

Bilbrook Parish Council

Clerk's Report – February 2018

- Parish Council Service Delivery Questionnaire completed and returned to South Staffs Council.
- Draft South Staffordshire Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022: Consultation – Response sent requesting more bungalows be built in future.
- Bilbrook Best Christmas Window Competition. Winner – Rainbows Too, Runner Up: Finest Beauty.
- Request for the Hedge on Lane Green between Broomfield Road and the Railway Bridge to be cut back forwarded to Highways.
- Friends of Bilbrook will be holding a village litter pick on **Saturday 3rd March 2018** as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean. They will be meeting at Bilbrook Village Hall at 10:00am. All equipment will be provided. Councillors are encouraged to join.
- 2018/19 Precept Request for £64,700 sent to South Staffs Council Revenues Team Manager.
- Dog Fouling complaint from Resident. Dog Fouling signs copied and laminated for the resident to display.
- Resident Complaint regarding vehicles using the Sewage works driving over the grass verge. Workmen to re-seed the verge. Request sent to Highways to install white plastic bollards.
- Request received from allotment holder to get help from the Community Pay-back scheme with overturning allotments.
- Staffordshire in the Great War Conference: Remembrance and Legacy - at County Buildings, Stafford on 10 March 2018 10am to 4pm. To book contact susan.dalloe@staffordshire.gov.uk
- Manhole cover up at entrance to Severn Trent reported to Sewage Works Manager. Cover has been replaced.
- Fly tipping Barnhurst Lane seen by volunteer litter picker reported to South Staffs Council.
- Donation of £100 received from Friends of Bilbrook towards Memorial Bench for George Hill.
- Number of complaints received via the Green Party from residents of Pendeford Hall Mobile Home Site regarding works on the field. Details of who to contact sent to Green Party representative.
- www.sstaffs.gov.uk/bilbrookparishcouncil now contains a link to the new website where all documents will be displayed going forward. www.bilbrookparishcouncil.gov.uk where all Parish Council documents will be displayed going forward.
- A number of local residents have asked about social housing opportunities at Wheatfield Manor. They are advised to contact South Staffordshire Housing Association (SSHA) on 01785 312000 for an application or register online at www.myhomefinder.org.uk
- Invitations received from South Staffs District Council for the Chairman to attend a Musical Evening on 23rd February and a Commonwealth Day event on 12 March 2018.

Items emailed to Councillors

Dec 21.28	
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	SPCA Bulletins
05.01.18	Request for list of damaged bollards and signs
09.01.18	FREE Let's Work Together Training Sessions - Community Lottery
09.01.18	Letter from Cllr Gill Heath – Library Consultation
15.01.18	South Staffordshire's Infrastructure Delivery Plan

15.01.18	Declaration of Election
22.01.18	New Right of Way Meeting Tuesday 20th February at 2.00 pm
24.01.18	Safeguarding Training – Monday 12 th March at 6.30pm
29.01.18	Presentations from South Staffs Council Election & GDPR Briefing
29.01.18	Notice of Polling for Lane Green East Ward
01.02.18	New Planning Enforcement Team Structure and function

On-going Matters

Twentyman Playing Fields Assoc.	Cost for legal advice received.
Local Council Award Scheme	On hold due to workload.
Parking restrictions - Carter Avenue	To be discussed with the new County Councillor when elected.
Electronic Banking & payment Card	Clerk and Cllr I Fieldhouse looking into this.
Signs on the Twentyman Playing Fields and Changing Room Roof	With the Twentyman Committee for discussion.
Lane Green Court	Intercom is working.
“No Cycling” signs on alleyway - Bilbrook Road to Cherry Tree Gdns.	Request sent to Staffs County Council Highways requesting “No Cycling” signs be reinstated on the alleyway. Works will be done when they have the resources.
Weight restrictions on Pendeford Hall Lane Bridge.	The Canal and River Trust confirm that they have a legal obligation to maintain and operate the bridge at 44 Tonnes. (The maximum weight allowed for vehicles on UK roads) Therefore no sign is required.
Twinning Association 20th Anniversary – April 2018	Codsall have approved the Gift for French Twinning Association. February 2018 agenda item.
Speeding signs on Dam Mill	To look for funding from the Staffordshire Road Safety Grant Fund Funding re-opens 1st March and closes 14th April.
Bench in memory of local resident George Hill	Bench ordered. Amount collected by the community currently stands at £430.
Damaged Benches on Twentyman Playing Fields	One replacement bench ordered
HGV’s missing the Balliol Road Turning	Request sent to Cargill Meats, Oldbury UK and Seconique to speak to the HGV drivers and to put up better signage. They have confirmed they are looking into the matter.
Severn Trent – drainage works on sewage works access road.	Contractors have agreed to also to complete the road crossing in due course and also fill the pot holes in with type '1' Clarification sought as to which sewer the run is connected to.
New Rights of way	Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20 th Feb at 2pm between Councillors and a representative from the Friends of Bilbrook. Meet at the Village Hall Car Park. Warm clothing and wellies recommended. The County Right of Ways officer will not attend as there is a conflict of interest.
Cutting of Hedge by the skate Park	Work Done 31 st Jan 2018
Replacement Bollard on Lane Green Road.	Highways will put in a replacement when they have resources to do so.
Path in memory of Cllr Robert Marshall	Approved by south Staffs Council. Exact naming of the path delegated to Cllr V Chapman subject to his widows approval.
Extra Lighting on Bilbrook Village Green	Extra Lighting on Bilbrook Village Green – Request sent to South Staffs County Council
Resident complaint regarding overhanging Branches on Barnhurst Lane.	Reported to Highways - Ref 4099576. The inspector visited the site and did not deem the branches to be dangerous.

Wobaston Road Lighting	Wolverhampton City Council Section - The scheme is still on their list of schemes for improvement if funding becomes available. Staffordshire Section – Awaiting installation of a sub-station by Western Power so there is an electrical supply.
S Bend in front of the Woodman	To be discussed with the new County Councillor when elected.
Parking at Duck Lane Shops	To be discussed with the new County Councillor when elected.

Planning Applications received between meetings

Details can be found at: www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planningfiles. All applications to be reviewed at Full Council Meeting

Enforcement Cases - None received this month

Planning Decisions Issued by South Staffordshire Council Planning Department - None received this month

Publications Available in the Parish Office

- Allotment & Leisure Gardener – Issue 3 2017
- Canal & River Trust – What your local waterway can do for your community

Training Attended –

Preparing for the Annual Audit – Parish Clerk
South Staffs Council Election & GDPR Briefing – Parish Clerk

Website Posts

- Various Police Community Messaging Alerts
- Weekly South Staffs Council News
- Staffordshire in the Great War Conference – 10 Mar 2018
- Black County Night Out – Sat 17th Feb – Bilbrook Village Hall
- Well Being Cafe – Wed 7th Feb
- Notice of Election – Thurs 8th Feb 2018
- Police Surgery – Sat 20th Jan – Codsall and Wergs Garden Centre from 10am
- The Great British Spring Clean – Sat 3rd March – Bilbrook Village Hall – 10:00am
- Bilbrook Best Christmas Window Competition
- Library Consultation
- Exotic Zoo – Sat 17th March