

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Noble (Chair), Cllr Venn, Cllr Ajaz, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO & 6 members of the public
(MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Newing, Cllr Sharkey, Cllr Champion and Cllr Julier.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No interest declared

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023

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

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

4. Finance

a) To agree the June payment run as circulated

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN June 2023

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs K Harris	Clerk salary for May and any related expenses	£846.00
B. Fludgate	Internal audit fee	£55.00
Bletchley & Fenny Town Council	Community hall hire	£41.25
Gallagher	Insurance renewal 18/06/23 - 17/06/24	£2,369.64
Swarco	3x MVAS machines - 30% payment upon order	£3,197.83
Mr G Noble	Expenses for May - SH/NLS news	£35.40
BCQ Group	SH/NLS news printing	£750.00
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting - May 2023	£1,290.00
	Fenny Rd/Tyrells Rd alleyway/treework for speed camera	
RTM Landscapes	Leighton Rd	£180.00
Forde & McHugh	Supply & fit shield to streetlight 31, Manor Close	£264.00
	Total	£9,029.12

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

b) To agree the accounts to 30th April 2023 as circulated

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

5. Update from Unitary Councillor

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

Cllr Noble provided an update on the situation and advised that the Parish Council is trying to resolve the matter.

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

**23/01525/ALB – STOKE HAMMOND
Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane**

Listed building application for removal of section of garden wall and the erection of a new garden wall and gates within the rear garden

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

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

**23/01532/AOP – STOKE HAMMOND
Orchard End Hillersdon Chase**

Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for residential development of 10 dwellings and associated works

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:

- Biodiversity is a big concern which needs addressing.
- No open space has been factored into this application. Bucks Council Planning has confirmed that for developments of 10 homes or more, open space must be provided.
- Surface water drainage is a concern, and this is supported by the LLFA who has objected to the application. Drainage concerns have been raised for all the applications at this site, and it is felt that all should be considered as one application.

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

**23/01533/AOP – STOKE HAMMOND
Meadowbrook Off Newton Road**

Outline application with access to be considered for residential development of 9 dwellings and associated works

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:

- The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan adopted in 2021 states Stoke Hammond does not have to take any more homes given the developments that have already taken place and the planning applications that were already approved.
- Surface water drainage is a concern, and this is supported by the Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board who has objected to the application due to concerns around flooding. Drainage concerns have been raised for all applications at this site, and it is felt that all should be considered as one application.
- Thames Valley Police has highlighted their concerns that the layout exposes many sides of the proposed plots, and that surveillance will be required, but this is not included in the application.
- There are concerns over noise from the railway and a noise assessment should be carried out.

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

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

- Cllr Noble advised that another speedwatch will take place in the village shortly.
- The Clerk confirmed a shield has been fitted to streetlight 31 on Manor Close at the request of a resident to try and reduce the amount of light into their garden. However, the supplier has incorrectly fitted the shield and will be coming out to rectify it.

8. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- The Neighbourhood Plan working group has a meeting via Zoom arranged for Thursday 8th June.

9. To provide any updates on S106

Cllr Champion will provide an update on S106 at the next Parish Council Meeting on 4th July 2023.

10. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- Hills organised a litter pick on 5th June. 6 members of their team, along with Cllr Venn and a volunteer from the village, managed to fill 10 bags of litter.
- The High Ash Scout Group will be taking part in a litter pick along Bragenham Side on Thursday 8th June. Cllr Venn will provide the litter pickers and sacks.
- The alleyway between Tyrells Road and Fenny Road has been cleared.
- A tree along Leighton Road has been cut back ready for the MVAS machine to be fitted.
- An application to reduce the blossom tree on the Green has been submitted to Bucks Planning and we should know the outcome of this application by 22nd June.
- The gym equipment at the park has been vandalised. The Clerk has filed a report with the police and has obtained a crime reference number in case the PC has to claim on insurance. The manufacturer of the equipment has been contacted for a quote for repairs and the Clerk should have this in the next 48 hours.
- An MoP questioned what the PC are going to do to prevent more vandalism in the future and Cllr Noble confirmed this is the first time in the 6 years the gym equipment has been available that we have experienced a problem. Cllr Noble will speak to the Community Association at their next meeting about the possibility of installing CCTV at the back of the Community Centre, paid for by the PC.

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

- No meetings have been attended by the PC since the last PC meeting in May.

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

- Cllrs were very much in favour of supporting this application. It was agreed that the Gardening Club does a lot for the community, and the club is important for mental wellbeing and inclusion. The full £350 the Gardening Club requested was approved.

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

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

- Cllr Noble advised the Community Association has used the Community Payback Scheme to stain the fence at the front of the building and they also cut back the grass. The work was done for free, and they only had to pay for materials. The village show has also donated 2 benches.
- Afternoon tea is taking place at the Community Centre in July and 30 people are already signed up. The Community Centre can accommodate 50 guests for this event.

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

- Julia Walker confirmed the new cricket nets are now in place, and these have been sponsored by Allica Bank.
- Coffee mornings and ladies that lunch is still being held at the club.
- Bingo has been held and pool is still being played on a Tuesday evening. Cricket will take place on Thursdays and Sundays.
- Youth cricket will start in July and run through August.

15. Public Participation Session

- A MoP questioned an item in the recent SH/NLS news about the Three Locks as he was not clear about what was happening with the planning application. Cllr Noble confirmed the planning application for the Three Locks has been withdrawn, but no reason had been provided so the PC had no other information they could share on this.

16. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 4th July 2023, venue to be confirmed.

Cllrs agreed unanimously not to amend the date of the next meeting, so this date was agreed and the Clerk will find out whether the Pavilion at Newton Leys is available to use.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.08.

Chair:

Date:

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