



**Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council at
Stoke Hammond Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond
on Tuesday 4th July 2017 starting at 7.30pm**

Present: : Cllr Greg Noble (Chair) , Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Donna Page, Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Mike Robinson, Cllr Hazel Turner, Sue Severn - Parish Clerk, 6 members of the public

1. **To receive apologies for absence.** County Councillor J Blake, District Cllrs: Blake and Everitt.
2. **Declarations of interest:** To receive any declarations of interest in matters on this agenda.
None
3. **Public Participation Session**
 - Mr Goddard expressed concern at the filling in of the pond on Manor Close. A licence has been granted by AVDC, and a substantial deposit had to be handed over to the District Council. Mr Goddard explained that a great deal of rubbish has been put in it including paving stones and bricks. There is nothing on the licence that indicates what should or should not go in it. They have permission to remove shrubs but not the trees and to restore the area around it by putting down grass. The area must be kept free of litter, no other trees to be planted. The Clerk told the meeting that AVDC has done a survey and agreed it. The Parish Clerk said that she had been working on the matter to ascertain the landowner. Mr Kirk asked what was going to happen to the water as the pond is fed by a spring.
It was agreed that AVDC would be contacted to ask the question about the spring.
Action Clerk.
 - Sheralee Clark a resident living at 30 The Green said there was an environmental hazard along the back of her home. A large bag of dog faeces is in the watercourse along with rubbish. The IDB will be informed. She also told the Parish Councillors that the big tree next to her home and in the middle of the grass area needs maintenance it is becoming rather large. The Clerk will write to the IDB. (Since done).
 - A resident asked about the situation regarding a barn, that is in Soulbury Parish but on the edge of the village. There is planning permission, vehemently fought against by Soulbury PC, for a two/three bedroomed property. The Parish Council have made enquiries but due to agricultural conditions there is nothing the PC is able to do to stop it.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2017. The minutes having been previously circulated were signed as a true and proper record.

5. Finance

a) To agree the electronic payments list and ratify any payments made outside of the meeting. The payments below were agreed and approved.

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 4th July 2017			
Payee	Chq / BACS	Detail	£
CS Maintenance	BACS	Grass cutting: Village & Playground May	£300.00
Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary £288, office provision, expenses, software £110.90	£398.90
G Noble	BACS	Expenses	£29.06
Bucks Assoc of Local Councils	BACS	Subscription 2017/18	£168.98
RBL Poppy Appeal 2017	Chq	Poppy wreath for PC 2017	£19.25
Stewkley Enterprise Agency	BACS	Grass cutting May	£514.23
		Total payments June	£1,430.42
Payments made since last meeting:			
Fenland Leisure	CARD	Playground repair kit	£76.00
PO counters	CARD	Registered tracked post Mazars audit documents	£7.25

b) To agree the accounts to May 2017. The accounts were agreed.

c) To consider membership of BALC and annual subscription. The Chair and Clerk had attended a meeting with BALC. Based on that meeting the Chair and Clerk thought the Council should pay the fee and continue to be members, the PC will not be purchasing the magazine.

d) Asset register: To review and agree the Council's asset register. This was reviewed and agreed at the last meeting and should be taken off the agenda.

6. **Planning** To consider any consultations received after the publication date of this agenda will also be considered, if urgent.

17/02001/APP 22 The Green, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9BX Single storey front & side extension and raising existing roof to attic area to provide additional bedroom and bathroom. The garage is being removed and there is nothing on the plans to say it is being replaced. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the application on the proviso that if there was any damage to the road way going into the site or to the posts and grass the applicant pays for the damage caused.

17/02104/APP Oak Barn, Grove Farm, Church Road, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9BP Erection of rear conservatory.

The Parish Council resolved to support the application.

Street naming Proposal received from AVDC to name street with 10 dwellings at land off Brook Farm Close, Stoke Hammond BROOKFIELDS to reflect its former association with Brook Farm. Councillors confirmed they have no objection to this suggestion.

7. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Land

a) To update and report, any issues or repairs.

The Chair reported on the road closure that had caused mayhem in the middle of the village over two days. He had written to TFB in very strong terms indeed. Despite the road markings being made three weeks prior to the work being carried out BCC deemed it an emergency, for which no notice needs to be given. (The cost is £855 for an emergency closure compared to £1650 for a non emergency road closure!) It had to be closed for safety reasons. They did acknowledge however that the potholes had been marked out three weeks beforehand. When it came to it the workman took two days to fill them in. On the first day they finished early as they said they had 'run out of time, and the high temperature meant they could not complete the job'. On the second day the workman were seen sitting on the kerb at 2pm and asked why they explained they couldn't return to base until 4pm even though they had finished the work!

The Clerk contacted the deputy cabinet member for transport at BCC and advice received was that given the issues raised, the process will be reviewed and the Clerk will be informed, prior to work starting in future. Further to this incident a lady had tripped over a raised drain cover and hurt herself along the pavement near the post box. Within five days of the initial complaint the raised manhole cover has been sunk and new tarmac laid!

MUGA: Cllr Page brought the untidy grass and weeds behind the MUGA to the attention of the Council, The area will be re seeded in the Autumn, but meanwhile CS Maintenance will be instructed to trim the area.

POTHOLES: Cllr Page reported two large potholes at the entrance to Tyrells Gardens.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: The markings need repainting as they have virtually disappeared. To be reported to TfB. **Action** Clerk.

Flooding at the roundabout: There is a very dangerous situation occurring on the large Fenny Stratford bypass roundabout when it rains as part of it floods badly. Vehicles hitting the roundabout at speed are in danger of aqua planing as they hit the flood. The Chair will pass details to the Clerk for reporting to TfB.

Road running up past Hygarth and MD Autos: Cllr Turner reported that large lorries going up past the shop to the site at the end of Lodge Lane have gouged out the road surface. It has become dangerous, and needs repairing possibly by the developer on completion of the site.

QUOTATION: Cllr Lane reported on this matter: For the last few years it has been increasingly difficult to install any lights on the tree on the Green for Christmas. The power supply is on the lamppost a good few metres away from the tree and there is no safe way to get to the tree. About three years ago the Chair and himself had put a temporary supply under the grass and to a post by the tree, but this is far from ideal and not very safe. Putting lights on the tree isn't the easiest thing to do as the tree is growing year on year and we need more and more lights and flexibility. The quote from a local electrician provides for the following: Provide an insulated switch on the lamppost that will isolate everything as required. Provide an armoured power cable (with adequate power rating) under the grass from the lamppost to the tree. Provide a suitable post under the tree and fix a waterproof box on it. The power cable will terminate in the box. The box will be big enough to accommodate two waterproof sockets, plus room for any timers required, RCD's, and the plugs (plus transformers) that the Christmas lights will need. The box will be secure, but have access in the base for the lighting cables. The cost is £275. It was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Robinson that the work should go ahead. The vote taken was unanimous.

8. Stoke Hammond Community Association: Cllr Page reported on the Treasure Hunt held at the beginning of July. Fourteen cars entered. The Humphries family had won, and so much fun had been had that another one will be held nearer to Christmas. However due to the roads being bad due to bad weather this one may be a walking one. Some people had come to watch to see the hunters off and over £400 was raised towards new tables and chairs. The re-plastering of parts of the meeting room has been done and it will be re-painted in the future. SHCA is looking for someone with website skills to set up a page for the charity. On Saturday 30 September there will be a Family Quiz Night with Fish and Chip supper. October 21st: there will be Fashion Show in aid of Willen Hospice £10 a ticket and there will be famous brands available to purchase at discount prices.

9. Communication

Nothing to report. In the latest edition there had been a new article entitled Spotlight written by Barbara Munn, interviewing people in the village. The Chairman had been the first one to be interviewed. A second interviewee was already lined up! Cllr Robinson reported that 56 welcome packs have been issued and have been well received. The Clerk will be sending updates to Cllr Robinson.

10. Report on meetings attended on behalf of Parish Council. The BALC meeting mentioned earlier in these minutes was the only one attended.

11. Casual Vacancy

No applicants to date. Information is on the website.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5th September 2017

7.30pm at Stoke Hammond Community Centre.

Cllr Page offered her apology for the September meeting she will be away.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm. The above is a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman..... Date