

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Champion, Cllr Noble, Cllr Sharkey, Cllr Venn, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO
& 14 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr McNally

2. To receive declarations of interest

No declarations made.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022

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

4. Finance

a) To agree the August payment run as circulated

**STOKE HAMMOND PARISH
COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN
August 2022**

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs J Simonds	Clerk salary for July and any related expenses (final pay)	£846.00
RTM Landscapes Ltd	July grass cutting	£1,344.00
BCQ Group Limited	Aug/Sept SH & NLS News	£675.00
Mr G Noble	Expenses relating to the SH/NLS News	£30.40
Wizfit	Construction of new planters on Fenny Road	£780.00
Mr B Ambler	Tyrells Gardens - Fenny Road alleyway strimming of weeds	£60.00
	Total	£3,735.40

Cllrs Agreed unanimously

b) To agree the accounts to 30th June 2022

Cllrs Agreed unanimously

c) Queen Jubilee Financials - Budget of £3000 from PC, £500 contribution from Bletchley Lions. Spent £4021, £521 over budget. The Jubilee Committee have paid £521 back into the Parish bank account from surplus funds. They have also paid an amount of £180 to each of the following organisations from the surplus:

The Sports Club

The Scouts

St Luke's Church

The Stoke Hammond Community Association

Stoke Hammond Village Show

5. Written update received from Unitary Cllr, Phil Gomm

- Community Board Funding mini grants are going well to many community organisations needing a little help with projects etc.

- Planning application 22/00613/APP 42 dwellings is still going through much process but keep an eye on the application because the applicant is being given opportunity to change the application details.
- Fenny Road development has begun and I'm monitoring with some helpful volunteers, as some movement breaches have occurred.
- I'm going to be in dialogue with Officers at Bucks regarding S106 money for your area with some potential ideas to share with the community of NL & Stoke Hammond, once discussed, which will include the Sports Centre and Community Centre.
- I've discussed the zebra crossing and resurfacing in Tyrell's with Officers and will update next time.
- Please can I see our details as Unitary Councillors in the local magazine.
- I noticed there was an article about the junction coming out of NL, please in future, run the article past me especially when I've been involved in finding the solutions.
- Row of way improvements have been happening in the area by VOLUNTEERS which is great. My message with help is getting through. The Church ROW is targeted with a joint operation coming up.

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

22/02392/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

Kings Farm, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9DD

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application

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

22/001744/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

The Mellows, Hillersdon Chase, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DH

Councillors are concerned that the multiple applications on the Mellows should not be considered in isolation. Their deliberations are only influenced by the applications currently on the Bucks Planning portal. An email had been received by the Clerk from the applicant requesting some of our objections be withdrawn. However, following discussion, Cllrs decided they would not change the objections already submitted and resolved to OPPOSE this application on the grounds that:

- The plans show that the two houses are proposed to be built where the attenuation pond and overflow was going in for drainage to service the already approved 16 new homes.
 - Being 2½ story houses, the design is not in keeping with the rest of the development in this conservation area.
 - In association with the 16 homes that are already agreed (16/03698/AOP), these two further houses would effectively mean 18 new homes (or 17 if you take into consideration that Latrigg will be knocked down), and provision should therefore be made for affordable housing.
 - Environmental concerns over the 43 trees the applicant wants to take down.
 - The roof windows will likely overlook into the frontage and gardens of the houses in Harrup Close.
- Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Noble / Agreed unanimously

7. Brook Farm Close Street Lighting: to approve the draft Transfer of Deed document for the adoption of 10 street lighting columns from Bellway Homes Limited

- Cllr Noble on behalf of the PC has negotiated a price of £1200 per street lighting column for future running costs and repairs, although very little maintenance should be needed for some time. Bellway Home Limited has also agreed to cover the legal costs involved in adopting the street lighting.

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

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

- Our Taylor Wimpey contact regarding Lansbury Road grass maintenance in Newton Leys returns on 3rd August and will be contacted again to try and make some progress. **Action: Clerk**
- The PC were asked to agree that the overhanging trees to 37 Bragenham Side can be removed. Proposed: Cllr Sharkey / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously
- Bridge and right of way behind church - Unitary Cllr, Phil Gomm's update indicates there is some progress on this with a local group. Cllrs were not aware of this activity.

9. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- The Neighbourhood Plan steering group is split into a green and a brown team, with the green team looking at heritage assets, structures and network of footpaths and the brown team looking at the mix of housing and areas that could be possible sites for development.
- The green team walked the village with a consultant, assessing buildings, looking at what can be protected, any heritage assets beyond what we already know of.
- Bucks are currently carrying out a call for green field sites as part of their Local Plan development.
- A local call for sites to nearby landowners is the next course of action. The brown team need to contact the Land Registry for ownership details of the land within the village to complete this activity. Detailed Land Registry documents are priced at £3 each and between 50-70 of these are required. Authority for Cllr Champion to carry out purchases was sought.
Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Noble / Agreed unanimously
- Cllr Noble is now looking after the traffic management aspect of the plan.
- S106 money was discussed. There is currently £175,000 available which will increase to £575,000 following the new developments. The need for a working group to be set up to look into how the money should be spent was discussed. Cllr Champion offered to be Project Manager. The need for community involvement was noted.

10. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- The broken post by the garages on Bragenham Side is on our list to be repaired.
- The dog poo bin by the zebra crossing is also on our list to be repaired.
- The underground cable being installed to the barns by Oak Farm is in progress.
- The three VAS applications are in progress and will be situated on Newton Road, Fenny Road and Leighton Road. Bucks Council have requested speed surveys for each site, but Cllr Gomm is working on this on our behalf.
- Following the advert in SH News for the Speeding Group, 4 parishioners have contacted Cllr Noble and expressed their interest in joining the group.
- Cllr Newing confirmed the volume of traffic and the number of lorries using the village will be looked into by the Speeding Group.
- The trees on the Green with overhanging branches have been assessed and planning permission is needed. **Action: Clerk to work with our contractors.**
- The damaged light in Old Bell Close has been ordered and is to be paid for by South Central Ambulance Trust.
- Cllr Noble confirmed the tree in the brook by the Dolphin Pub does not fall under the responsibility of the PC.
- The brook at Bragenham Side was discussed. This does not fall under the responsibility of the PC as it is owned by the council. Concern was raised about parishioners doing the work and the PC being open to compensation claims should anything happen.
- Cllr Newing confirmed Tyrells Gardens is currently top of the priority list for pot holes to be repaired.

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

- There were no points raised.

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

None.

13. Public Participation Session

- The Sports Club would like to add an agenda point to Parish Council meetings each month to cover what they have been involved with.
Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Champion / Unanimously agreed
- The Sports Club feels support from the PC is required on applications for funding. It was agreed that a meeting between the PC and Sports Club will take place on 24th August to discuss how we can work better across the two organisations.
- A MoP questioned why the PC is not paying to maintain the sports field. It was confirmed that the sports field is sub-let to the Sports Club, but it was agreed that this will be revisited at the meeting on 24th August.
- A MoP raised concerns around the drains on Fenny Road and The Green. It was confirmed that these are scheduled to be cleared shortly. However, the drain is on the green and not on the road and there is confusion around who owns it. The PC agreed to find out who is responsible for this.
Action: Clerk

- A MoP raised concerns about the Fenny Road development, and it was confirmed that the Enforcement Team will report back to the Clerk once the removal of hedges has been investigated.
- A MoP also raised concerns around new plans for the Fenny Road development, but these have not yet been seen by the PC. Concern was also raised about access into the field next to the development as it is believed 24-hour access is required which has been cut off by the boarding erected by the developers. **Action: Clerk will address this with the Enforcement Team.**
- A MoP raised concerns about the land to the right of Tyrells Manor as there has been activity over the last 2 weeks. It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan should help to establish what is planned for this area.

14. **To agree the date of** the next Parish Council meeting - **Tuesday 6th September 2022**
Cllrs agreed unanimously to this date.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.20.

Chair:Date:

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