



Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council held in the Sports Club, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Dean Jackson, Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Eileen Curry, Cllr Mike Robinson, Cllr Donna Page, AVDC Cllr Neil Blake, BCC Cllr Janet Blake, Sue Severn – The Clerk, Michelle Jackson – minute secretary and 5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** - none.
2. **Open Forum:** (Under adjournment) 15 minutes are available if requested for parishioners to address the Council on any local issues.

The open forum was addressed by a number of parishioners. Issues raised:

Cllr Blake wished to formally pay tribute to SDLT for fighting the unsightly wind farm proposal and he was delighted with the outcome.

The Stoke Hammond Youth Football Club was going well with between 25-35 children attending on a Saturday morning. Concern was expressed about dog fouling and the youngsters (under 8s) being afraid of dogs off leads. It was agreed to invite the local PCSO to a match. The Clerk to organise leaflets and obtain dog poo bags. The PC to consider SHYFC's request to use community land for training as attendance was greater than anticipated.

ACTION: SS

The PC to consider a request to have advertising boards on the fences while cricket was being played. These would be taken down again on a Sunday evening.

3. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** to declare any interests – none received.
4. **The minutes** of the previous PC Meeting on 6th January 2015 were agreed as a true record.
5. **To update on matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting** and agree any further actions required – no matters arising.
6. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendations and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

Planning application 15/00176/APP: The Lindens Care Home, Stoke Hammond
Single storey rear extension. Full details of this application can be viewed at:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/advancedSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

The PC resolved that it had no objections to the planning application.

**7. Highways, Footpaths & Footways:**

a) To update and report on any other issues and repairs –

Cllr Jackson and the Clerk to report to TfB that the pothole in Lodge Lane near Newton Road had still not been repaired and was worsening.

ACTION: DJ/SS

The MVAS had been in the village for the past 2 weeks and Patrick Mullins was reviewing the data. Speedwatch sessions would be held during the first week of every month for the rest of the year. AVDC and the police speedwatch coordinator had confirmed that any residents who had undergone training and attended 2 speedwatch sessions could be added to the register and then train others. The Chair thanked all for assisting with the speedwatch sessions.

The Clerk to report that the paint on the road sign in Gadstone Court had come off and was now difficult to read.

ACTION: SS

The Clerk to find out the ownership of the willow tree on Feny Road.

ACTION: SS

8. Devolved services

a) Review and agree terms of draft contract for devolved services and authorise the Chairman and the Parish Clerk to sign contract in same terms, or as amended by Council resolution – the Clerk and the Chair were authorised to sign the final contract.

b) Review estimates received for equipment for Stoke Hammond devolved service provision (Green Team) and approve purchase, subject to completion of contract in a) above – it was agreed to proceed with the quote from Browns.

c) Update on recruitment and training of Stoke Hammond's Green Team members – there were 5 people ready to be signed up. A training course had been held on Saturday on the mowers etc and a further training session would be held on the strimmers. A storage location for equipment had been identified.

9. Community Transport Scheme – Questionnaire – Cllrs Curry, Page and Robinson to put together a questionnaire (with the assistance of Mandy Logan, Community Impact Bucks if required) to ascertain whether there was a need for such a scheme.

ACTION: EC/DP/MR

10. Roald Dahl Festival Invitation for Stoke Hammond to hold a workshop – it was agreed that Cllr Lane should express an interest on behalf of the PC in holding a workshop for people of all ages on the theme of “The Twits” at a cost of approximately £350.

ACTION: GL

11. 100 Km Grand Union Canal Challenge – a request had been received that the race, starting from London, finish at Stoke Hammond on 27/28 June. The PC agreed in principle and would investigate further with an invitation to the organiser to make a presentation at the next meeting. The Clerk to speak to Bletchley PC to obtain their comments on the previous year’ event.

ACTION: SS

12. Defibrillator – Cllr Jackson was thanked for cleaning the telephone kiosk. The box for the defibrillator had now been installed. It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Paul Eveling Domestic Electrical Service at £152.27 to install the defibrillator in the box. Once installed, the Clerk to organise a community awareness evening in the Community Centre. The PC approved 3 exterior defibrillator signs at a cost of £40

ACTION: SS/GN

**13. Street lighting**

To report and update on issues and repairs – quotes were being obtained for possible LED streetlight replacement.

14. Playground and Community Centre Land:

Confirmation of weekly inspection and agree if work required – nothing required.

15. Finance

- a) The accounts for year to date January 2015 were approved.
- b) The PC agreed the cheque run for February 2015:

Payee	Chq. No	Detail	TOTAL
S Severn	185	Clerk salary & expenses	£267.03
Community Impact Bucks	186	Subscription 2015	£50.00
D Jackson	187	Mileage: MVAS collection & parts for defib	£20.20
Garage Door Workshop	189	Garage 6 repairs	£142.20
Stoke Hammond Community Association	190	Hire of hall 17.1.15	£10.00
M Jackson	191	Minutes: January	£40.10
G Noble	192	Key cutting: Garages	£26.00

16. Parish Council Newsletter: To provide any update – Cllrs to forward suggestions for items to include in the next 2 weeks.

17. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllrs Page and Lane and the Clerk had attended an account audit awareness and transparency course. A separate working group to be arranged for this to be discussed.

Cllrs Page/Jackson to attend the Bucks Funding Fair on 24/25 March.

It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. To be added to the next agenda.

18. To agree the date of the next meeting - Thursday 5th March 2015 – Cllr Page gave her apologies in advance.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman thanked Michelle Jackson for her service to the Council as minutes secretary which has been much appreciated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:

Date: