



**Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council held at the Community Centre,  
Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Karl Johnson, Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Mike Robinson, Cllr Hazel Turner, Sue Severn Parish Clerk, Agnieszka Alborzpour (minute taker) and 10 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

**2. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Greg Noble declared an interest on item 7 in this Agenda.

The Chairman asked for a minute's silence in memory of Bill Kirk a much-loved member of the community.

**Public Participation Session**

Phil Gomm & Ian McPherson attended as candidates for the new Buckinghamshire Council. They are setting up a WhatsApp page for rural crime alert and they welcomed everybody to join. They will send the link to the clerk so that it can be distributed.

Cllr Geoff Lane asked about new ward areas and numbers of councillors. Phil explained that there would be three county councillors.

A local farmer (email also received), expressed concern about the Common Farm planning application and the additional traffic that would be created. The planning application was to be discussed by Councillors at the appropriate stage in the meeting.

The clerk to send a copy of the Wayleave agreement to Ann Payne on behalf of the Community Centre.

A question was raised regarding the proposed express way between Oxford and Cambridge. The general feeling is that a single parish is too small to be heard. The chairman advised that parishes are already meeting together and the opposition group is being formulated.

**3. To approve the minutes** of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

The draft minutes circulated were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Cllr Karl Johnson

Seconded by: Cllr Mike Robinson

Agreed unanimously

#### 4. Finance

a) To agree the payment run as circulated.

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 3rd March 2020		
Payee	Detail	
Staff salaries	Clerk, net salaries, expenses, & office costs	£909.38
G Noble	Expenses: February 2020	£23.36
A Alborzpour	Minutes February	£40.00
Rush & Warwick	SH News Invoice No 31145	£581.64
RTM Landscapes Ltd	Invoice No 2171 supply & plant hedge	£1,680.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,234.38</b>

b) To agree the accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Proposed by: Cllr Mike Robinson

Seconded by: Cllr Mavis Berrow

Agreed unanimously

A discussion followed about the clerk salary payment and the consultancy fee to train the new clerk into her role. Cllr Lane pointed out that this agreement had not been put before the parish Council for ratification.

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

**20/00352** – Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and change of use of land for open storage at **Common Farm, Newton Road, Stoke Hammond MK17 0EB**

Full details: <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

The Parish Council objects on the basis that the proposed application does not include sufficient detailed information to enable it to form an opinion as a consultee. (Item 4.3 in the planning statement refers only very generally to the actual use proposed).

Proposed by: Cllr Karl Johnson

Seconded by: Cllr Hazel Turner

Agreed unanimously

#### 6. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Lighting

Proposed joint collaboration with Soulbury PC to try and persuade both the Canal and River Trust and Highways to address the parking situation and damage to verges on Bragenham Side being caused by parked cars and vans belonging to moored canal boaters.

Proposed by: Cllr Karl Johnson

Seconded by: Cllr Hazel Turner

Agreed unanimously

Cllr Hazel Turner asked about the canal layby on the Stoke Road as people were dumping rubbish there and it was very unsightly. Cllr Greg Noble will take photographs and report via Fix My Street.

Cllr Greg Noble pointed out that a vehicle had hit the speed camera on Fenny Road and it is now not aligned correctly. Photographs were to be taken and reported via Fix My Street.

Damaged sign at the bottom of Old School Lane. This was reported a couple of months ago and has now been fixed.

Cllr Geoff Lane pointed out the potentially dangerous junction with confusing signage and road markings where the Newton Road meets with the Fenny Road. He had observed several cars not following the road markings when travelling from Newton Road and going instead down the slip road access from Fenny Road which is one-way. There was discussion whether increased signage (deemed by the clerk to be too expensive) or clearer road markings would help. Contact would be made with Highways, but it was thought this was unlikely to be addressed.

Cllr Geoff Lane had with help planted the recently purchased snow drops in groups on the Village Green, but more were required and requested the Parish Council to buy more. As this is a budgeted item the clerk will buy more.

## **7. Community Centre**

Approval for use of Community Centre ground for SH Village Show (5/9/20) and Fun Day (4/7/20).

Proposed by: Cllr Hazel Turner

Seconded by: Cllr Karl Johnson

Agreed unanimously

Cllr Karl Johnson asked about the "Wayleave" for the access to the new land via the Community Centre as copies of this had been asked for on numerous occasions. The clerk had now been in contact with the solicitors and Cllr Greg Noble had it in his possession as of this day. He would distribute to fellow councillors tomorrow. Ann Payne for the second time asked for a copy on behalf of the Community Centre and the clerk agreed to send a copy to her.

Cllr Karl Johnson asked the chairman (Cllr Greg Noble) if the next meeting of the New Land had been organised as per the previous Parish Council meeting, as time was running out with the formation of the new Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Greg Noble responded and suggested Cllr Karl Johnson organise the meeting.

## **8. Minute taker**

To discuss any interest to date in the recruitment of minute taker for parish council meetings. Ashleigh Balodis a resident of Stoke Hammond had offered her services. It was agreed Ashleigh should start with immediate effect.

## **9. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council.**

None attended.

## **10. VE Day celebrations 2020**

Update on the council's application for a grant and road closure of the Green and Olde Bell Close. AVDC had asked for the correct forms to be completed. Various groups and organisations in the village were being approached by Cllr Greg Noble and preparations are well under way.

## **11. To agree the date of the next PC Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

### **Additional items covered not on the agenda**

- The Clerk had received a letter from Abbey Homes regarding the development of new homes on the PC owned land on Bragenham Side. As, when sold to the PC, a condition of the sale was that the land could only ever be used for leisure and recreational purposes, the Clerk would write to Abbey Homes and advise them accordingly.
- Cllr Mike Robinson advised that as he was standing down at the election in May he would return the balance of Welcome Pack stationery to the Council at its next meeting. He also advised that an advert had been placed for a Community Transport Scheme co-ordinator in the SH News, on the PC website, in the Parish Council Notice board and in the shop. No response had been received to date.