

BREWOOD AND COVEN PARISH COUNCIL
WITH BISHOP'S WOOD AND COVEN HEATH

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ONLINE
ON THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.00PM

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APOLOGIES:

To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:

To receive any declarations of interest from Members, and any requests for dispensation submitted in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting, as required under the Code of Conduct and determined by the Localism Act 2011.

Parish Cllr P. Knight CBE has submitted a written request for dispensation with regard to planning application No. 19/00913/FUL.

Members' views.

Parish Cllr D. M. Holmes represents Locality 2 at South Staffordshire Council's Planning Committee meetings, she will therefore not vote on any planning matters brought before the Parish Council. She may remain at the meeting and any views she may express are based on the information before her at the time. These views may change in the light of further information or debate at a future South Staffordshire Council's Planning Committee meeting.

MINUTES:

To approve for accuracy, the Minutes of the precept meeting held on 21st January and the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 28th January 2021.

CRIME AND DISORDER ACT:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998 places a duty on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications when exercising its functions and to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. Unless otherwise stated it is not considered that the resolutions to be moved herein will have any adverse impact for the purposes of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

168. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The Chairman will move that the meeting be adjourned for a period of no more than fifteen minutes to allow any elector of the Parish or his/her representative to raise or question any issue appertaining to proper Parish Council business.

169. **POLICE REPORT:**

To receive the Police Report subject to availability.

MATTERS ARISING:

157. **The Royal British Legion.** The RBL (National) wrote to the Parish Council requesting a rent free period or rent reduction, due to the pandemic. The Parish Council's lease agreement is with the national body but the Clerk has checked with the club and they have confirmed that it is club that pays the rent to the Council. The club accounts together with details of grants received have been sent separately. Parish Cllr M. Webb MBE may wish to speak to this item.

Members to consider whether or not to give a rent concession to the Royal British Legion, either national, branch or club.

160.2 **The Bront-Trees.** Parish Cllr P. Knight visited the site with the registered boundary map which showed that no trespass had taken place.

Recommended resolution: based on this confirmation, no action is required.

170. **Vacancy for Janitor.** The advert for the vacancy had been circulated closed on 5th February. Members of the staffing committee may wish to report further.

MATTERS ONGOING:

The Chairman will invite Members to raise any matters ongoing as they deem necessary (for information only).

300* **Drainage System at BPSA.** The following has been received from the BPSA committee: As the first step on the review of the future of the BPSA, what is the Parish Council, as landlords with landlord's responsibility, going to provide or implement as a matter of urgency to ensure the Engleton Lane playing fields are fit for the purpose they are leased for? Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January circulated prior to the meeting.

Members' views.

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business (commercial interest) as described in Schedule 12A - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), the following matter is exempt therefore the item will be taken at the end of the meeting when the public and press will be excluded:

81.4 **Brewood Christmas Lights Grant application 2020-21.** Confidential independent report circulated to the working party on 27th January, copy enclosed. The working party met remotely and made the following recommendations:

The Parish Council to: -

- 1) Accept the recommendations in the report from the Internal Auditor.
- 2) Refer recommendations D3 (last sentence) to D7 to the Working Party on our grant awarding policy for detailed consideration.
- 3) Note that the Parish Council has ascertained that since 2015, Brewood and District Rotary Club has, with the support of the Parish Council grant, received a surplus of £6,500 as a result of the Christmas Lights Switch-on fundraising activity.

113. **Grant Awarding Policy.** Members to form a working party, including the Clerk to review the Grant Awarding Policy, process and application form as a result of the recommendations made in item 81.4 above.

103. **Speeding Review A5.** At the meeting held 12th November 2020, the Parish Council resolved that the Clerk write to Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council and explain that, based on the comprehensive report from County Cllr M. Sutton, a speed review was not necessary at this time. Further evidence has been received from Anita Anderson Parish Cllr for Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council for consideration by the Parish Council, copy enclosed.

Members' views.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

171. Email received from hs2.org.uk regarding consultation under clause 60 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as amended in the House of Lords. Responses to the consultation will help inform Government policy on HS2 Phase 2a and the environment and on future proposals for services on HS2 Phase 2a and the conventional rail network and other transport networks. The Government does not intend to make changes to the Phase 2a scheme or to its planned construction programme in light of this consultation. Consultation will close at 11.45pm on Friday 26th February 2021. www.hs2.org.uk/phase2a

Matter of report.

172. Email received from South Staffordshire Council regarding service connection work for major South Staffordshire business park development which begins week commencing 8th February. Wobaston Road will be reduced to single lane traffic until April and therefore should be avoided. Additional time should be allowed for essential travel using the route. Details will be placed on the Parish Council's facebook page and noticeboards.

Matter of report.

173. Request received from an allotment holder who currently has two allotments to allow a friend to cultivate one of the plots to see a) if they would like to take on an allotment permanently and b) to see if the original allotment holder can manage with just having one. There will be at least two vacancies in April so there is no waiting list at present.

Members' views.

174. Letter received from Staffordshire Lieutenancy on behalf of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, asking if the Parish Council could identify a superhero to be nominated for the National Honours list.

Members' views.

175. **CORRESPONDENCE CIRCULATED**

Copies available from the Clerk upon request.

Village News January edition

SPCA Bulletin 4th February.

176. **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPORT:**

To receive the reports of the District and/or County Council.

177. **CHAIRMAN'S AND OTHER COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (courses/workshops/seminars attended):**

To receive the report of the Chairman and any feedback from Councillors on courses etc attended.

178. **FINANCE REPORT:**

To receive the Finance Report from Parish Cllr C. Smythe, and resolve the following matters:

1. To approve the income and expenditure approvals list as at 11th February 2021

179. **PLANNING REPORT:**

To receive the Planning Report from Parish Cllr R. Taylor and consider the planning applications received.

Planning Application 20/01131/OUT ROF Featherstone. The planning authority has confirmed its agreement to an extension of time for consultation responses to be submitted until 15th February. In relation to public consultation, the Planning department will accept all comments whilst the application is still live but these should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure full consideration.

M54/M6 Link Road Project. Application by Highways England for an Order granting development consent for the project. Link to the Examining Authority's Rule 8(3) and 9 letter giving details of their notification of decision in relation to site inspection and associated variation of timetable for the examination available from the Clerk upon request.

180. **PLAYING FIELDS REPORTS**

To receive the written Playing Fields Reports:

- Bishop's Wood playing field, Parish Cllr R. Glover.
- Brewood playing field and skateboard park, Parish Cllr J. Jeffries.
- Coven playing field and skateboard park, Parish Cllr G. Sibley.
- The Bront, Parish Cllr G. Sibley.

181. **CLERK'S REPORT:**

To receive the written report of the Clerk.

ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT:

To receive any other matters of report for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting if deemed appropriate.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

AT THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

Application No	Proposal
19/00913/FUL	Erection of 9 No. dwellings including landscaping, site works and new access off public car park. 9 Sandy Lane Brewood ST19 9ET