

Bilbrook Parish Council

Clerk's Report – September 2017

- Complaint from resident regarding lack of notice of gas works on Green Oak Road. Cllr Chapman attended.
- Two complaints from residents regarding gate on second car park being left open and youths causing a disturbance. Meeting arranged between residents and Cllrs Chapman, Fieldhouse, and Marshall. Going forward the Car Park is to be kept locked other than when opened for regular users. The issue was raised with South Staffs Community Safety Officer who put it on the Citizen Focus Toolkit. South Staffs Council Anti-Social Behaviour Diary Sheets passed to the residents.
- Complaint from resident regarding children playing on Changing Rooms Roof – passed to PCSO Tromans. South Staffs Council legal department contacted for guidance on the wording of a sign.
- Play Park, Skate Park & MUGA inspection took place on the 4th July. All items found were low to very low risk. Hard copy of inspection report is available in the Parish Office
- Complaint from resident regarding the state of the recycling bins on the Woodman Pub. Passed to South Staffs Council who contacted the bin owners. Bins have been cleared.
- Request from resident to publicise the two new defibrillators installed on the walls of the Village Halls and Holy Cross Church Hall. Details included in the Parish Newsletter.
- Email from PCSO Tromans. PCSO Louise Jones will be taking over from PCSO Karen Terry.
- Contractor undertaking the Tree Survey on Twentyman playing fields was bitten by a dog and emailed details of the dog owner to the Clerk. The Parish insurance Company and South Staffs legal department have been contacted.
- Email received from resident regarding SSHA Housing Survey and the impact on Green Belt Land. Forwarded to Cllrs Chapman & Marshall.
- Temporary Traffic Regulation Order received from Staffs County Council. Bilbrook Road to be closed at the junction with Lime Tree Gardens between the 9th and 27th October 2017 for gas mains replacements works. For more details: <https://roadworks.org?tm=175707>
- Complaint from Cllr G. Price regarding conditions at Bilbrook Court sent to SSHA.
- Request sent to Staffs County Council Highways requesting “No Cycling” signs be reinstated on the alleyway between Bilbrook Road and Cherry Tree Gardens.
- Request sent to Staffs County Council Highways requesting weight restrictions on Pendeford Hall Lane.
- Complaint from dog walkers regarding speed of drivers accessing the Severn Trent Sewage plant at Bilbrook. Complaint forwarded to Severn Trent site manager who has confirmed workmen and contractors will be reminded of the 5mph speed limit.
- Casual Councillor Vacancy – Confirmation received from the Returning Officer that no request has been made to hold an election therefore the vacancy can be filled through co-option. Adverts placed on the Website and Council noticeboards. Closing date set as Thursday 24th August. Interviews to take place before the October Parish Meeting
- South Staffs Council confirmed the McCarthy and Stone development off Duck Lane is to be called Brindley Gardens.
- National Citizen Service – On 22nd August 10 local young Volunteers licker picked the Village Green and the Ringhills Road Estate. Message of thanks sent to the NCS.
- South Staffs Council advised there is now a new Planning Enforcement Complaints Form which needs be completed when bringing an alleged breach of planning control to the attention of the planning enforcement team to investigate.
- Complaint from resident of Lane Green Road regarding trees being cut back for the mobile CCTV that has been put up to monitor ASB on the alleyway between Lane Green and Brookfield Road.

Items emailed to Councillors

Jul 6, 13,20, 27	SPCA Bulletins
Aug 3, 10, 17, 24	
10.07.17	Let's Work Together training - Friday 14th July 2017
13.07.17	Safer Roads - Grant ALERT
17.07.17	Consultation on the Future of Joint Governance of the Police and the Fire and Rescue Services in Staffordshire
07.08.17	Anti-Social Behaviour Posters – email from PCSO Tromans
14.08.17	Let's Work Together - Wednesday 23rd August 2017
18.08.17	Site Allocations Document

On-going Matters

Parish Flag / Standard	Further quote received for a Parish standard to be carried on ceremonial occasions. To be funded by Cllr Chapman's district fund.
BPT website	.gov.uk domain name to be applied for. Payment by credit card required.
Cows Crossing sign Wobaston Rd	Cllr Marshall has confirmed a site meeting has taken place.
Bilbrook Resilience Project	On-going. Monday 17th July meeting cancelled.
Twentyman Playing Fields Assoc.	On-going.
Flower beds by Lane Green Shops	South Staffs Council Development Officer confirmed the variation order has been sent out and the work should be completed by the end of July.
Joey's Lane Car Park Registry	Staffs County Council have submitted the application to the Land Registry. 28/06/17 – SCC confirmed still not heard anything.
Local Council Award Scheme	Working Party – Cllrs Chapman, I Fieldhouse & N Caine. Clerk working through Policies required.
Allotments Association	Formation on hold.
Wreaths on the War Memorial	Responses to be requested in the Parish Newsletter.
Wobaston Road Lighting	Wolverhampton City Council Highways Operations Manager has confirmed that this is on the list of capital schemes to be considered the in 2017/ 2018 Financial year.
Bus Shelter outside Motorworld	National Express are looking into whether the bus stop could be brought back into use for the No. 5 bus. Shelter renovators have confirmed the resale / scrap value of the shelter to be £20-30. Staffordshire County Council confirmed they own the land.
Parish Newsletter	Distributed. Invoices sent to advertisers.
Parking restrictions - Carter Avenue	To be addressed in the County Highway Budget for 2018-2019.
Proposed Bus Shelter on Duck La.	On hold due to land ownership issues.
Trees on Pendeford Mill Lane and other parts of Bilbrook	Staffs County Council Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that the Sorbus group of trees would be suitable to plant. Awaiting to hear back on potential suppliers.
Public space CCTV	Parish Council to look into funding that is available.
Request for replacement trees on the Twentyman Playing fields.	Tree Survey now received. No Trees need replacing on the large field. Some suggestions given for planting on the skate park field.
Electronic Banking	Clerk looking into this.
New Office Printer	Three Quotes requested. On hold as printer is now working.
Bench on Duck Lane	Cllr Chapman liaising with SSHA regarding this as joint financial venture

Traffic around Bilbrook	Staffs County Council Highways department looking into removing surplus signs around the village and at a number of traffic management schemes.
Community Paths Initiative grant	Bid submitted and confirmation email received.
Pre-payment card	Looking into the card used by Wheaton Aston.
Woodman Inn car parking charges	Manager has confirmed that this is on hold. 07.08.17
Housing Needs Survey	Survey sent out with Newsletter. Complaint sent to SSHA by Cllr Chapman as Bilbrook was excluded from the list of places to live.
Rising Crime and loss of one PCSO	South Staffs Council Community Safety Officer has confirmed that the request for a locality 4 meeting has been forwarded to Inspector Richard Meaden, South Staffordshire Local Policing Team commander.
Community Council Grant	Grant on hold while other locality 4 Parish Councils decide on grants.
Bilbrook Recycling centre – Ownership of Culvert and Drain	Awaiting plan from the Recycling Centre showing the drain and culvert.
Welcome to Bilbrook sign on Lawn Lane.	Sign to be put in place by the end of August.
Trees on Joey Lane	Cllr P Fieldhouse is liaising with the resident.
Land next to Bilbrook Train Station	Land registry report received detailing owner.

Planning Applications received between meetings

Details can be found at: www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planningfiles.

Application No:	17/00630/FUL
Proposal:	Proposed single storey rear extension and 2 storey side extension to dwelling
Location:	50 Downie Road, Bilbrook, WV8 1JE
Decision:	No Objections subject to Neighbours approval

Application No:	17/00653/FUL
Proposal:	Erection of a new garage and access drive
Location:	23 Oakfield Road, Bilbrook, WV8 1LA
Decision:	No Objections subject to Neighbours approval

Enforcement Cases

17/00329/UNDEV	8 Meadowbrook Gardens, Bilbrook, WV8 1GN - Alleged - Unauthorised extension.
17/00379/TIDYUP	51 Oakfield Road, Bilbrook, WV8 1LA – Untidy Land
17/00406/UNCOU	19 Cherry Tree Lane, Bilbrook, WV8 1NW - Occupiers car is being parked on their garden now it's been turned into a drive but no application has been made to drop the kerb, this also applies to the next door neighbour as well.