

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Newing (Chair), Cllr Noble (Vice Chair), Cllr Venn, Cllr Sharkey, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO & 22 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Champion

2. Co-option of Parish Councillor vacancies

Co-option applications were received for Cllrs consideration, and the candidates, Steven Julier and Mubasshir Ajaz, were in attendance. Both applicants addressed Cllrs in support of their applications, and Cllrs proceeded to vote. Cllr Venn proposed Mr Julier, with Cllr Sharkey seconding. The remaining Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of co-opting Mr Julier to the Parish Council. Cllr Venn proposed Mr Ajaz, with Cllr Sharkey seconding. The remaining Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of co-opting Mr Ajaz to the Parish Council.

Mr Julier and Mr Ajaz both signed a declaration of acceptance in the presence of the Clerk and joined the table with fellow Cllrs.

3. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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

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

5. Finance

a) To agree the February payment run as circulated

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN February 2023

Payee	Detail	Amount
Mrs K Harris	Clerk salary for January and any related expenses	£846.00
BCQ Group	SH & NLS News printing costs	£832.00
	Expenses for January 2023 - SH/NLS News & Speeding	
Cllr Greg Noble	Working Group	£63.45
Cllr Malcolm Newing	Expenses for January 2023 - Neighbourhood Plan	£11.60
PW Landscapes	Replace broken bollard bottom of Church Road	£60.00
Marcus Young Environmental Services	Litter bins - installations & emptying	£5,047.73
	Total	£6,860.78

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

b) To agree the accounts to 31st December 2022 as circulated

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

6. Update from Unitary Cllr

No Unitary Councillors were in attendance and no update was provided. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to invite Cllr Jordan and Cllr Macpherson to attend PC meetings and that if none of them attend, it will be escalated to Bucks County Council.

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

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

23/00140/APP – STOKE HAMMOND 1 Phoebes Orchard

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

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

23/00118ALB – STOKE HAMMOND The Lock House, Fenny Road

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the extension is not in keeping with the design and look of the listed building. An application has previously been rejected for the extension having a flat roof, and this application also shows the extension as having a flat roof.

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

23/00120/APP – STOKE HAMMOND The Lock House, Fenny Road

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the extension is not in keeping with the design and look of the listed building. An application has previously been rejected for the extension having a flat roof, and this application also shows the extension as having a flat roof.

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

23/00117/AOP – STOKE HAMMOND Little Acre, Leighton Road

Warren Whyte from WhyteConsult Architecture was given the opportunity to speak about this application.

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that it will extend the village boundary, there is no detail in the application regarding access to the site and it interferes with the Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Plan currently being developed. The Aylesbury Vale development plan states that no further development is required in Stoke Hammond currently. The chair expressed his disappointment that the applicant had chosen to make their application now, and he objects on the ground the applicant had joined in the Neighbourhood Plan call for sites process willingly and that this premature application creates issues for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the other landowners close to their site. It is also the case that there is emerging evidence of the historical value of the Mount Pleasant farm area that is not properly captured in any planning documentation that needs consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey / Cllr Ajaz abstained / Agreed by remaining members

Cllr Newing mentioned the 4 day consultation being held regarding the green at Mount Pleasant starting on 28th February, and advised that Cllr Noble has been asked to represent the Parish Council.

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

- The Clerk confirmed the streetlight on Tyrells Gardens has now been repaired.
- It has been brought to the attention of the PC that cars are starting to park at the entrance to Bragenham Side when the Dolphin pub carpark is full. The road is narrow, and vehicles are finding it difficult to navigate past, and for some delivery vans they cannot get past at all.
- Cllr Noble has signed up Stoke Hammond to Speedwatch and this project is finally starting to get moving.
- Cllr Noble explained that the situation with the 3x MVAS is still ongoing and that he is still working on gaining approval from Bucks County Council to install them around the village.
- Cllr Venn confirmed that Hills, the developers responsible for the Fenny Road development, have offered to rebuild the bridge behind the church.
- An MoP mentioned that the surface of the path on Fenny Road near to Scotts Close, is in need of resurfacing. He has asked us to address this. **Action: Clerk**
- The mess at the layby just outside of the village was mentioned, and Cllr Noble suggested contacting Greg Smith MP in order to raise awareness of the issues experienced at the layby with caravans and canal boats using it as an illegal encampment and at how long Bucks County Council are taking to deal with it.

9. To provide any updates on the Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Newing confirmed that over the weekend of 25/26 March, the sites the steering group believe should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan will be on display at the Community Centre. Parishioners were encouraged to come along to take a look and it was advised that parishioners will have the opportunity to vote on the recommendations.

10. To provide any updates on S106

- No updates provided.

11. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- The Clerk advised that a meeting between the PC, contractor and the residents of 20 Phoebes Orchard would take place later this week to discuss the work required to the tree outside of number 18/20 Phoebes Orchard. The residents at number 18 have been written to and they have been made aware of the meeting.

12. To discuss the Coronation and whether the PC will be organising any events

- No events are to be planned for the Coronation. The Sports Club advised they will be holding a beer festival.

13. To agree the preferred bus shelter design for the new bus shelter on Fenny Road

- Following discussions with residents living close to the new bus stop, Cllrs decided on option 3 which is a wooden bus shelter. This is to include a seating option.
- It was questioned whether the Coronation could be recognised in any way on the shelter. **Action: Clerk**
- Over time, Cllrs would like to replace all bus shelters in the village and this new shelter should be the standard used.

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

14. To agree a simple concept plan plus proposed key features (eg. housing capacity, means of access) for Title Number BM361491, land adjacent to Stoke Hammond School, if this land is to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Noble proposed that this agenda point be deferred to the March Parish Council meeting due to the late submission of the plan, covenants on the land, and as our new councillors are not yet up to speed.

Cllr Newing argued it is critical that this is discussed to allow the land to be included in the plan, otherwise this land will fall out of the process. Cllr Newing advised it is a one-off opportunity and it would be a shame not to be able to present to parishioners.

It was agreed that the concept would be allowed to continue, however, before going any further, a plan showing the correct land is to be prepared first and the covenants on the land are to be investigated, to determine whether the land can be used for development.

Proposed: Cllr Newing / Seconded: Ajaz / Agreed unanimously

15. To update on the Community Payback Scheme

- Cllr Newing provided an update following a meeting with the Community Payback Officer.
- The PC would need to provide a number of things to make using the Community Payback Scheme possible, including a shelter from wet weather and toilet and handwashing facilities. The Sports Club advised they are open at weekends and may be able to help. **Action: Cllr Newing & Clerk to speak with Sports Club to find a solution**

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Cllr Noble advised that following the news that the Community Association had been successful in obtaining a grant from the Winslow & Villages Community Board, he had been made aware that further investigation was required, and the grant is no longer guaranteed. He had been expecting to hear from the Chair of the Community board by close of play today with a final decision, but he is still waiting.

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

- Julia informed the PC that the Six Nations Rugby will be available to watch at the Sports Club.

19. Public Participation Session

- An MoP advised the drain on the road outside of the Dolphin Pub is blocked again and needs clearing. He believes there are a number of drains along Leighton Road that are blocked. **Action: Clerk**
- An MoP talked about his frustrations with Firstpoint management and the high fees they are charging residents in Newton Leys. He was advised that Cllr Champion is on the case and is looking into ways to improve the situation.

20. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 7th March 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 21.05.

Chair:

Date: