

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Champion, Cllr Noble, Cllr Venn, Cllr Sharkey, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO
& 5 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr McNally and Cllr McCann

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Venn declared an interest in the sports club discussions.

Cllr Noble and Cllr Sharkey declared an interest in the Stoke Hammond Community Association funding request.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Noble / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

4. Finance

a) To agree the November payment run as circulated

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs K Harris	Clerk salary for October and any related expenses	£846.00
BCQ Group Limited	SH&NLS News Printing cost	£850.00
BMKALC	Councillor training - Dean McCann	£40.00
Lamps & Tubes Illuminations Ltd	Lights, transformers and star for SH Christmas tree	£1,263.60
RTM Landscapes	Crownlift 3 x trees on The Green	£216.00
Greg Noble	Expenses for October 2022	£35.40
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting	£1,200.00
	Total	£4,451.00

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Champion / Agreed unanimously

b) To agree the accounts to 30th September 2022

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Champion / Agreed unanimously

5. Update from Unitary Cllr, Phil Gomm

Cllr Gomm was held up due to other commitments and was unable to make the meeting. He sent the following to be read out to parishioners:

Sorry I'm not with you at this point but other duties call and it's been a goal of mine, since elected, to see the gap between Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys close, which tonight makes it clear it's happening. It pleases me and I hope you too agree, to see within the last year and a half we now have three councillors from Newton Leys (Bucks side).

As councillor representing Buckinghamshire and YOU in my Ward, I intend to work with my neighbouring Bletchley Cllrs ...Cllr Elthaniel Kelly-Wilson and Cllr Richard Graham for various reasons.

We three come from very multicultural backgrounds and understand about divided communities for whatever reason but we do not want that here in Newton Leys just because we are two different councils looking after one great community. We will be working in collaboration with various ideas and projects that will benefit the whole Newton Leys plus giving the additional benefits to the rest of the parish in Stoke Hammond.

I hope to see a PC meeting now rotate monthly between SH and NL village centres to create further community inclusion.

- 6. Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendations on any planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent.

22/03427/APP – STOKE HAMMOND
26 Coleman Road, Bletchley

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Unanimously agreed

22/02996/APP – STOKE HAMMOND
Orchard End, Hillersdon Chase

Cllrs could not see any changes to this application since it was last considered, so resolved to OPPOSE this application. All previous grounds for opposing this application, submitted by Stoke Hammond Parish Council, remain.

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Noble / Unanimously agreed

22/03564/APP – STOKE HAMMOND
Fontaine House, Church Road

Cllr Newing expressed his concerns with the two-storey element of this application which he felt will significantly impact the back view of the original property. He believes it is essential that if the application is agreed, the building materials are prescribed to match the original materials. However, others felt there was no issue with the two-storey extension, but concerns were raised with the single storey extension.

Following in depth discussions on this application, Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds it is one of the most important historic houses within Stoke Hammond and there are concerns regarding the single storey extension. It is felt that the single storey side extension is not in keeping with the rest of the building, specifically with the number and spacing of the windows and the flat roof.

Proposed: Cllr Newing / Seconded: Cllr Noble / Unanimously agreed

7. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Lighting matters

- Cllr Noble confirmed he has reported the potholes on Bragenham Side to Fix My Street.
- Cllr Noble confirmed the MVAS we share with Drayton Parslow has been returned and they do not want it back. When we get the 3 x new MVAS in place in the village we will need to decide what to do with this one as it will no longer be needed.

8. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Newing confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. The next meeting is being dedicated to the green team and the 8th December meeting will be for the brown team.
- Cllr Champion would like to explore if any land could be reserved for sports pitches/recreational areas. Responses to questionnaires for the S106 project have been received and he would not want the green team plan to be signed off until this could be investigated. Cllr Newing suggested the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting would be a good time to raise this. **Action: Cllr Champion**
- Cllr Newing asked Cllr Noble to investigate the transport section which falls under the green team's responsibility. **Action: Cllr Noble**

- The brown team are looking into sites that could be used for further development. Whilst there is currently no requirement for additional housing in the Aylesbury Vale Local plan, there is likely to be a requirement in the Bucks Local plan which extends the due date to 2040.
- 14 out of the 30 call for sites have responded so far and most are keen for development.
- The brown team are also looking into housing needs in the village, to decide whether more or less affordable housing is needed.

9. Neighbourhood Plan: Call for sites title numbers BM361491 & BM419288, land adjoining Stoke Hammond school and land on the north side of Bragegenham Side – to consider adding these locations to the Neighbourhood Plan

Title number BM419288

- Cllr Noble stated that the Bragenham Side land was purchased with S106 money. If the PC intends to do anything with this land, it will need to be returned to Aylesbury Vale. Unsure if there is a timescale to this. He also stated that green space is in short supply, and it would be detrimental to add this land to the plan for potential development.
- Cllr Champion feels land is needed for pitches and this is the perfect size for that purpose. It is an invaluable asset to the community which would be difficult to replace.
- Cllrs resolved not to add this land to the plan.

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey / Unanimously agreed

Title number BM361491

- Cllr Champion highlighted that the Community Association owns some of the land in this area and that the PC land cannot be accessed without crossing their land.
- Cllr Newing felt the PC should leave it open for consideration to have this land developed whilst we consider S106 spend in the S106 project. He accepted this would only be a consideration if the PC were able to get something better in return.
- Cllr Noble disagreed with this and felt we would be losing valuable open land.
- Cllr Sharkey also disagreed and stated it is land that is integral to the village and putting it up for the possibility of development made her uncomfortable.
- Cllr Champion stated it could be developed in the future with clauses that mean the PC end up with more land and better facilities.
- Cllr Noble agreed that if the land was to be put forward, we need to make sure something better can come from it.
- Cllrs agreed to add this land to the Neighbourhood Plan using the following wording devised by Cllr Champion: We would consider developing the site under title number BM361491 for a small number of houses, but that would be conditional on being able to use the proceeds to purchase at least an area of recreation land in excess of the size of this site and to be able to construct community facilities bigger or more suitable than those they would supplement or replace and would also require the support of the community.

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Unanimously agreed

10. To provide any updates on S106

- Cllr Champion advised that work has started on the Stoke Hammond plan, but not on the Newton Leys plan, as community groups in Newton Leys are not as easily identifiable as they are in Stoke Hammond.
- All responses to the questionnaires sent by Cllr Champion have now been received, and he has sent questions/queries back where necessary.
- Cllr Champion hopes to set up a working group in December, with one or two members of each community group involved. This group will run until approximately May 2023 and any grants/funding available to individual community groups will be investigated to help make the S106 money go further.
- The land at the back of the dog walkers' field was mentioned as a possible place for a communal garden/orchard if the land could be purchased.
- For Newton Leys, Cllr Champion is looking at land around the edge of Newton Leys and he is speaking with Taylor Wimpey about available land. This does not have to fall under Newton Leys South. He is also speaking with a land agent where the hotel was due to be built about purchasing it for a basketball court.

- Newton Leys money is not time limited but Stoke Hammond money has 8 years left in which to use it.

11. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

The Clerk advised the 3 trees on the Green have been crown lifted, the brook along Leighton Road has been cleared and vegetation has been cut back, and bin collections have been increased for the new bin on Newton Road and for the bin next to the bus stop by the Dolphin pub.

12. To debate the pros and cons of the Community Payback Scheme and to agree to using it for a trial period on a project list to be agreed by the Parish Council

- Cllr Newing confirmed Soulbury have been using this scheme for 7 years and have benefitted from an army of volunteers making improvements to the village. The scheme is made up of small-time offenders who are doing community service. It is a resource available to us that we could utilise at no cost.
- Cllr Noble questioned what resources they would require, and Cllr Newing will find out more on this shortly, but he confirmed they will require a toilet and hand washing facilities. **Action: Cllr Newing**
- Cllrs were all keen to progress this.

Proposed: Cllr Sharkey / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Unanimously agreed

13. To consider funding request received from the Stoke Hammond Community Association for improvement works to the Community Centre

- Cllr Noble advised what the funding request was for and confirmed that the Community Board wanted to see the Community Association match any funding they granted, hence the reason for approaching the PC for help.
- Cllr Champion felt torn over this funding request due to money again being spent in Stoke Hammond and not in Newton Leys, but the land is not currently used and is a hazard. It would also be a £5,000 spend for a £20,000 gain. Cllr Champion would be happy to support this if £4,000 of the PC budget was protected for use in Newton Leys, as parishioners there have contributed for 7 years with very little return.
- Cllr Newing was concerned that the money had not been budgeted for at a time when everything is increasing in price. He also believes the Community Association can afford to pay the £5,000 themselves based on the accounts supplied.
- Cllr Noble explained that if the Community Association was to spend £10,000, it would only leave them with £10,000 which is not a lot to cover future costs. He also highlighted that the PC give no other funding to the Community Association. Funding comes from grants and hiring out the facility.
- Cllrs resolved to fund £3000 towards the Community Association funding request.

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Unanimously agreed

14. To provide an update on Sports Club funding

- Cllr Champion confirmed the PC and Sports Club had been in discussions regarding the funding the PC give to the Sports Club. An agreement had been reached for £650 annually, increasing in line with precept increase, and a one-off payment of £350. The Sports Club will also keep the garage provided to them free of charge by the PC.
- Nothing changes in relation to the National Playing Field agreement.
- The PC will produce a letter detailing the new funding agreement for the Sports Club to sign. **Action: Cllr Champion**

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Noble / Unanimously agreed

15. To agree to the release of the remaining budget of £200 for the Senior Citizens Lunch taking place on 10th December at the Community Centre

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Unanimously agreed

16. Community Centre: to report on any matters for the Council's attention

- Nothing to report.

17. Sports Club: to provide any updates/report on any matters for the Council's attention

- Julia mentioned the Bonfire event being held on 5th November, and there will be a bingo and fish and chip night in December.

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

- Cllr Newing has attended a meeting with the Director of Planning and his team. He was informed that enforcement is now in the top 5 of the country and the best outside of London. Cllr Newing has written to the team regarding the issues with the Fenny Road development.

19. Public Participation Session

- A MoP advised he had contacted Cllr Gomm several times regarding the speeding group but had received no response. He would like to join the speeding group and he provided Cllr Noble with his contact details. Cllr Noble had been hoping for an update tonight on the speeding group questionnaires and the 3x MVAS from Cllr Gomm. He will now contact Bucks Country Council directly for an update on the MVAS. **Action: Cllr Noble**
- A MoP questioned who owns the barn and land on Old School Lane. Cllr Champion confirmed the barn is owned by the Church and the land belongs to a local farmer. He confirmed this land is included in the Neighbourhood Plan call for sites.
- A MoP confirmed the Methodist Church on Newton Road has been purchased by Plymouth Brethren Christian Church. Planning permission for a new entrance and parking for approximately 12 cars will be submitted shortly. There will be two gatherings per week at the church, on a Sunday morning and Monday evening. He advised that if the Parish Council ever require help around the village with things such as litter picking, they have a team of volunteers to call upon.
- Cllr Venn read out the response he had received from Hills regarding the issues he has been dealing with in relation to the Fenny Road development. This should hopefully improve the situation with mud on the main road.
- Cllr Noble advised that two members of the Stoke Hammond Village Show committee are stepping down, leaving only two members. The show is unlikely to go ahead in 2023 if they cannot recruit more onto the committee. An advert will be placed in SH News asking for help. Cllr Venn offered to help if he can, and Joanna Simonds confirmed she will continue to manage the SH Village Show website.

High Ash Scout Group Funding request

A request for £200 funding from the PC Community Fund was received from the High Ash Scout Group. The group were requesting funding to support their camp in December 2022, at an established and well-run Scout Campsite in South Buckinghamshire.

Cllrs resolved to support this funding application.

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey / Unanimously agreed

20. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 3rd January 2023, to be held at the Community Centre on Bragenham Side

Cllrs agreed unanimously to this date and venue.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.25.

Chair:

Date:

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