal advisor.

Just for clarification, you need to be aware that Peveril will build the building that has planning permission and not a variant. Hence, I think you need to be aware that a "detailed list of requirements for the layout and facilities included in the building" is not a matter for them to deal with. You may wish to specify internal works at a later date once the building is handed over. Of course those works will be at your expense.

You refer to "Plans for the Green Space" - I am not aware that any Green Space forms part of the Community building. The Section 106 Agreement requires the Green Space to be managed by ESBC.

For clarification, I am no longer employed by Signet Planning, consequently could you ensure that Stone Planning Services Limited is identified on any further correspondence.

We will await contact from your legal advisor.

Clerks Hours and pay

A payment of extra hours for completing the Clca is still to be calculated and a rise a point in the scale is outstanding.

Church Meeting was held on Monday 6th a meeting will be arranged with the Archdeacon to discuss plans for a burial ground extension. Other options to increase burial space will be explored. Feedback to the church contractor will be sent. See minutes for further details

CHANGING ROOMS CORNMILL LANE PLAYING FIELDS TUTBURY TIGERS

The football team requested the final cut that was agreed by the council. The drains are blocked due to the boots being cleaned in the changing rooms. Cllr Morris has agreed to help unblock them. The clerk was called out due to the fans being left on.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PLANNING MATTERS

P/2017/01133 Proposal: Formation of 5 vehicular accesses and erection of 1.25m high fencing

Location: 19-27 Lodge Hill, Tutbury, Staffordshire, DE13 9HF

Grid Ref: 422201 327231

application P/2017/01345 Proposal: Change of use of 3 existing Free Range Egg Production Units to Class B8 for the storage of fireworks

Location: Castle Hayes Park Farm, Castle Hayes Lane, Tutbury , DE13 9HL

Grid Ref: 419504 327625

P/2017/01402

46 Park Lane, Tutbury, Staffordshire, DE13 9JH

Demolition of existing store room and conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension

Installation of decentralised gas peak power facility generating approximately 10 MW, including generator barn, housing 3 containerised generators and a customer substation/electrical cabinet, transformer, sub-station, gas kiosk, oil tanks and radiators - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED

New Farm
Rolleston Lane
Tutbury

DE13 9HE Grid Ref: 421677 328487

DECISIONS

Pruning of a Russian Oak tree away from garage roof (TPO 9).
The Stables, The Balk, Tutbury, Staffordshire, DE13 9NP

in accordance with the submitted documents and plans and subject to the conditions specified hereunder:

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The works hereby granted consent shall be carried out within two years from the date of this consent.

Reason: To conform with Section 17(4)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012.

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The works shall be carried out in accordance with BS.3998.2010 (tree work).

Reason: To safeguard the appearance and future well-being of the tree(s) in the interests of the visual amenity of the area and in accordance with East Staffordshire Local Plan Policy DP8 and the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 and the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Paragraphs 7 and 17, and Section 11).

Informative(s):

1

The applicant(s) is/are advised that this consent does not override any obligations in respect of protected species under relevant wildlife legislation. In particular, trees can provide a habitat for nesting birds and bats which are protected species. It is a criminal offence to wilfully cause harm to either. The works should therefore be carried out outside the bird nesting season, and if bats are known to be using the tree(s) as a roost, or are discovered during the

carrying out of the works, a competent ecologist should be employed to ensure the bats are safeguarded.

This consent

Demolition of existing dwelling and farm buildings and erection of 5 dwellings including walling, landscaping and associated parking

Mill Farm, Bridge Street, Tutbury, DE13 9LZ

in accordance with the submitted documents and plans, for the reason(s) specified hereunder:

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East Staffordshire Local Plan Strategic Policy 8 states that outside settlement boundaries new development will not be permitted unless it is essential to the support and viability of an existing lawful business or the creation of a new business appropriate in the countryside, providing facilities for the general public or local community which are reasonably accessible on foot or by public transport, in accordance with a 'Made' Neighbourhood Plan, is development under the Rural Exceptions Sites policy, is appropriate reuse of Rural Buildings, is infrastructure development where an overriding need for the development to be located in countryside can be demonstrated, provides renewable energy generation of a scale and design appropriate to its location and is otherwise appropriate in the countryside.

East Staffordshire Policy SP16 states that residential development shall provide a dwelling

Removal of one Acer/Maple tree, one Sycamore tree and crown reduction by 2 m of one Beech tree

Location:
1 Cornmill Lane
Tutbury
Staffordshire
DE13 9HA
Grid Ref:
421390 328999

With regard to the above notification of intended tree work I am writing to inform you that the Local Planning Authority has no objection

Crown reduction and thinning of two Lime trees by between 2-3 metres TPO 9
The Park Pale (Open Space), The Park Pale, Tutbury , DE13 9LB
in accordance with the submitted documents and plans and subject to the condition(s) specified hereunder:

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The works hereby granted consent of protected species

Removal of one Fir tree, one Quercus Ilex tree and crown reduction to three Yew trees TPO 5

19 Pinfold Close, Tutbury, Staffordshire, DE13 9NJ

in accordance with the submitted documents and plans and subject to the conditions specified hereunder:

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The works hereby granted consent shall be carried out within two years from the date of this consent

Co-option Vacancy

Three vacancies can be co opted and four candidates have applied.

A position on the management committee of the community building is also available.

Voting should be by a show of hand unless two councillors request a written ballot.

Votes could then be submitted in writing with the candidates out of the room.

CORRESPONDENCE

- I wish to ask the Parish Council to consider the installation of Floor Mounted Bicycle Storage Parking Racks in Tutbury.
- The reason for this is that recently a person brought their bicycle into the Health Centre Waiting Room leaning it against the self check in point. When challenged the response was well where do I leave it safely as there is nowhere for parking bicycles, which is a valid point. They also said we are always hearing about exercise to keep healthy so why not simple facilities for people who cycle to their appointment rather than drive a car. One may argue

well chain it against the railings outside but with access needed for disabled people there could be the chance of blocking both access to the centre and on the pavement outside.

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- The Tutbury Practice Patient Forum would therefore like to ask if the Parish Council would look into the purchase and installation of such equipment, say in the car park in Monk Street for 6 bicycles?
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- We look forward to hearing the thoughts of the councillors
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- Kind Regards
- John
- John Bridges
- Secretary Tutbury Practice Patient Forum

➤ Dear Parish or Town Council Clerk,
I am writing with a slightly obscure idea which might be of benefit to councils that are seeking to reduce the speed of traffic through their area.

In addition to requests for Safety Camera Partnership intervention and the reinvigorated Community Speed Watch which is now working well, there may be another opportunity to encourage better speed awareness for drivers.

I recently met with a parish council who were looking at using their own funding to buy interactive speed signs, some of which use the 'pester power' of youngsters to encourage slower driving in populated areas. The speed sensitive signs they have identified as suitable praise or criticise drivers passing them in an imaginative, animated way.

It occurred to me that there may be other councils or community groups which might wish to consider this and by doing so in a coordinated way, could reduce the cost. It is important to understand that my office's involvement is not about 'formal procurement' but simply encouraging a joined up approach to buying in greater numbers so all pay less.

I would be most grateful if you could email my Executive Assistant at veronica.powell@staffordshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk to register your expression of interest by the 15 December 2017.

Regards

Matthew Ellis

Police & Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire

➤ Dear Colleague,

An eight week public consultation on how best to spend Staffordshire County Council's £1.3m annual bus subsidy has resulted in the option which safeguards most journeys.

The County Council's Cabinet has today also agreed to work with bus operators, district and borough councils, parish councils and local community groups to explore options for supporting some of the journeys which will no longer be funded by the authority from April 2018.

While the vast majority of bus journeys in Staffordshire are currently made without any subsidy from the County Council, some journeys are still costing taxpayers more than £10 every time someone gets on board. As the County Council needs to spend a record £300m on care this year alone, we need to make sure that every penny of taxpayers' money is working its hardest. The option chosen means that most trips can still be made at the lowest average cost to taxpayers.

More than 96 per cent of all bus journeys currently made in Staffordshire will still be able to be made. In cases where journeys will no longer be subsidised, such as the Dial-A-Ride, we want to work with local bus operators, local councils and communities to see which are the most important to them and look at helping them explore other options for funding.

Further details of the approved proposal can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busreview. This details only journeys which will continue to be subsidised by the county council.

Any changes to bus timetables will be implemented by bus operators from April 2018. The County Council is not able to confirm changes to specific routes which will no longer be subsidised at this stage. Details of any changes will be finalised and published by bus operators once known.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Deaville
Cabinet Member for Commercial

Developing a community based approach – the 'Highways and Rights of Way – Your choices' website is now live

As you will be aware from recent communications, Staffordshire County Council, the Staffordshire Parish Council Association and representatives of local councils (parish and town) across Staffordshire have been working hard to establish a brand new resource for all local councils.

Following a joint workshop held in March, a need was identified for a dedicated website containing information and advice to help local councils to explore their options around getting more involved in local environmental tasks.

We are delighted therefore that the 'Highways and Rights of Way – Your Choices' website is now live at www.highwaysyourway.info and showcases a range of information about the relatively small and aesthetic tasks that help neighbourhoods to look good and work well.

As you know, the County Council continues to make tough choices as income reduces but demand for services such as adult social care continues to increase. So whilst the County Council's decision to reduce the amount it can spend on the environmental and amenity maintenance presents new challenges for many local councils, it also provides opportunities. Many local councils are already taking the initiative and carrying out some small highways amenities tasks and applying to the Community Paths Initiative Fund to help maintain local rights of way.

The website is built around the stories of these councils, and puts the accent on 'self-help', featuring all the information that local councils will need to explore in order to put their plans into action.

As well as explaining the change in the local government landscape, local councils can now easily find the following on the new website:

- the powers of local councils to manage tasks
- case studies of local councils both in Staffordshire and beyond who have liaised with the county council for help and advice and then gone on to successfully manage tasks such as stiles maintenance, hedge cutting, winter gritting on pathways and vegetation on pathways and verges
- advice on what to consider when carrying out specific tasks - with all the information you need on one page
- advice and support for local councils either to take responsibility or to recruit and maintain a volunteer network, including advice from local councils themselves
- options around funding
- links to independent help and advice from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
- contact details for the Rights of Way Team and Community Highway Liaison Officers - who are always on hand to discuss bespoke solutions.

The Rights of Way consultation

As an important part of the local environment, the website also contains all the information that local councils need to consider before making an informed response to the county council's Rights of Way consultation which runs until 25 December 2017. Our stunning rural county boasts 4,500km of public footpaths and bridleways, enjoyed by thousands of people every year.

But as the County Council's income reduces, there are new opportunities for those passionate about rights of way to help shape how we work together to look after the network into the future.

Through the consultation, the County Council is proposing new standards for how we maintain rights of way, including a category system which seeks to focus our limited resources on those routes and activities that provide most 'value' to Staffordshire. As part of the consultation, the County Council needs local councils to:

- consider where it should focus its resources and where local people should get more involved
- contribute any local knowledge that may change how each right of way is provisionally categorised

□ indicate what the priorities for council supported volunteer programmes should be ie what would make the most difference in your area?

□ consider if they could help with liaison with local landowners about their responsibilities, ensuring the County Council's resources are focused on their statutory responsibilities. As the majority of reports being made to the County Council are about broken stiles and gates on privately-owned land, which are the responsibility of landowners, we need local councils to be our eyes and ears on the ground, and encourage landowners to replace them where necessary. The County Council will continue to contribute to their replacement cost.

Whilst the County Council will continue to meet its statutory responsibilities across the network, it is clear that more help from the community is needed to help keep the network working well. The County Council needs local councils to consider the range of options to them regarding local environmental amenity and rights of way tasks, and respond to the consultation with this in mind.

So, whilst there are many challenges ahead, and this is just the start of a new relationship of local councils delivering a wider range of services with the county council, we hope that the website is step in the right direction.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the website and on the rights of way proposals so that together we can maintain and improve the local environment.

Yours faithfully

Gill Heath Mark Deaville

Cabinet Member for Communities Cabinet Member for Commercial

Helen Fisher Ian Ashbolt

Cabinet Support Member for Highways President of Staffordshire

➤ and Transport Parish Councils Association

Items for the next agenda

Neighbourhood planning

Community Building

Policies

Precept