

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr McNally (Chair), Cllr Champion, Cllr Noble, Cllr Venn, Cllr McCann, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO, Unitary Cllr, Phil Gomm & 10 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Newing and Cllr Sharkey

2. Co-option of Parish Councillor vacancy

One co-option application was received for Cllrs consideration, and the candidate, Dean McCann, was in attendance. Mr McCann addressed Cllrs in support of his application, and Cllrs proceeded to vote. Cllr Champion proposed Mr McCann, with Cllr Venn seconding. The remaining Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of co-opting Mr McCann to the Parish Council. Mr McCann signed a declaration of acceptance in the presence of the Clerk and joined the table with fellow Cllrs.

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Venn declared an interest in the sports club discussions.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2022

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

5. Finance

a) To agree the September payment run as circulated

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN September 2022

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs K Harris	Clerk salary for August and any related expenses	£846.00
EllievisionAV Ltd	Encanto film licence Jubilee weekend	£166.80
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Professional services for year end financial report	£360.00
Mr C Champion	Expenses relating to Land Registry Fees and travel	£86.10
Hazel Turner	Purchase of wreaths and crosses	£87.50
RTM Landscapes	Crownlift and reduction to two trees	£540.00
Mr G Noble	Expenses relating to travel and playpark replacement bolts	£40.83
RTM Landscapes	August grass cutting	£1,440.00
PW Landscapes	Replace broken bollard near Bragenham Side garages	£54.00
	Total	£3,621.23

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

b) To agree the accounts to 31st July 2022

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

6. Update from Unitary Cllr, Phil Gomm

- Cllr Gomm spoke about the minutes from August's meeting and again questioned why his contact details do not appear in the SH News. Cllr Noble confirmed these details are in the newsletter and can be found at the back.
- Cllr Gomm was surprised to find that Cllrs did not know about the bridge and ROW behind the church as this has been ongoing for some time.
- With reference to S106 money, it was suggested that Cllr Champion connects with Cllr Gomm so that he can take him to County Council to provide more understanding around this subject.
- Cllr Gomm was not aware that the speeding group would take on looking into the volume of traffic and lorries coming through the village and he is unsure how this will work.

- Cllr Gomm questioned where the priority list for potholes came from which was mentioned in the August minutes and he asked that we are careful with how things like this are portrayed.
- He has asked that the Clerk speaks to him about the drains on The Green and brook at Bragenham Side as he will be able to provide help with these.
- Cllr Gomm asked to be kept in the loop with any issues arising from the Fenny Road Development. He was not aware of the enforcement issues mentioned in the August minutes.
- An email will be going out to the speeding team with a questionnaire regarding their expectations of the group. Cllr Noble confirmed he has contacted everyone who expressed an interest in joining this group. 6 people have expressed an interest, but it is felt this may be too many.
- Cllr Gomm has made contact with the new owners at Dorcus Lane, and he hopes to work closely with them to prevent fly tipping in the area.
- He reiterated that the community board funding grants of £1000 are available to apply for and he will be assisting the sports club with some small funding grants to help with the purchase of a new mower. He believes the Parish Council should pay for the remaining cost of the mower and he expressed his disappointment that the Parish Council have pushed back on helping the sports club with funding previously. He would like to see the Parish Council provide more support to the sports club.
- Cllr Gomm advised there is a Highways meeting coming up and all highways in the Ward will be discussed. The budget provided for highways is divided between the ward and they will look at what desperately needs to be fixed. This does include pedestrian crossings.
- Cllr Gomm advised that it had been brought to his attention by parishioners that meetings were being held outside of council time. Some of the issues he believes are being discussed should only be talked about in the public domain, for example at Parish Council meetings. He highlighted that this should not be happening, and he will be bringing it to the Clerk's attention.
- Cllr Gomm advised that he has reported a member of the Parish Council to the police.
- 4-6 EV charging points will be made available to both Newton Leys South and Stoke Hammond and Cllr Gomm is happy to come for a walk around to see where the best place to position them is. He confirmed the solar panels budget has gone as so many grants were applied for.
- Cllr McNally suggested a group of volunteers get together at weekends to help improve the village with things such as litter picking and grass cutting, and Cllr Gomm confirmed he is in support of this. Cllr McNally suggested a call for volunteers is placed in the SH News.
- There have been no issues with school buses in the area since children returned to school. Some sixth form students were unaware they needed to apply for a place on the school bus and this is currently being dealt with.

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

22/02488/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

The Barns Stoke House Farm, Stoke Road

Cllrs proposed to support this application with the caveat that a similar application from a neighbouring property had previously been turned down due to the annex being considered a separate dwelling and that the annex should not be sold as a separate dwelling in the future.

Proposed: Cllr Champion / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Cllr Noble opposed this application.

22/02564/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

7 Tyrells Road, Stoke Hammond

Cllrs resolved they had no objections to this application.

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

22/02737/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

31 Manor Close, Stoke Hammond

Cllrs resolved they had no objections to this application.

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

- Cllr Gomm confirmed the land behind the current Brook Farm Close development keeps changing hands. He is to meet with the residents' group who are opposing this development to offer his advice.

- Cllr Noble highlighted that all houses within the new Fenny Road development are now affordable and homes for rent, which changes the demographic of the area. Cllr Gomm suggested it would be an idea to have a small planning group who can highlight concerns with developments and who meet with him, in order to be proactive rather than reactive.

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

- Cllr Champion confirmed that Taylor Wimpey has agreed to cut the verge opposite Lansbury Road in Newton Leys.
- Cllr Gomm confirmed the pedestrian crossing cannot be moved and was strategically placed near the village shop. An island or chicane was suggested as a possibility instead which will be looked into by the speeding group. Cllr Gomm confirmed the hedging by the pedestrian crossing will be cut right back and he has also requested LED tops. We need to wait to find out if the white marking will be repainted.

9. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Champion confirmed he is close to being in a position to send out questionnaires to landowners, but there has not been much activity beyond this.
- There was no update from the other team, but it is believed they are on target.

10. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- The broken dog waste bin by the pedestrian crossing has been replaced.
- The overhanging tree branches in Bragenham Side have been cleared.
- A planning application to crown lift three trees on The Green has been submitted and we are awaiting a response from the council.
- The broken post by the garages on Bragenham Side has been replaced.

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

- Cllr Noble confirmed the Pilates group is back and a new group is starting on Thursday, but no details for this group were available.
- Cllr Noble highlighted concerns around rising energy costs, however, the electricity is on a fixed contract until 2024. The temperature in the community centre may need to be turned down.
- A grant has been applied for to resurface the children's playground which could be used as a carpark when the centre is hired out to help ease traffic issues.

12. Wreaths for Remembrance

- It was confirmed that wreaths and crosses have been purchased and the Parish Council will pay for them.
Proposed: Cllr Noble / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

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

- Meetings have been held with some village organisations to discuss how S106 money could be used and to find out how these organisations operate.
- Contact will be made with the Scout group, gardening club and the Church.
- A questionnaire will be provided to these groups and a working group will be formed to work out a plan the Parish Council can support.
- Sports Club highlighted how they felt they had been "brushed off" at their meeting held with the Parish Council in August, and that they felt they were just directed to S106 money. The Sports Club want to see progress from the Parish Council to show "faith", currently it does not feel they are seeing any progress and that they have been "parked".
- Cllr Gomm suggested a line be drawn between the Parish Council and Sports Club and that we move forward and see how things go over the next few months. He would like to see the minutes from this meeting. **Action: Councillors**

14. Public Participation Session

- The Sports Club wanted to find out if the PC could help contribute to the cost of their new mower. It was advised that this could not be agreed to at this meeting.
- PC asked the Sports Club to provide details of the mower costs prior to the next meeting.
- Cllr Gomm advised the £1,000 community funding grants could be used for senior citizen events held at the Sports Club.

- Sports Club asked if they could include an article about the crowdfunding they are doing in SH News. Cllr Noble advised the deadline for articles is 20th September to be included in the next issue.
- MoP highlighted the footbridge at Kings Farm has rotted and is in need of repair as it is a ROW that the PC maintain. MoP to send photos of this bridge to the Clerk who will pass onto Cllr Gomm to investigate.
- MoP highlighted that the fence is down opposite Dorcus Road and the bushes and brambles are overgrown. **Action: Clerk to speak with Cllr Gomm**
- MoP highlighted concerns with the Fenny Road development, specifically that Construction Design and Management (CDM) Regulations are being contravened. **Action: Cllr Venn to investigate and highlight any concerns with Cllr Gomm**

15. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 4th October 2022
 Cllrs agreed unanimously to this date.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.45.

Chair:Date:

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