



Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council
in the small meeting room, Community Centre, Bragenham
Side, Stoke Hammond on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at**
7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Donna Page Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr David Rutland, Cllr Hazel Turner, Sue Severn - Parish Clerk District Cllr Neil Blake, District Cllr Ben Everitt, 3 members of the public, Mrs Elizabeth Rawlinson (Chair COBRA).

1. To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Mike Robinson, County Cllr Janet Blake

2. Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest: None

3. **Public Participation Session**

- Mrs Elizabeth Rawlinson Chair of COBRA (Consortium of Bletchley Residents Association) gave a presentation on why COBRA were requesting Stoke Hammond Parish Council's support to call in to the Secretary of State the proposed Eaton Leys development of 1200 dwellings in the AVDC area. Cllr Lane said that he and Cllr Robinson had attended a COBRA meeting before Christmas and had requested Mrs Rawlinson's attendance at the Parish Council meeting. Having heard Mrs Rawlinson's plea and arguments against the development the Councillors agreed to support COBRA and the Clerk will be in contact with her to discuss how she wishes SHPC to proceed. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Mr Atterbury raised the issue regarding the many planning applications for multiple dwellings coming in front of the Council. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council and AVDC can only look at planning applications separately and in front of them they are not permitted to speculate or discuss matters that are not. The previous objections sent to AVDC will be put forward on the new applications (listed in these minutes further on). Comments are on the AVDC portal. Closing objections/comments need to be in by 31 January 2017.
- District Cllr. Blake commenting on Mrs Rawlinson's plea stated that if the local Parish Councils supports the call in to the Secretary of State regarding Eaton Leys the argument is much stronger. The Clerk will copy in the PC's letter to the District Councillor. **ACTION: Clerk**
- District Councillor Blake told the meeting that a letter to the Secretary of State regarding forming a unitary authority has now been submitted to the Secretary of State. He went on to tell the meeting that Aylesbury has been chosen as one of the New Garden Towns, and a large grant has been provided by government to go towards new road infra structure. The economic benefits are significant and starter homes, self build and custom homes will be built on the South East and South Western flanks of the town. The plans will not affect the north side of Aylesbury. Sites are already identified.
- Cllr Lane asked District Cllr Blake about the change in bin days. The bins used to be collected on Mondays, it was altered to Thursdays to avoid the bank holiday but the days still alter again around Christmas and Easter time.
- Mrs Payne pointed out to the meeting that there had been yet another accident on the ice just out of the village on Ange Hill. There had also been one on Newton Road. This has already been mentioned to Bucks County Council Highways Dept, but needs following up again. **ACTION: Clerk**

- Mr Atterbury informed the meeting that the two breaks in the barrier o the bypass have still not been mended. Again Highways have been informed but no action has been taken. **ACTION: Clerk**
- District Councillor Blake told the meeting that he has signed the approval for Section 106 money for the MUGA. Another one will need signing to cover the land purchase. **ACTION: Clerk/NB**

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016. The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.
5. To report on outstanding matters arising from previous minutes by exception. None
6. **Finance**
 - a) To agree the cheque run.

Payee	Cheque no.	Detail	£
Mrs S Severn	722	Net salary £288 Office £50, Phone/wifi/software/mileage £114.75	402.75
Mr G. Noble	724	Expenses Nov. To December 2016	£47.67
LMS Printing	CASH	Printing leaflet for Newton Leys South meeting	£54.00
		Total payments this cheque run	£504.42

The cheque run was agreed.

he Chairman, Vice Chairman agreed and have signed a bank mandate to allow the Clerk to make authorised electronic payments, less cheques will need to be issued in future, however councillors must still authorise payments out of the accounts.

- b) To agree the accounts to November 2016. These were agreed.
- c) To agree the Precept for Stoke Hammond Parish Council for financial year 2017/18.

Following a lengthy discussion on every item and minute examination of the budget including the suggestion by Cllr Lane to upgrade electricity provision on Green, requirements for the coming financial year, in detail supplied by the Clerk, it was agreed to submit a Precept demand of £37,500. AVDC will be informed of the decision.

ACTION: Clerk

(This item was moved to the end of the agenda due to the length of discussions that needed to take place).

7. Planning Applications:

Grove Cottage, Church Road 16/04589/APP: Councillors raised **no objection**, however Cllr Turner pointed out that the building is within the conservation area of the village and that it is mentioned in a Victorian booklet entitled Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England) an Inventory of the Historical monuments in Buckinghamshire. The Clerk will inform the planning department that the conservation area where this building is sited is not included.

Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 14/03460/AOP relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for residential development of 10 dwellings with new access from Leighton Road. (Land at Stoke Hammond Garage, Leighton Road) No comment as outline planning permission has already been given.

Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 14/02593/AOP relating to means of access, layout, scale appearance and landscaping for the erection of 5 detached dwelling houses and associated external works. (Land rear of Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond)

Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 15/02789/AOP relating to means of access, layout, scale appearance and landscaping for the erection of 2 detached dwelling houses and external works.

Cllr Page pointed out she had looked into the above and queried the rights of access. However they do have legal outline planning permission already and a right of access the Clerk reported.

16/03698/AOP The Mellows, Hillersdon Chase, Stoke Hammond. Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the demolition of the existing two dwellings and the development of 16 new dwellings and associated works including part demolition of rear garden wall to Stoke Lodge (revised description).

Following previously submitted comments by the Parish Council this application has been received. Although this is a new application the Parish Council's comments still apply and the Clerk will reinforce and reiterate previous comments. **ACTION: Clerk**

8. Highways, Footpaths & Footways

Nothing to report.

9. The Green & Old Pond Site

- a) To discuss and agree estimate for anti-incursion posts on Green.

Cllr Robinson and the Chair went down to the Green to estimate and evaluate how many posts and where they would be required, along with the possibility of moving some of the existing bollards from the Old Pump site and re positioning on the Green. Thirty posts will be needed. The Councillors discussed the idea of using recycled wood effect knock in posts, for low cost and low maintenance purposes.

The Chair asked Charlie Simonds if he could provide a cost to carry out this work. His quotation of £420 labour covers all works except the supply of the actual new posts and reflector discs which we would have to source. The posts are £15.72p each and reflector strips are £1 each. The approximate cost will be in the region of £950. It was proposed by Cllr Lane and seconded by Cllr Page that the work goes ahead as per the quotation. Unanimous.

- b) To discuss and agree estimate for raised flower beds on Old Pond site.

Reinstating the pond is not financially viable the Chair told the meeting. Money has already been set aside to cover works with a previous proposal to create some raised flower beds constructed from sleepers, which if installed the Gardening Club have kindly agreed to plant and maintain. A quotation from Charlie Simonds for the construction and installation of same has been received. The quotation of £180 covers the cost of one 8x4 ft bed, it was proposed by Cllr Page that three raised beds should be provided with one being double the height with gaps for mowing. Cllr Rutland seconded the proposal. Unanimous. Cllr Lane asked if perhaps a flower bed could be put around the old pump.

10. Stoke Hammond Community Association

Cllr Page reported that Mrs Blackshaw and Mr Chambers had resigned from the Community Association in December. The Acting Chair is Mr Noble, with Mr Page as Treasurer and Mrs Page retaining her role as Secretary until the AGM. Cllr Page told the meeting that there were no fundraising events planned to date but the Vale Lottery raises 50% of ticket sales for the association which helps with the cost of maintenance. Prize money is now £25,000. Bookings can now be made at shcommunitycentre@gmail.com or by telephoning 01525 270501. The Clerk will put the information on the website.

11. Playground and Community Centre Land

- Update on land acquisitions. The Clerk reported that the set of clauses that had been requested have now been added again. It is now on track for completion.

12. Communication

- Parish Council Newsletter.

Unfortunately Cllr Robinson is unwell so he was unable to report on the newsletter however he did put it together. The Clerk was asked if a copy could be put on to the website. The Clerk agreed to do this. Flyers will be going out in the SH News advertising the Parish Council meeting in Newton Leys.

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

The Chair has received the booklet entitled Working together in Buckinghamshire although workshops have been attended by the Clerk and some Councillors the afternoon sessions were not particularly helpful because those attending had their own agendas regarding unitary authority. The Clerk told the meeting that the morning workshops worked though. As is reported earlier in these minutes Cllr Lane and Cllr Robinson had attended a COBRA meeting in Bletchley.

14. Date of next meeting:

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2017 7.30 PM
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NEWTON LEYS COMMUNITY CENTRE
ST. HELENA AVENUE, BLETCHLEY

It is noted that Cllr Page will bring Cllr Mavis Berrow.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm there being no further business.

Chair

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