

**Minutes of the  
Annual Parish Meetings – Bosbury and Coddington Parishes  
Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 at Bosbury Parish Hall  
At 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor Sven Bosley (Chair of the Parish Council)

**In attendance:** Emma Thomas – Clerk to the Parish Councils and Cllr Patrick Whitehead – Chair of the Parish Council Planning Committee

**Parishioners:** 11

**1. To accept any apologies for absence**

Apologies were RECEIVED from Cllr Gian Carlo Paganuzzi and Parish Footpath Officer James Boyce.

**2. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council – Sven Bosley**

Cllr Sven Bosley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

The minutes were APPROVED and SIGNED by the Chair.

**4. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report – Cllr Sven Bosley**

Cllr Bosley delivered a report from the Parish Council – this included:

- Thanks to Leanne Rex for her hard work as clerk for the first part of the year.
- Emma Thomas is the new Parish Clerk. She is now fully qualified having completed her CiLCA qualification. A qualified clerk is essential to the workings of a parish council.
- The potholes and highway issues are always an agenda item – and are reported frequently by the clerk. The Temple Court end of Bosbury road has now been resurfaced which will hopefully make the road safer as well as improving the entrance to the village.
- Thanks were given to Cllr Patrick Whitehead for his diligence and hard work as chair of the Parish Council Planning Committee – a report will follow at item 5.
- Thanks also to James Boyce – the Parish Footpaths Officer – for his efforts in the upkeep of the parish footpaths. It would appear we are still waiting for the bridge at Swinmore!
- Thanks to Cllr Julie E Baker for ensuring the defibrillator is kept maintained and ready for use if need be.
- A new NDP working party had been formed this year to modify the draft NDP to be ready for submission to Herefordshire Council at Regulation 16. A meeting will be held shortly to do this.
- The Buchanan Trust has been running successfully over the past year. Andrew Bower recently delivered a report of progress to the Parish Council. The Parish Council wish them well for the future.
- The Worcester to Ledbury bus service seems to be secure for another year – thanks mainly to the use by the seasonal pickers in Mathon. Thanks to Cllr John Joyce-Townsend for his work with this.
- Thanks to Ed Seabright for his work as lengthsman in the parishes in the first part of the year. Thanks also to Andy Thomas – the new Parish lengthsman – who has already started sweeping and mowing the village.
- Thanks to Cllr Julie E Baker for organising the recent crime and cyber awareness evenings for the parishes. Both were found to be very enlightening by those who attended.
- Thanks to Tony Hall for doing such a wonderful job of keeping the grass cut around the church. This is all done voluntarily and is very much appreciated.
- Thanks finally to Vice-Chair of the Parish Council Julia Boyle for her support throughout the year, and to other members of the Parish Council who take the time to look at issues that affect the parishes.

**5. Update on Parish Planning – Cllr Patrick Whitehead**

Cllr Patrick Whitehead delivered a short report on the 17 planning applications over the past year.

This included:

- Despite the Parish Council opposing the application, the 21 houses due to be built on the “bean field” had been approved on appeal. However, further attempts to increase the number to 37 had been denied – again the parish council had strongly opposed this increase.
- There had been a couple of recent planning applications from the Buchanan Trust – one for 6 apartments and one for 8. The Parish Council was pleased to be able to support these applications – all of which count towards the NDP required housing figures – and are delighted that the Trust is now providing accommodation for ex-servicemen.
- The Herefordshire Council Core Strategy 2011-2031 – was first developed around the Neighbourhood areas. In Bosbury and Coddington this was a 14% increase in housing figures. This was changed soon afterwards to relate to the parishes rather than neighbourhood areas. This meant that the housing numbers needed to make up the 14% increased to 42.
- Subject to two recent planning applications being approved, the parishes have now met this housing target for the area. The Parish Council will be writing to the Head of Planning at Herefordshire Council stating that as a result of this, no more large developments would be expected to be brought forward in the area until after 2031.

#### **6. Review of lengthsman work**

It was REPORTED that lengthsman duties were critical if the parishes were going to maintain their tidiness. Funding for these tasks from Herefordshire Council has now been cut so all costs need to come from the precept raised. Work completed by Ed Seabright and Andy Thomas this year had been much appreciated.

#### **7. To receive updates from local charities and organisations if submitted.**

Cllr Sven Bosley REPORTED that the Bosbury Education Foundation had received seven applications for support with higher education costs. All seven had received £350 each. Funds are raised by the rent of four properties in the village as well as the hire of The Old Boys School venue.

It was REPORTED that Coddington charities had been wound up.

#### **8. Open Forum – this item is limited at the discretion of the Chairman.**

Several items were raised by parishioners – these included:

- Thanks to the Parish Council for all their hard work over the year especially with planning matters.
- Could the speed of traffic at the Cradley end of the village be re-visited as traffic does not adhere to the 30mph speed limit? It was confirmed that the Parish Council has on-going discussions with the highways safety team at Herefordshire Council about this matter.
- The size of the hedge at the Cradley end of village is making walking to properties alongside the highway dangerous. It needs a severe cut back.
- When hedges are trimmed can the highway and debris please be cleared up by those doing the cutting?
- Could a letter of thanks be written to Tony Hall for the voluntary work he undertakes mowing around the church?
- Thanks were given to Diane and Bob Preece for keeping the drain near their property clear of debris.

All items raised will be presented to the Parish Council for consideration at their next meeting.

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_