

# Bilbrook Parish Council

## Clerk's Report – Nov 2018

- A resident complained about the lack of bins on the field between the High School and Old Farm Drive resulting in dog bins being left on the field. Request sent to Street Scene team. Resident asked to contact district in future if there are any issues with the field.
- Street Scene have confirmed the Village Green is currently cut 14 times per year and that they will box cut the Village Green the week before the Act of Remembrance (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November)
- Workmen have turned off the water and removed the taps at the Allotments for the winter.
- Gym Membership form returned. Employees can take payslips to the Leisure centre to join. Councillors need to take a letter from the Parish Clerk. Membership applies to partners living at the same address.
- Draft Locality Profile – response sent to South Staffs Council as per October minutes. They replied “We appreciate that all 15 Mosaic Groups haven’t been identified, as we are confined to limited space. We have provided a snap-shot of Mosaic data, and included the top 6 prevalent groups throughout South Staffordshire. We intend to continue to explore the Mosaic, and will bare this in mind for future Locality Profiles.”
- Email sent to Cllr Spencer asking for more information on the Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-2024, Carter Avenue, Loss of school crossing patrol officers and for a consultation to remove the speed bumps in Bilbrook. Cllr Spencer will attend the November Parish Meeting to respond.
- Brittle State of Oak Tree on Bilbrook Village Green reported to South Staffs Council Senior Arboricultural Officer who inspected it on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. He confirmed the Oak appears to be in good condition and there was no evidence of any fungal infection, decay or instability. Some lower branches (2 or 3) that have been reduced in length in the past have died and whilst these are unlikely to break it would be good practice to have them removed. There is some smaller diameter dead wood within the crown which is natural for an Oak of this age/size that could blow out during strong winds, which could be removed. Awaiting confirmation that this is the responsibility of South Staffs Council who are custodians of the land.
- Shrubs on Village Green overhanging the path reported to South Staffs Council. As unable to do the work until W/C 5<sup>th</sup> November, workmen sent to cut back the worst shrubs.
- The workmen have cleared the alleyway on Downie Road’
- Gullies – Highways are currently cleansing gullies on a 1, 2 and 3 year cyclical program (dependant on the category of road). Highways are due in the Bilbrook area between the 2nd Feb and 25th Feb 2019 and the majority of gullies will be actioned during this time. Therefore Highways advise it is little benefit if the Parish were to pay to bring in contractors or Amey.

### **Items emailed to Councillors**

4, 11, 18, 25 Oct	SPCA Bulletins
08.10.18	Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on Dam Mill
08.10.18	Staffordshire Police: Staffordshire Police Newsletter - October 201
09.10.18	Bilbrook Service and Act of Remembrance - Sunday 11th November 2018
10.10.18	Codsall Community Hub - Business Hub
16.10.18	Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2018
19.10.18	Cleaning of the War Memorial - Saturday 27th October 10:00am
22.10.18	Partnership event - Friday 9th November 2018
22.10.18	Local Plan Review & SCI Consultations and Adopted SAD

### **On-going Matters**

1. Parking-Carter Av / Duck La. County Cllr Bob Spencer dealing with this.
2. Speeding signs on Dam Mill. Signed Ordered. Installation expected at the end of November.
3. Extra Lighting on Bilbrook Village Green. Quotations to be brought to November Meeting.
5. Removal of shrubs on the Village Green. South Staffs Council delayed due to staffing issues. They have confirmed that paying for the work to be done will not speed up the process.

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| 6. | Bench on Village Green in memory of Stan Bennett | Siting of bench to be decided once the shrubs have been cleared from the Village Green. Widow has indicated to the Clerk her preferences for the location of the bench. |
| 7. | Skate Park Repairs                               | Order for repairs placed. Work scheduled for January 2019   |
| 8. | Benches on Duck Lane                             | Blackburn Anti-Vandal benches ordered. Expected delivery end of November to South Staffs Council Depot, Lane Green Road.  |

**Planning Decisions Issued by SSC Planning Dept.**

**18/00694/FUL** – Approved Subject to Conditions

**Publications Available in the Parish Office – None**

**Website Posts**

- Various Police Community Messaging Alerts
- Weekly South Staffs Council News
- Trick or Treat Sign
- Local Plan Review & SCI Consultations and Adopted SAD
- Local Plan Review Consultation Drop-in Session. Codsall Council Offices Wed 14th November 10:00am to 7:00pm
- Remember, remember – Fireworks and the Law
- Home Alone at Christmas – Friday 21st December
- Codsall and Bilbrook Pages – August 2018
- Dementia Friend Information Sessions at Penkridge, Wombourne and Kinver libraries
- Bilbrook Remembrance Day Poster