



**Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council at
The Sports Club, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7.30pm**

Attendees: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Dean Jackson, Cllr Donna Page, Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Mike Robinson, Sue Severn - Parish Clerk, Joanna Simonds - Minute Secretary, AVDC Cllr Neil Blake, BCC Cllr Janet Blake and 11 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. Open Forum:

- The Chairman gave a little background on the Section 106 proposal that was discussed at last month's meeting as well as the large development on Fenny Road.
- The Chairman stated there are approximately 350 houses in Stoke Hammond. Including Brook Farm and Fenny Road this would add 120/130 more houses. Cllr Neil Blake advised that every planning application is looked at on its own merits and the National Policy Framework is there to ensure applications are sustainable and safe. Cllr Lane advised Cllr Blake that his letter had not been read out at the hearing. Cllr Blake said he was aware of this and said he has taken it up with Susan Kitchen, AVDC's Development Manager to see if it can be brought back and read out. The impression Councillors got at the hearing was that it was a forgone conclusion that this application would go through but Cllr Blake said this should not be the assumption. He has recommended to Cllr Michael Edmonds that the anthrax report be put to a separate meeting. Cllr Jackson informed Cllr Blake that the photos shown during the hearing were very poor and did not show the true extent of the impact these homes would have on the village. Whilst hearing Cllr Jackson's point, Cllr Blake did add that Councillors could have shared their own photos.
- Ann Payne mentioned that horse riders are still allowing their horses to use the pavement by the bus stop and both sides of the road now have horse mess on the pavement. She asked again whether there might be anything that the Parish Council could do. The Chairman said that according to the highway rules, it is illegal to take your horse on a pavement so they are breaking the law however, we don't know who these individuals are. Cllr Page suggested it might be worth doing a blanket letter. The Clerk said she would put a notice on the noticeboard and also write to the local Livery and seek guidance from the LAT, Dave. **Action Clerk**
- Cllr Jackson said he had been contacted by the SH Youth Football Club who said that last year we agreed the youths could use the area behind the Community Centre for a couple of pitches. They have asked Cllr Jackson whether this is still possible and if so, they are willing to cut the grass themselves. The Chair said this would require further discussion in terms of what machinery they would use and insurance.
- Cllr Jackson referred to the litterbin that used to be outside the shop but isn't anymore. As we have entered the Best Kept Village he suggested we consider reinstalling a bin to prevent unnecessary litter.
- Dave Garner said that dog fouling on the sports pitch is a problem. He mentioned that the Sports Club had had a discussion about installing CCTV at a cost of £300 and wondered if this might be something the PC would consider funding. The Clerk and Chairman said the Sports Club should be careful here as there are rules regarding the use of CCTV. The Clerk referred to the pink neon spray used by other councils PCs and would obtain some for Stoke Hammond.

- Cllr Lane mentioned to Cllr Neil Blake that his neighbour at 6 Phoebes Orchard is still waiting (around 10 weeks now) for his replacement food waste recycling bin. Cllr Neil Blake apologised and said he would follow up on this.

- Mr B Kirk said he was not happy with the amount of potholes in the village and the Chairman suggested they discuss this before the 8 July village walk-round so that the Chairman could capture all of Mr Kirk's concerns.

3. Acceptance of Office

The Declaration of Acceptance and Application for Dispensation were both received from Cllr Hazel Turner.

4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

No items were declared

5. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the PC Meeting on 14 May 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

6. Update on matters arriving from previous minutes:

The Chairman confirmed he would contact Mr and Mrs Savage and set a date for a sub group to discuss the Section 106 money. **Action Chairman**

7. Planning

Planning application 12/A2184/DIS was received late including 34 documents to review. This application relates to the land to the rear of Brook Farm on Leighton Road. This will be added to next month's agenda and AVDC planning advised that the PC would comment at that time.

8. Highways, Footpaths and Footways:

The Parish walk with Cllr Janet Black and our Local Area Technician, will take place on 8 July at 1pm. Although Cllr Blake said there was no limit to the amount of people that could join the walk round, the Chairman suggested a maximum of three Councillors.

9. Devolved Services

The Chairman reported that devolved services are working well with positive feedback. Various operational issues were referred to and would be referred to the co-ordinator. The Clerk said that whilst it was not mandatory for them to wear the uniform t-shirt, it was essential that they wear their high visibility vests at all times whilst working on the verges. The Clerk will mention this to Dave and Warren. It was agreed it would be useful to have a six month review meeting with Enterprise which the Chair agreed to organise. **Action Chairman**

10. Community Transport Scheme

Cllr Robinson asked for the Parish Council's agreement to go ahead and book the Community Centre for a public meeting mid-July which Community Impact Bucks will attend. Cllrs agreed and Cllr Robinson agreed to circulate a flyer publicising this open meeting. **Action Cllr Robinson**

11. 100Km Grand Union Canal Challenge

On schedule to go ahead last weekend in June. The Chairman received an email from the organisers to say there would be slightly fewer people than anticipated. They were initially expecting around 1,800 people but this will now be more like 1,300 participants.

12. Street Lighting

Nothing to report.

Playground and Community Centre Land

We have received our annual ROSPA report which generally was good; just a couple of minor points to pick up on. Cllr Page said that the lady who had reported the damaged play equipment mentioned she'd not heard anything back from the PC. The Clerk said she did email the lady a response. Cllr Page said she would follow up.

13. Finance

- a. The accounts have been audited and now signed by the Chairman and Clerk. They will now be sent off to Mazars. From 17 June they will be available for the public to view although the Clerk confirmed there was no reason why Parishioners could view them before this date if they so wished.

- b. The PC agreed the cheque run:

Payee	Chq. No	Detail	TOTAL
Orchard Consulting	309	Audit	£60.00
S Severn	310	Clerk Salary, rental and expenses	£322.32
J Simonds	311	May Minutes	£41.20
Play Safety Limited	312	Play Equipment Maintenance	£82.50
CS Maintenance	313	Grass cutting o/s Green Team areas	£160.00
Bucks Playing Fields Association	314	Subscriptions	£20.00

- c. The Accounts were agreed for May 2015.

14. To agree and adopt Council documentation as circulated

The Clerk requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

15. Parish Council Newsletter

Cllr Robinson agreed to put together a draft and circulate to Councillors. Keith Chambers confirmed he would need the printed copies by 25 June in order to insert into the next SH News. **Action Cllr Robinson**

16. To report on meetings

Cllrs Noble and Lane attended a film showing on traffic calming. The Consultant shared some very interesting ideas and showed some very good examples of where the road and pavement were brought together so cars and people work more intertwined. Another idea that has improved traffic in some areas was where they simply removed the white lines from the middle of the road, which in turn made people naturally drive 3 to 4 miles per hour slower. Cllr Lane suggested we chat about this on the walk round as when new roads get tarmacked in the village it might be worth us trying this out.

17. To agree the date of the next meeting - Thursday 9 July 2015 and the Chairman reminded the audience that there is no meeting in August.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Date: