



**Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council at
Stoke Hammond Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond
on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Donna Page, Cllr Karl Johnson, Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Mike Robinson, Cllr Hazel Turner, Sue Severn - Parish Clerk, District Cllr Neil Blake, County Cllr Janet Blake and 13 members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence None

2. Declarations of interest: The Chair declared interest on items 7 and 8. Cllr Page declared an interest on item 8 in her capacity as Secretary to SHCA.

3. Public Participation Session

- Mr Andrew Gurney had received a letter from Mr David Rutland re SHYF. The Youth Football Chair asked whether they could rent land off Mr Gurney. Mr Gurney told the meeting that he had no land suitable due to his land being wet, had no parking or toilet facilities. He felt some land closer to the Sports Club would be more sensible. The Chair explained the current situation to the meeting regarding funds available from AVDC. District Councillor Neil Blake said the system for applying for money has changed. Parish Councils had been asked for a wish list if the item they required wasn't on it they were unlikely to receive money, He went on to say that there is a Community Fund for projects which may be applied for but there are conditions attached. If a Parish Council hasn't control of the land they are unable to apply for it. The sum available is substantial.
- A resident complained to the Council about the parking situation when Youth Football took place recently. Cars were parked on the pavement between numbers 1 – 17. Any visitors or delivery drivers would have found it impossible to park. Phoebe's Orchard is not a parking area and is a cul de sac. The SHYF has grown too large for the faculty now. There was an apology on Facebook. Mr Bill Kirk said that the children and parents were coming in from other villages. Mr Mullins suggested the parents should park in the Dolphin car park, but parents have said that it is too far to walk! A resident, new to the village, told the meeting that the problem occurred in the village she had come from too. A car share option might be worth doing. Cllr Page suggested a park and ride option and the hire of a mini bus. The situation needs sorting out. The Clerk acted upon the complaint during the meeting and heard from Mr Rutland that he will attend the next Parish Council meeting to update Councillors on the situation.
- Mr Richard Goosey (Papermill Farm) complained about the number of winter moorings along the canal. There are 12 boats and 14 cars and vans. There is one boat moored long term the other side of Bridge 106. 100 metres is supposed to be the extent of winter mooring but he said it stretches to 200 metres. The boats are moored there under licence for four and a half months, The Canal and River Trust charge £6.50p per metre and the income must be in the region of £4 -6 K per year. However cars and vans are parking in gateways and the mud on the road is unsafe. Pot holes have appeared too due to the mud and number of vehicles. The verges have been destroyed. Cllr Lane told the meeting that he had been to the CRT annual meeting but they didn't want to know about the situation. There should be an agreement in place on the number of boats and cars that use the area. County Councillor Janet Blake said the matter should be reported on TFB website. The Clerk reported it at the meeting (*TFB ref. Number 40062881*) It could be a planning matter but possibly comes under CRT's jurisdiction only. The enforcement officer will be asked. **ACTION: CLERK**

- **County Councillor Blake presented a report from the County Council.** She told the meeting that an OFSTED report on Children’s Services had again said the service was inadequate. There are many budgetary problems to be overcome both in children and adult care. Cllr Blake reported on the deteriorating Stoke Hammond bypass. A petition has been started to press for repairs. Negotiations for restoration have been started but it was built under the Carillion partnership so there is no hope of receiving any money back. The County Council will have to fund it at a cost of £4 and a half million. To do the entire length again would cost £10 million. Work may start at the end of spring. Cllr Blake will inform the Clerk about the time frame. Cllr Blake’s area has the largest network of rural roads in Bucks. There are many pot holes that need dealing with but TFB have altered the category of them. To sum up the holes need to be ‘craters’ before they are filled! Cllr Lane had attended a meeting and he told the meeting that pavements appear to have a higher priority than roads; Cllr Blake said that this was possibly due to claims by the public that use them.
- **District Councillor Blake then updated the meeting on the situation at AVDC.** News is still awaited from 10 Downing Street on whether or not there can be a Unitary Authority. Cllr Blake briefly updated those present about VALP, and how the digital and artificial intelligence system will work. This cuts down on the number of staff employed but will answer FAQ. There has been a cultural change everyone has had to reapply for their jobs. He also reported on the situation with the new transport upgrades published widely in the media. He reported finally about Aylesbury Garden Town the development of which was going well. A bid will be entered to sort out a new southern bypass.
Cllrs Janet & Neil Blake then left the meeting.

4 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 January 2018. The minutes were approved and signed as a true and proper record.

5. Finance

- a) To agree the electronic payments list and ratify any payments made outside of the meeting. This was agreed unanimously and authorised.

Payee	Method	Detail	£
Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary £284.40, Pension contribution PC £18/Self £3.60, Office £50, Expenses £35.10, Phone/software/wifi £40	£409.50
G Noble	BACS	Expenses January	£23.01
Berryfields Parish Council	BACS	Re-charge SLCC subscription proportion	£30.72
SHCA	BACS	SH News	£765.60
		Total	£1,228.83

- b) To agree the accounts to December 2017. The accounts were agreed.

6 Planning

The Chair reported to the meeting that the Dolphin application for 9 dwellings has been refused on a number of issues. The applicant may appeal.

17/04841/ALB Stoke Lodge, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9BU Removal of small section of garden wall and erection of new wall and gates. This is in a conservation area. The conservation team are happy with the proposal. The Council agreed to be neutral on this application.

17/04840/AOP Lodge Lane 3 Land To The South Of The Mellows Stoke Hammond Bucks

Residential development for up to 14 dwellings with access, including the demolition of two existing dwellings, with associated works, part demolition and erection of garden walling associated with Stoke Lodge.

The adjacent site already has outline planning permission. The Affordable Housing Officer has commented that this is a continuation of the site being built. The Parish Council agreed with this comment and that the site would normally require a housing provision. The proximity of the railway line to the houses is extremely close. Due diligence has taken place. Highways have no objection. There is no green space provided one resident told the meeting. There is no sustainable drainage and the Environment Agency has recommended refusal. The Parish Council is concerned about the flood risk, water management and whether or not this would affect the village. There is also a lack of pavement egress on to Newton Road. It needs a Sustainable Urban drainage system. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Johnson that this application is REFUSED on the above grounds. All in favour.

17/04664/APP Old Dairy Farm House, Orchard Lane, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9BH

Extension of touring caravan site.

Canal and River Trust have no comment on this application, highways have no objection but the Environmental Agency is objecting. It was agreed that the Council remain NEUTRAL on this application, but the planning officer is asked to take into account the comments made by expert consultees.

18/00050/APP Land Adj To Hettys Barn Stoke Road Stoke Hammond Buckinghamshire

MK17 9BN Erection of Dwelling

Cllr Lane had been to visit the site. There have been six planning extensions to the site it looks as though the farmyard is being filled. After discussion the Councillors resolved to remain NEUTRAL but asked that a planning condition be imposed preventing contractors vehicles and building materials from being left on the verge.

7. Highways and Land

The Chair declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

New land working group Cllr Karl Johnson took the chair. He reported that the Working Group had met and produced a draft questionnaire which had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Johnson stated that Section 106 monies are quite constrained and, in this case, could only be used for the purchase of new land to create leisure and recreation facilities. The survey would be asking villagers to tell the Parish Council their choice of facilities to be included on the new land at Bragenham Side. The questionnaire would be delivered to every house in the village, and every person in the household was invited to complete the survey. Only responses from villagers would be accepted and respondents would be asked to include their name and address.

It was hoped to deliver the questionnaire with the next edition of SH News, it would also be available online, on the Parish Council's website, and via Facebook. Further copies would be available from the shop so that all household members could complete it. The Parish Council would enter all responses into a draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher, as an incentive to take part in the survey.

Canal & River Trust Winter moorings, parking on verges (excessive mud/earth on Bragenham Side). This issue is covered under Public Participation.

Green Team The Chair has had a meeting recently and the team are all in place to carry on this year. However the grass is too long currently for the small machines so a first cut will be carried out by contractors along: Fenny Road, Leighton Road and the roadside verges along the Green.

Other Matters:

It was agreed that despite not having a War Memorial the village should enter the Best Kept Village Competition.

Cllr Berrow mentioned that the pedestrian light beacon and street light were not functioning. The Clerk reported it online during the meeting.

Dog Bins These had been overflowing the Clerk had chased the contractors up and whereas the two bins in Bragenham Side had been emptied the ones around the village hadn't nor had the rubbish bins. A rubbish/dog bin is required up at the top of the concrete Road in Newton Road as there is so much rubbish dumped there. A formal quote will be sent by Marcus Young Landscapes.

Verges at Tyrells Manor UK Power Network had made a dreadful mess of this verge, Cllr Lane reported. It is a disgrace with deep ruts made by their vehicles. In addition there are deep ruts left by them outside Mr Mullins' home on The Green. UK Power Network has been informed but no action has been forthcoming. The planters still have not been paid for after they were damaged by the company Cllr Lane said. **ACTION Clerk/Chair**

8. Stoke Hammond Community Association

Grant/access agreement, funding for new lighting.

Neither Cllr Noble (Chair of SHCA) nor Cllr Page (Secretary of SHCA) took part in the discussion having declared an interest as Chairman and Committee Member of Stoke Hammond Community Centre. Cllr Robinson chaired.

The Parish Council has now acquired the field beside the Community Centre, and access is needed. Access will be granted from the Community Centre land. A legal agreement will be drawn up between the SHCA and PC to grant access rights to this land from the Community Centre's new car park, for which the PC will pay legal fees.

It was proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Lane and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would make a Grant of up to £2,000 plus VAT to the Community Centre, to be used to fund, or towards, new economic lighting, in return for these rights.

9. Communication

SH News. None of the advertisers want colour on outside. The Village Store will be asked to update his advertisement. The last chapter of Margaret Aitkin's book will be published in the next edition.

10. Report on meetings attended on behalf of Parish Council. No meetings attended.

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th March 2018.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.18pm there being no other business.

The above is a correct record of the meeting.

ChairDate