

**Minutes of the Annual Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Noble, Cllr Venn, Cllr Champion, Cllr Ajaz, Cllr Julier, Kelly Harris,
Clerk & RFO & 12 members of the public (MoP)

1. To elect the Chairman

Cllr Champion proposed Cllr Newing; this was seconded by Cllr Venn. There being no further nominations, Cllrs voted unanimously to re-elect Cllr Newing as Chair.

2. To elect Vice-Chair

Cllr Venn proposed Cllr Noble; this was seconded by Cllr Ajaz. There being no further nominations, Cllrs voted unanimously to re-elect Cllr Noble as Vice-Chair.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Sharkey.

4. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Noble declared an interest in agenda item 8.

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2023

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.
Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Julier / Agreed unanimously

6. Finance

a) To agree the May payment run as circulated

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN May 2023

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs K Harris	Clerk salary for April and any related expenses	£846.00
BMKALC	Annual BMKALC & NALC Subscriptions	£299.18
Pencil Box Design Limited	Printing for Neighbourhood Plan event	£115.20
Cllr G Noble	Expenses - Padlock for PC field gate	£35.78
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting - April	£1,444.80
	Total	£2,740.96

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

b) To agree the year end accounts to 31st March 2023 as circulated

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

c) To agree and sign the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement for the year ended 31st March 2023

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

d) To agree the dates *Monday 5th June 2023 – Friday 14th July 2023* for Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return

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

7. Update from Unitary Councillor

There were no Unitary Councillors in attendance and no update was provided.

Cllrs resolved to escalate the issue to Martin Tett, leader of Bucks County Council. **Action: Clerk**

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

23/001026/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

10 Tyrells Road

Householder application for demolition of single storey side projection. Erection of two storey side, single storey front and rear extensions. Widening of dropped kerb.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

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

23/00709/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

6 Dimmock Close, Bletchley

Householder application for single storey rear extension.

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

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

Cllr Newing and Cllr Venn explained their reasons for not reviewing planning application 23/01192/APP. The application was received earlier today and there had not been enough time to review the lengthy heritage report. The homeowner explained she is away from 14th -21st May and she would like this looking at prior to the next Council meeting in June. Cllr Newing agreed to call an extraordinary meeting.

It was agreed that planning application 23/01344/APP would also be discussed at the extraordinary meeting as this was also only received earlier today.

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

- Cllr Venn confirmed the bridge behind the church will be repaired by the team at the new Fenny Road development.

10. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Newing confirmed there will be a meeting on Thursday (4th May) where feedback from the local community and the strategic environmental review will be discussed.
- Due to the Neighbourhood Plan grant money running out, consultation will be moved back to September with the plan being completed by December. We are still waiting for the Government to advise how we can apply for a further grant.
- The Neighbourhood Plan exhibition will be held in Newton Leys on 3rd May. Only one Newton Leys site will be shown, not the sites from Stoke Hammond.
- Cllr Noble questioned why all sites aren't being shown as we are one parish and Cllr Newing accepted the point and said that the exhibition would repeat the Stoke Hammond exhibition and would include the same requests for prioritisation.

11. To provide any updates on S106

Cllr Champion advised that following feedback from community groups, it is clear that to be able to provide what is required with sports facilities, land is required, and we need to work out if this will be possible around Stoke Hammond and Newton Leys South.

12. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- The Clerk advised the MVAS machines are now on order and they have a 10-12 week lead time.
- One of the blossom trees on the green is blocking the bus stop and the bus driver is missing it. Our contractor is due to look at the tree to confirm what work is needed and the cost, and the Clerk will then apply for planning permission as the tree is within the conservation area. **Action: Clerk**

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

- Cllr Newing has attended a planning directors update. They are fully staffed and ranked 3rd in the country for enforcements.
- The Bucks local plan is being worked on and he made parishioners aware that land around the village has been put forward for possible planning.

14. To consider the Community Funding Application received from the Gardening Club

- No specific amount has been requested so Cllrs agreed they would like the Gardening Club to determine how much they require and to re-submit their funding request for consideration.

15. To consider the Community Funding Application received from the Lindens Care Home

- This is the first funding request the PC has received from Lindens Care Home and Cllrs were supportive of it.
- Cllr Noble suggested it would be nice if other local groups could use the gazebo in the future.
- Cllrs resolved to provide the £350 requested.

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

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

- Cllr Noble reminded everyone about the Coronation picnic on 6th May and that the field carpark will be open.
- Cllr Noble will send an electronic copy of the Coronation picnic flyer to Cllr Champion to publish on the Newton Leys South Facebook page. **Action: Cllr Noble**

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

- Julia Walker reminded everyone about the beer festival taking place on 6th May and that the club will be open from 11am. Cocktails will also be available.
- There is also a cricket game being played on 6th May.

18. Public Participation Session

- An MoP mentioned the potholes on Church Road and the state of the pavement outside 22 Fenny Road. The Clerk advised her to report these via Fix My Street.
- An MoP mentioned the blocked drains outside the Dolphin Pub and the fallen trees resting on cables outside of the village. The Clerk advised that these have been reported and encouraged the MoP to report these himself via Fix My Street to raise awareness of them.
- An MoP mentioned fly tipping along Dorcus Lane and she is going to report via Fix My Street.

19. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 6th June 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 20.45.

Chair:

Date: