

# **Bilbrook Parish Council**

## **Clerk's Report – January 2018**

- Request from Cllr P Hutchinson to contact PCSO's following criminal damage to resident's property. PCSO subsequently visited the resident.
- Email sent to the PCSO's expressing concern about the Police's apparently lack of response to an incident of a man trying to enter a house in Codsall. The man was apparently spotted later in Bilbrook. Police confirm they had attended the incident. If this happens in future residents are requested to call 999.
- Christmas Lights on 24 hours above One-Stop reported to B and P Electrical. The timer has been re-set.
- Request for replacement Bollard on Lane Green Road sent to Highways. A replacement will be put in when they have resources to do so.
- Query raised by resident regarding how the planned roadworks on Bilbrook Road will disrupt the No 5 Bus. After discussions with County Highways and National Express it appears there was some confusion and the Roadworks will be on the Old Bilbrook Road and the buses will not be affected. The roadworks have been postponed until January.
- Following a number of Resident complaints regarding gritting of Bilbrook Roads during the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> December. Staffs County Highway department confirmed they had been gritting the X 2/12 hour shifts non-stop and Bilbrook routes were treated at least a dozen times over the weekend. They encourage residents to clear snow and ice from frontages, footpaths and community areas where possible.
- Request to name the path on Bilbrook Village Green "Robbie Way" in memory of Cllr Robert Marshall approved by South Staffs Planning Support as long as the Councillors agree (January Agenda item) Permission sought from South Staffs Council who own the land.
- Concern raised by resident regarding a water leak on Downie Road turning to ice. Call made to Severn Trent to increase the priority and request sent to Highways to grit the road.
- Extra Lighting on Bilbrook Village Green – Request sent to South Staffs County Council for approval.
- Complaint from Councillor Caine regarding roadworks on Duck Lane which caused gridlock in Bilbrook and Codsall forwarded to County Highways.
- Resident complaint regarding overhanging Branches on Barnhurst Lane. Reported to Highways - Ref 4099576. An inspector will go take a look within 10-14 days. Request also sent to Simon Griffiths of Highways to try to speed up the process.
- Confirmation received from South Staffs Council that there will be an Election for the Vacant Parish Councillor position

### **Items emailed to Councillors**

Dec 7,14	SPCA Bulletins
05.12.17	Draft South Staffordshire Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022: Consultation
05.12.17	Let's Work Together FREE training - Community Lottery (Bilbrook Only Councillors)
07.12.17	Funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector in South Staffordshire
15.12.17	Let's Work Together 19th Jan 2018 – PREVENT (Bilbrook Only Councillors)

### **On-going Matters**

Twentyman Playing Fields Assoc.	Cost for legal advice received.
Joey's Lane Car Park Registry	Staffs County Council have confirmed the transfer has taken place.
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	Clerk and Cllr I Fieldhouse looking into this.
Pre-payment card	Clerk and Cllr I Fieldhouse looking into this.

Signs on the Village Green and Changing Room Roof	With the Twentyman Committee for discussion.
Lane Green Court	Intercom still not fixed as of 29.11.17. Email sent 27.12.17 for update.
“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 still outstanding 30.11.17. Email sent 27.12.17 for an update.
Weight restrictions on Pendeford Hall Lane Bridge.	Staffs County Council Highways dept. confirm the bridge is maintained by the Canal and River Trust and there is no signed weight restriction. It was strengthened in 1977
Twinning Association 20th Anniversary – April 2018	Gift for French Twinning Association - January 2018 agenda item.
Speeding signs on Dam Mill	TO look for funding from the Staffordshire Road Safety Grant Fund Funding re-opens in March 2018.
Bench in memory of local resident George Hill	£220 raised by residents has been banked in the Parish Council Current Account. January 2018 agenda item.
Damaged Benches on Twentyman Playing Fields	To look at funding this from the Commissioner’s People Power Fund – two rounds of funding will be held by the Commissioner, the first which opens on 1 March and closes on 14 April. January 2018 agenda item.
HGV’s missing the Balioil Road Turning	Request sent to Staffs County Council Highways Department for better signage. They have confirmed that signage is the responsibility of the Businesses and Highways.
Orchard Lane Parking and Pavements.	Cllr P Fieldhouse has forwarded advice from Staffs County Council Highways dept. to the resident
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	Options discussed with Staffordshire County Council. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Request from Friends of Bilbrook – Jan 2018 Agenda item.
Cutting back of Hedge by the skate Park	Delegated to Cllrs P Fieldhouse, A Hill and D Hutchinson. Revised quote received. Contractor’s paperwork received and is all in order.

**Planning Applications received between meetings**

Details can be found at: [www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planningfiles](http://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**

-17/00939/FUL - 48 Birches Road, Bilbrook, WV8 2JR. Proposed single storey rear extension – APPROVE: Subject to Conditions

**Publications Available in the Parish Office**

-Cuttings – Journal of the Shropshire Union Canal Society – Winter 2017

**Training Attended** - None this month

**Website Posts**

- Councillor Vacancy
- Police - Surgery poster for Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Codsall Community Arts Festival list of events
- Various Police Community Messaging Alerts
- Waste and Recycling Collection Update – December 2017
- Friends of Bilbrook Quiz Night

