



**Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council at  
Stoke Hammond Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond  
on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 starting at 7.30pm**

**Present:** : Cllrs Greg Noble (Chairman), Mavis Berrow, Geoff Lane, Mike Robinson (Vice Chairman), Sue Severn - Parish Clerk, 15 members of the public, County Cllr Neil Blake.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.** Cllr Donna Page, Cllr Hazel Turner, County Councillor J Blake.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** To receive any declarations of interest in matters on this agenda. None.
- 3. Public Participation**

Issues raised during the public session included:

**Former garage site, Stoke Hammond** It was reported by a parishioner that the developers who are building immediately behind the site appear to be putting soil and spoil into the drains. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with Planning Enforcement. The developers are not cleaning the main road, which is a requirement. The Drainage Board will also be advised.

**Action** Clerk

A parishioner reported that he had attended the **Stoke Hammond Show** at the weekend and due to their being insufficient disabled parking he had had to go home. The Show committee will take note of this in the event that there is a show next year. Cllr Blake complimented the committee for a great event, which he had enjoyed. He stated that the AVDC tent had been well attended and that Council officers had talked to many parishioners during the afternoon.

It was reported that the **land on the verge** between the fence and kerb at the end of Bragenham Side looks extremely untidy. The bank is overgrown and the PC was asked to cut improve its appearance, or ask the landowner to do so.

It was also noted that there are tall trees in Bragenham Side which now overgrow the road and could become dangerous. They have, in the past, interfered with the telephone wire, a parishioner stated that this land is owned by Anglian Water and the Clerk was asked to contact them to have the trees cut back or pollarded. **Action** Clerk.

**4. Co-Option**

Mr Karl Johnson offered himself for co-option as a Parish Councillor. His application was welcomed. His appointment was proposed by Cllr M Robinson, seconded by Cllr G Lane and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Johnson signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and he was welcomed to the Council by the chairman.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The minutes having been previously circulated were signed as a true and proper record.

## 6. Finance

Payments made before the meeting were ratified and the payment run, as circulated, was agreed and approved.

<b>STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 7th August 2017</b>			
Payments made since last meeting: Authorised via email by Chairman & Vice Chairman for ratification			
Payee		Detail	£
CS Maintenance	BACS	Grass cutting: July	£260.00
Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary £288, office provision, expenses, software £132.25	£420.25
G Noble	BACS	Expenses	£14.60
Origin Tree Surgery	BACS	Crown lift birch & cut back Green	£150.00
Stewkley Enterprise Agency	BACS	Grass cutting devolved services	£188.10
Richard Taylor	BACS	Grass cutting community centre	£468.00
		<b>Total payments August 2017</b>	<b>£1,500.95</b>
<b>STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN 5th September 2017</b>			
G Noble	BACS	Expenses	£29.25
CS Maintenance	BACS	Grass cutting August 2017	£200.00
S Severn	BACS	Net salary £288, office provision, expenses, software £121.75	£409.75
<i>Paid since last meeting</i>			
Paul Body Country Frame	BACS	Frame historic map of Stoke Hammond	£330.00
AVDC	BACS	Planning application fee	£192.50
Schwab & Co	BACS	HM Land Registry search fees	£320.00

The accounts to end July will be completed and circulated to councillors later in the week.

The Clerk reported that the external audit has now been completed and approved by Mazars. The Notice of Completion of audit would be placed on the website and noticeboards shortly.

## 7. Planning

### 17/03005/APP 4 Mount Pleasant, Stoke Hammond

Councillors had no objection to this application.

### 17/03093/APP Ayresome, Old School Lane, Stoke Hammond

Extension, raising roof of existing garage to provide additional living accommodation to rear of ground floor and at first floor.

Councillors objected to this application on the grounds that it appears to be an additional house rather than a simple extension. Councillors requested that any planning permission was conditional on the property being occupied by a member of the family, and would not be sold separately. This was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Lane and agreed unanimously.

## Planning (cont'd)

### **17/02600/APP Kings Farm, Leighton Buzzard**

Discharge of agricultural occupation condition.

Councillors objected to this application and believed the property should be occupied by someone carrying out an agricultural occupation.

### **Change of use land at Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond.**

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council has applied for Change of Use for the land adjoining the Community Centre land and Bragenham Side from agricultural to recreational land. The PC is in the process of purchasing this land and AVDC has required that they apply for change of use before it will release the Section 106 funds to complete the purchase. The determination date is 15<sup>th</sup> October, after which it is hoped to complete the purchase.

## **Fenny Road, planning**

**14/A3000/DIS** Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 8 (archaeological methodology) and 9 (programme of archaeological works) relating to outline planning permission

14/03000/AOP | Land To The East Of Fenny Road Stoke Hammond Buckinghamshire

A parishioner asked what the PC could do, or would advise, in terms

(The Parish Council objected to the original application and spoke at the planning committee meeting, with members of the parish. Despite the objections this application was approved and it was not possible to do anything further). The current application is for discharge of conditions 8 & 9 (archaeological works) which were imposed as part of the original planning permission.

Cllr Blake advised that the PC would be consulted. No consultation documents have been received. It has been consulted only to the Archaeology Officer who advises that the conditions must remain until satisfactory schemes are in place to discharge these conditions.

The Clerk was asked to find out how members of the community can make their views known:

Visit the planning portal using the link below:

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=OSMM46CLIMT00>

Click on the 'COMMENTS' tab to input comments. Comments can also be sent by email [devcon@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:devcon@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

## **8. Highways, Footpaths & Land**

No reports of any issues in respect of land areas.

The Chairman reported that a contractor has offered a day's weed spraying at a special price. It was decided to engage them to spray the areas behind the outdoor gym and along the banks behind after which an improvement scheme could be put in place. They will also spray around play equipment and the MUGA/tables and benches to avoid grass around these being strimmed which damages the wooden posts, over time.

Dogs in play area: It has been noted that dogs are frequently found in the play areas and that not everyone clears up after their dogs and some children and adults are nervous around dogs. It was resolved to investigate further signage advising that dogs are not allowed in the play areas for councillors' decision at the next meeting.

It was reported that a driveway in Church Lane has been widened and extended over the Highway verge on to the road. The PC has no knowledge of an application for this work and the Clerk was asked to report this to Highways. **Action** Clerk.

**9. Stoke Hammond Community Association:**

The Chairman reported in Cllr Page's absence that the next quiz night was planned for Saturday 30 September which will be a Quiz Night with Chili and Rice. On 21<sup>st</sup> October there will be a fashion show in aid of Willen Hospice, tickets £10, with famous brands on sale at discounted prices.

**10. Communication**

Nothing to report. It was noted that the SH News now reached many more homes and more volunteers might be required to deliver to include the new homes in Newton Leys South and Stoke Hammond.

**11. Report on meetings** attended on behalf of Parish Council

None.

**12. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

7.30pm at Stoke Hammond Community Centre.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm. The above is a correct record of the meeting:

Chairman..... Date .....