

Minutes of Stoke Hammond Parish Council meeting held in the Community Centre, Bragenham Side on April 4 2017 at 7.30pm

Stoke Hammond



a thankful village

In attendance: Cllr.G.Noble, (Chair), Cllr M. Robinson, Cllr M.Berrow, Cllr. G. Lane, Cllr. D Page, Cllr H Turner, Sue Severn (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** County Councillor J Blake, District Councillor N Blake. Cllr D Rutland, Mr Rutland is standing down from the Council due to pressure of work. Cllr Noble thanked Mr Rutland for his service. Formal process will now be followed regarding this Casual Vacancy. **ACTION: Clerk**
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Public Participation Session**
 - Andrew Gurney had been in touch with Cllr Turner regarding the road having sunk along a length of the Drayton Road from Rectory Farm up to the dog kennels. It is exceptionally dangerous for tractors, lorries and vans. **ACTION Clerk/TFB**
 - Mrs Pauline Edwards the street lights near her home need turning off as they were not in the original plans, the lights were not supposed to be there. The lights at the junction will remain on. Bucks Highways have been spoken to and they are aware and will visit.
 - Mrs Payne gave her and Cllr Lane's apologies they will be unable to be at the litter pick due to another commitment. She also commented on the pile of road tarmac that was still positioned along the Fenny Road. The Clerk will request that BCC takes action. **ACTION: Clerk**
 - Mrs Payne asked permission to purchase flowers and plants for the planters at the 30mph entrance. Granted.
 - Mr Chris Page thanked the PC for all the work that has been carried out on the ground behind the Community Centre. Villagers have been vocal on the village community Facebook page, with some initial criticism however there has since been praise for the completed project. He went on to say that the village now needs to find the money for benches. Cllr Lane thanked Mr Page for his comments. S106 money may be used for leisure items so it could be used for benches. Cllr Noble advised that the plan for this and other land would be considered as a whole and this provision will be included.
 - A resident commented that in Australia there were coin operated BBQs in parks. He commented further that nettles were growing back alongside the fence. The work can be added to the Grounds man's work specification the Clerk told the meeting.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017. The minutes were agreed as a true and proper record and signed.
5. **To report on outstanding matters** arising from previous minutes by exception. None

6. Finance

a) To agree the electronic payments list. Agreed with exception of BALC subscription which is deferred pending meeting with BALC.

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 4th April 2017			
Payee	Chq / BACS	Detail	£
Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary £288, Office £50, Telephone/software £31, Mileage additional journeys £46.80	£415.80
BALC	BACS	Subs ex magazine	£168.98
SAGE ONE	DD	Set up DD for monthly subscription £6.00 for wagheroll software	DD
Society of Local Council Clerks	BACS	Annual subscription	£77.00
GMS Garden Machinery	BACS	Mower & strimmer repairs	£709.99

The other payments above were authorised for payment.

b) To agree the accounts to March 2017. Agreed. Accounts will now go to internal auditor.

7. Planning

17/00905/APP BMG Garage, Leighton Road, Stoke Hammond. Demolition of disused workshop and development of 5 dwellings with associated works. Demolition of the buildings has already taken place prior to approval Cllr Turner reported. The Chair told the meeting that there is nowhere for the refuse truck to turn. In addition plans for the surface water drainage system seems to have been withdrawn from the website. Cllr Lane told the meeting that applications for this site have been refused several times in the past because the site offered and gave employment to villagers. A contamination report was included as petrol tanks below the surface will need removing. Cllr Lane went on to tell the meeting that there were pictures of residents homes included without the owners' permission. The Chair suggested that the Parish Council objects to the plans in front of them on access and lack of surface water drainage plans.

Cllr Robinson proposed that the Council objects to the plans as published and Cllr Lane seconded the proposal. Agreed unanimously.

16/03026/ADP Land rear of Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond. Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 14/02593/AOP relating to relating to means of access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping. This has been forwarded to the PC for information and no further consultation is being undertaken. The Chair said that this application has full planning permission already. However Cllr Page said that the access is worrying as the measurements are not accurate. Bucks Highways will have to check it as it is not the full width required and the entrance must be on the highway with a 4.8 metre width. This will be reported on Planning portal.

17/01046/COUAR - STOKE HAMMOND Common Farm Newton Road Stoke Hammond Buckinghamshire MK17 0EB Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to provide two residential dwellings. The Parish Council contend that this application for two residential dwellings is on a very dangerous bend (a new crash barrier has recently been erected) and Councillors will oppose it on access grounds. There is also the question of transportation links because there is no public transport covering this area at present.

8. **Highways, Footpaths & Footways**

To update and report on any other issues and repairs.

The Chair reported that he had called BCC regarding all the traffic cones left after the repairs to Leighton Rd. They weren't collected so he now has them. Cllr Page mentioned the question of the bridge that has collapsed into the water outside Phoebe's Orchard. The job has not been allocated to anyone she was told by an official at BCC, another time Cllr Lane was told that it had been forwarded to the relevant authority, However it is a health and safety issue, and action has to be taken on it as it is an eyesore. The land is not owned or registered to anyone it appears, having been, at one time the farm entrance to Bridge Farm. The Chair suggested that the Parish Council retrieve the railings. Agreed.

Litter pick. Following complaints that the village looked untidy there will be a litter pick on Saturday 15 April at 1.30pm starting at The Green. All equipment will be provided.

Speedwats: Now the warmer weather is here Cllr Lane suggested that this is again organised. This was agreed. The Clerk told the meeting that she is now qualified to train volunteers to use the equipment. It was reported that there are large potholes at the entrance to The Green. The Chair told the meeting that TFB fill some holes but not others because they don't meet the criteria however they then have to come out again a few weeks later to fill them He feels this is false economy.

9. **Stoke Hammond Community Association:** Cllr Page reported that the Centre was being used more for parties. A plaster and plumber have been employed to fix various ongoing problems in the building. The AGM will be held on May 16th and applications to join the committee should be with Cllr Page by 9 May.

10. **Communication:**

St Luke's Church has asked to use The Green for their plant fair on May 6th. Cllr Page's objection was that parking by the shop could be an issue. However the Chair suggested cars could be parked along the road and bollards placed on the Green road in case emergency access was required. Despite this objection permission was granted.

Cllr Noble told the meeting that the PC were in the process of purchasing another piece of land with Section 106 money. A vision plan is now needed as to what the PC can do with the land. It was agreed that preliminary work including GPS survey and architect briefing could be carried out prior to this being an agenda item for next month.

Plans will go out for consultation. This will be a significant project. The location of the land will not be advised until it is contracted.

Cllr Mike Robinson was thanked for his work, time and effort put in on the latest PC Newsletter. The obituary on the late Ernest King was commended, it had been written by Mr Bill Kirk.

11. **Report on meetings** attended on behalf of Parish Council. None

12. General Power of Competence

Stoke Hammond Parish Council resolved to take the General Power of Competence since it complied with the criteria for GPC. Proposed by Cllr G Noble, seconded by Cllr Page. Agreed unanimously.

13. Date of next meeting

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Tuesday 2nd May 7.30pm

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held following the Annual parish Meeting

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.39pm.

The above is a correct record of the meeting.

Chair..... Date