



**Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council held at the Community Centre,
Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond on Tuesday 7th January 2020
at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Karl Johnson, Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Mike Robinson, Cllr Hazel Turner, Sue Severn Parish Clerk, Agnieszka Alborzpour (minute taker) and four members of the public.

The chair would like to thank Cllr Donna Page for her work and contribution while working on PC, as she resigned for personal reasons and Clerk Sue Severn will also be leaving in the next two months due to pressure of work. The Chair on behalf of the whole Council expressed their thanks to sue for her most valued contribution to the PC since joining the Council in 2014.

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Public Participation Session

Several potholes were reported in the area, the Chair asked members of the public to report on online to help build a case for repair. These can be reported at www.fixmystreet.com.

Mrs Curry asked if there was any further news on the car parking and the transporters delivering cars to an area off the road to Bletchley near Southlands Farm. As it is just storage and no business is being run from there nothing that can be done said the Chairman but he will look into it.

The Methodist Chapel is now sold, but the buyer is not known

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th November

The draft minutes circulated were approved and signed a true record by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Cllr Hazel Turner

Seconded by: Cllr Mavis Berrow

Agreed unanimously

5. New Land & other lands

Councillors had received the initial report from Highways consultant.

The Highways consultant was appointed to look and prepared report etc. A meeting will be arranged to raise any queries. Cllr Johnson said that we have only half of the report and maybe we need to look at the other project aspects and price them before considering the whole. Cllr Lane said the report is very straightforward and that councillors can meet to discuss the detailed suggestions. The Chairman undertook to arrange the meeting.

6. Finance

a) Councillors approved the payment run as circulated and ratified budgeted payments made outside of the Parish Council meeting.

Payee		Detail	
Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary & expenses	£504.12
G Noble	BACS	Expenses: Nov	£70.60
A Alborzpour	BACS	Minutes November	£40.00
CS Maintenance	BACS	Grass cutting village grass Invoice CSM0411	£360.00
PW Landscapes	BACS	Inv 8090 work to entrance gates	£545.00
Rush & Warwick	BACS	Inv 31073 SH News November	£533.12
AVDC	DD	Invoice No 445567 dog waste services 2019/20	£379.62
		Total	£2,432.46
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Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary & expenses	£507.02
G Noble	BACS	Expenses December	£38.33
PKF Littlejohn	BACS	External audit 2019/20	£240.00
Cunningham Consultancy	BACS	Invoice No. 940 Highways & Drainage consultancy new hall	£2,124.00
		Total	£2,909.35

b) Councillors approved accounts to the 30th December 2019 as circulated.

c) Councillors agreed to the Budget and Precept demand for Stoke Hammond Parish Council for the financial year 2020-21.

Stoke Hammond Parish Precept for 2020-21 was agreed at £47,250, an increase of 1.45%, (£68.88 for a Band D household, an increase of 99 pence for the year).

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7. Planning

No planning applications notified.

8. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Lighting

The Canal has one area that is full of rubbish, Chair will contact the Canal & River trust to ask to them to resolve the problem.

A Complaint was received about the state of verges, but it was advised they belong to a local farmer. The Clerk will contact Highways about it.

Cllr Johnson reported that over Christmas period there were a few attempted thefts and a car was stolen from The Green area, people have been viewed trying car doors.

Cllr Johnson noticed that going out of the village at the T-junction the canal bridge signs have been sprayed. The Chair will contact local PCSO and inform her about this.

9. Community centre

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has received confirmation of the grant for the roof replacement and decoration of the centre, the work will be starting soon and redecorating is planned during February half term.

10. SH News

Deliveries to Newton Leys South was an issue as Cllr Noble can no longer deliver. Cllrs Johnson will deliver the next edition to Newton Leys South.

11. Parish Clerk & RFO

Recruitment for a Clerk & RFO has commenced with a candidate being interviewed next week. The Chairman and Clerk will advise councillors on progress of recruitment.

12. Meetings attended on behalf of Parish Council:

Neighbourhood plan meeting. Cllr Noble advised that the neighbourhood plan should identify preferred sites for future housing land stock outside the current village boundaries/curtilage. Without this, the planners/developers could choose less desirable locations within the parish once all infill sites have been used. The Clerk stressed that everything is still in the air and Councillors need to consider carefully whether to spend money on a Plan until the weight they will be given by the new NPPF is known. Councillors will consider that if HS2 goes ahead it may affect the need, but that it is something to look at after the election.

13. VE Day

Cllr Johnson suggested a forum should be set up for people in the village who would like to be involved. Cllr Berrow suggested inviting people that were around during this time. Maybe Councillors could talk to Bletchley Park and ask what they could share.

14. Cllr Greg Noble presented Certificate of Merit for Best Kept Village competition 2019, a copy will be put on the noticeboard.

15. Date of Next meeting:

Meeting dates for 2020:

Tuesdays:

3rd March

7th April

5th May

2nd June

7th July

August - No meeting

1st September

6th October

3rd November

December: No meeting