



Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Malcolm Newing (Chair), Cllr Alan Humphreys, Cllr Stephen McNally, Cllr Greg Noble, Cllr Damian Willingale, Joanna Simonds, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Phil Gomm & 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Sharkey and Cllr Venn

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Noble declared an interest in item 8, The Barn planning application 21/03110/COUR

Cllr Phil Gomm declared an interest in item 13), The Dolphin Pub

3. Public Participation Session

The Chairman opened the floor to members of the public to raise any items they may have, kindly requesting that any matters be raised now rather than interrupting the meeting later on.

- A parishioner asked if there was any update on The Green parking situation and the visibility of pulling out of the lane road. Whilst the PC have no jurisdiction here, the Clerk had reached out to TVP to see whether there was anything that could be done, but sadly not. She also contacted Highways about double yellow line but that wasn't an option either. The Chairman said the PC would keep it under review and, Cllr Gomm said, he would reach out to the road safety team if the Clerk could email him a photo of the exact location. **Action Clerk**
- Another parishioner commented that despite some of the w/end FB comments, the school bus changes were working well for his family. Cllr Gomm was grateful for the feedback. He also referenced the Dolphin, curious of the PC's involvement. The Chairman said the reason this was an agenda item was to offer some clarity to the parish as to where the PC involvement is, which at this time is no involvement whatsoever. The pub carrying such importance in the parish though, the Chairman said he felt that the PC should have a view, and if possible, agree some action to enable involvement on behalf of parishioners.
- A parishioner asked if (i) there was any update on the footpath and bridleway issues. The Chairman confirmed the Clerk was looking into each of the areas, but this would take time; (ii) why the Bragenham Side gate has been put up where it has and, whether planning permission was received. The Chairman confirmed the PC have been discussing that access point for many months and had taken appropriate advice and guidance; and (iii) would the PC consider a wildflower area at the top of Church Road, or reinstate it as a pond. Cllr Noble said the PC looked into this some years ago, but following a sample dig, it transpired that about a foot down, it was full of building rubble. Cllrs will give thought to a wilding area.

4. Update from Cllr Phil Gomm, Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillor

- Cllr Gomm said he was working on some issues in NLS with Cllr McNally and expressed a desire for the PC to engage a lot more with NLS, particularly on grass cutting matters.
- The sucker unit will be coming to Stoke Hammond during October/November to clear drains.
- Pleased that the Community Board were able to provide a 50% contribution to the re-tarmacking outside the Community Centre.
- Cllr Gomm said a formal complaint was being raised about the unacceptable comments being made of late on the Village FB page by Admin. He asked for the PC's backing to formally look into the matter, as despite it being a separate entity to the PC, the site is used as a platform to post PC messages and as such, Cllr Gomm felt the PC had a duty of care. The Chairman reiterated that the village FB page is nothing to do with the PC who have no jurisdiction over a private business concern. He had, however, as promised, and as a favour to Cllr Gomm, spoken with the person in question regarding the role of Admin. A parishioner reminded both parties that there is a FB complaints procedure which can be followed if necessary.

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021

Proposed: Cllr McNally

Seconded: Cllr Willingdale

Not having been present, Cllr Humphreys abstained from voting; all other Cllrs voted to approve.

To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Mtg held on Monday 9th August 2021
Proposed: Cllr Noble
Seconded: Cllr McNally
Agreed unanimously

Both sets of draft minutes circulated were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

6. Finance

a) To agree the September payment run

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN September 2021

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs J Simonds	Clerk salary and any related expenses	£816.00
RTM Landscapes	Invoice 3011	£288.00
CS Maintenance	Invoice CSM0461	£540.00
Came & Co Insurance	2021/22 Parish Council insurance	£1,643.69
Pencil Box Design Ltd	Rollup Banner for Village Show	£102.00
Mrs F Sharkey	Expenses for Village Show day	£14.97
Vali Construction	Gates and fencing to Bragenham Side land	£1,740.00
	Total	£5,144.66

Proposed: Cllr McNally
Seconded: Cllr Willingale
Agreed unanimously

b) To ratify the August payment run

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN August 2021 for ratification at the 7th Sept meeting

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs J Simonds	Clerk salary and any related expenses	£856.00
Mr G Noble	Expenses: July 2021	£59.19
Mr D Willingale	Expenses: July 2021	£20.95
RTM Landscapes	Invoice 2948	£720.00
CS Maintenance	Invoice CSM0458	£540.00
BMKALC	Inv 3064 - Cllr DW Councillor training	£38.00
BMKALC	Inv 3104 - Cllr DW Neighbourhood Planning training	£60.00
BMKALC	Inv 3112 - Cllr GN Demystifying Planning training	£60.00
Rush & Warwick Ltd	Aug/Sept SH & NLS News invoice 31621	£558.60
	Total	£2,912.74

Proposed: Cllr Willingale
Seconded: Cllr Humphrey
Agreed unanimously

c) To agree the accounts to 31st July 2021

Proposed: Cllr Noble
Seconded: Cllr Humphreys
Agreed unanimously

7. To **approve** the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme policy, as previously circulated

Proposed: Cllr McNally
Seconded: Cllr Willingale
Agreed unanimously

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

1/03110/COUR – STOKE HAMMOND

Barn at Bragenham Side, Stoke Hamond MK17 9LW

Cllrs resolved to oppose this application on the same grounds as previously stated.

Proposed: Cllr McNally

Seconded: Cllr Humphreys

Cllr Noble abstained having earlier declared an interest; the remaining Cllrs agreed unanimously.

21/03254/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

14 Phoebes Orchard, Stoke Hammond

This being a straightforward application, Cllrs voted in favour of No Objection

Proposer: Cllr McNally

Seconded: Cllr Willingale

Agreed unanimously

21/03368/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

Orchard End, Hillersdon Chase, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DH

Householder application to demolish existing garage and erection of garage/gym/home office

Cllrs voted in favour to reiterate the previous objection.

Proposed: Cllr Willingale

Seconded: Cllr McNally

Agreed unanimously

To ratify the following planning applications agreed by Cllrs during August:

21/02738 – STOKE HAMMOND

20 Coleman Road, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire MK3 5QD

21/02666/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

Oakwood Grove Farm, Church Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BP

21/02934/APP – STOKE HAMMOND

52 Fenny Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BT

Proposed: Cllr Noble

Seconded: Cllr Humphreys

Agreed unanimously

To discuss and agree best course of action regarding parishioners who live in the direct vicinity of a planning application.

Whilst all new planning applications are now publicised on the Village FB page, the Chairman suggested an additional step could be that Cllrs check to make sure the yellow notices have been posted where they are meant to be. Cllr Gomm said that the planning portal states exactly where these notices are placed which should make that process easier. Cllrs agreed this was a sensible step forward and voted in favour of this extra precautionary measure.

Proposed: Cllr Willingale

Seconded: Cllr McNally

Agreed unanimously

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

(i) Bragenham Side street lighting

Cllr Noble said he'd been approached by a couple of people asking if it might be possible to have another streetlight on Bragenham Side. There is one at the start of the road, and one at the end but it gets quite dark in the middle. Following discussion, Cllrs agreed that as only one or two parishioners have approached the PC about this, it would be parked for the time being, as picking up power feed would be a very costly exercise.

(ii) An update from Cllr Noble on the MVAS speed statistics

Cllr Noble explained that we share our MVAS with Drayton Parslow and when it is in the village, it is located on either Leighton Road or Fenny Road. It monitors all vehicles and flashes when anything passes above 30mph. The last set of results showed the average speed was 29.3mph and the highest speed recorded was 55mph. In years gone by, this information has been shared with Winslow Police but they do not take this data anymore so whilst it will act as some form of deterrent, the reality is this data is not currently being acted up. The Chairman asked Cllr Gomm whether there was an update on the speeding task force; Cllr Gomm anticipated something would be in place within the next 6 months.

10. Christmas 2021

The Clerk, having researched options for decorating the Christmas Tree on the Green, presented Cllrs with a quotation for consideration. Cllrs resolved to approve the quotation. **Action Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr Noble

Seconded: Cllr McNally

Agreed unanimously

11. Non-devolved services grass cutting areas

Cllrs discussed whether to approach BC about increasing the devolved services grass cutting area to include Manor Close and Scott's Close, both of which are currently maintained by the local authority. Cllrs agreed that those two areas do let the village down at times and that it made sense to have all the grass looking uniformed. With the devolved services contract running out 1st April 2022. Cllrs agreed it was worth investigating. **Action Clerk**

12. Platinum Jubilee

Local (parish and town) councils are being encouraged to play a part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by lighting beacons across the UK on 2nd June 2022. Cllrs suggested it would be good to work with our local parish groups to really make this a special event. The Chairman said he would take it upon himself to write to our local groups to get their involvement. **Action Chairman**

13. Dolphin Pub

Having earlier declared an interested, Cllr Gomm left the meeting.

The Chairman said that having been approached by several members of the parish asking what the PC's position was, he felt it was important to table this as an item for Cllrs to have a conversation to enable members of the public to know of any PC involvement. It being obvious the village would like to see its pub re-open, and as the PC do not have any information on the current situation, the Chairman suggest the following approach:

- (i) Commitment from Cllrs that we want the village pub to remain a village pub.
- (ii) Agreement to inform the parishioners that currently the Parish Council are not involved any way shape or form with any groups currently considering a community pub.
- (iii) That the Chairman approach the owner of the pub, to communicate how the pub is an important part of our community and that the PC are keen to support any current owners and subsequent owners in any way we can.

Cllrs agreed this was a sensible approach and voted:

Proposed: Cllr McNally

Seconded: Cllr Noble

Agreed unanimously

14. Community Strategy and Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Willingale confirm that the neighbourhood area application had gone in and that a grant application had also been made. On Thursday, Cllrs will have their first introductory meeting with the consultant, Neil Homer.

15. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

Nothing to report

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

Cllr Noble updated that the Community Centre have been busy with the Village Show, the Barn Dance, St Luke's Fete, a wedding reception, and bookings for the rest of the year are filling up. The Scouts are going to be coming back from Thursday and outside they've had the road and pavement re-laid and a disabled parking bay marked out. Cllr Noble gave thanks to Cllr Gomm and the Winslow Community Board for their contribution towards those works.

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

The Chairman said he and Cllr Noble attended the last Community Board Meeting and were interested to hear the large amounts of funding available and suggested that serious thought be given to making an application for the benefit of our parish.

18. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at 21:24

Chair: Date: