



Minutes of a Meeting of Stoke Hammond Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Greg Noble (Chair), Cllr Mavis Berrow, Cllr Karl Johnson, Cllr Geoff Lane, Cllr Donna Page, Cllr Mike Robinson, Cllr Hazel Turner, Sue Severn - Parish Clerk and 9 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** County Councillor Janet Blake, District Councillor Neil Blake. District Councillor Ben Eveitt, would be late.
2. **Declarations of interest** None
3. **Public Participation Session**

Dolphin: A resident raised the question 'what is happening with the Dolphin?' The Clerk stated that Planning at AVDC was in chaos, with two senior planning officers on holiday. The plans are with the planning department the Parish Council and villagers have responded to it.

Trees: The three residents mainly affected by the felling of 5 healthy trees in Manor Close complained that the loss of the trees had affected the landscaping and environment of the area. The contractors had come in and without the Parish Council's knowledge had taken them down and left a mess, there was no attempt to clear it up. The residents have lodged complaints with the Tree Manager. A full discussion took place on this matter and one resident is going to take legal action over the matter as it conflicts with the planning consent and several other of AVDC published policies with regard to protecting the environment. Furthermore, the resident is also incensed that they should be wasting tax payers' money in this totally unjustified manner, particularly given their constant bleating about a lack of funding. The Clerk recommended a solicitor that may be able to look at the situation and write a very stiffly worded letter. She will try and find out the cost of such a letter and let the parishioner concerned know. One parishioner has contacted a number of environmental groups including Woodland Trust, Friends of the Earth, Carbon Trust. The Clerk went on to tell the residents concerned that Enforcement cannot act against their own people. The Clerk advised the residents that the Parish Council were unable to spend money on this matter. The Clerk received permission from the resident to send their email on. The trees that were cut down were well established over twenty years ago the resident told the meeting. Cllr Berrow mentioned that her neighbours had cut some trees down and since then their garden flooded as there was a void and nothing to soak up the rain water. Cllr Johnson suggested that a void will be there where the trees have been taken out; the roots will have spread out. It was important when planting trees to think long term and not short term Cllr Johnson stated. There is a tree document on the AVDC website that runs to 46 pages the meeting was told.

Cllr Turner had received a number of complaints from those Ladies that attend a monthly lunch club and she gave the information to the meeting:

- From those living in Bragenham Side: The Tractors from "Tuckwells, Mursley" heading down to Papermill are coming back VERY fast and they are going back sometimes at 11pm at night which is disturbing the residents and their dogs! The road verge is also being broken up by them.

- Hedge along Newton Road, belonging to Mr and Mrs Salsbury Potter, Laurel Farm, Church Rd, MK17 9BP needs cutting back
- The bus is no longer stopping on The Green itself. Can anything be done to reinstate it? Apparently the drivers cannot see the bus stop due to the trees being in the way. Cllr Berrow said.
- Brambles are once again growing out of the Holly hedge to the left of the gas area in Manor Close on the main road. The holly also needs cutting back further.
- The Ladies want their thanks recorded to SHCA for the magnificent cream tea put on this last weekend. It is very much appreciated.
- The brook is overgrown and silted up. People have been asked to write individual letters to Mr John Oldfield of the Internal Drainage Board by Cllr. Turner.
- A resident said that although the Green Team were no longer in charge the grass cutting was good apparent from some areas that have not been stirmed. The Chair has spoken to the contractor.
- Cllr Berrow added her thanks for everything that SHCA did for the Senior Citizens tea with special thanks to Cllr Robinson for his assistance.

4. **To approve the minutes** of meeting held Tuesday 4th June 2019. The minutes were signed.

5. **Land Maintenance**

The bank on the left side of Bragenham Side requires strimming. The hedge that goes down from Tyrells Manor to the zebra crossing could do with trimming. The Parish Council will keep an eye on it.

6. **New Land**

A Highways Consultant had been contacted and another one is being sought for help with the widening of the road into the field.

7. **Finance**

a) to agree the payment run the payment run was agreed.

Payee		Detail	
Mrs S Severn	BACS	Net salary & expenses	£510.24
G Noble	BACS	Expenses: June	£49.66
CS Maintenance	BACS	Grass cutting Invoice No CSM0401	£360.00
RTM Landscapes Ltd	BACS	Invoice No 1767 Strim & cut back hedge Bragenham Side, Strim & cut back hedge baseline Fenny Road 2 x rec ground maintenance	£714.00
		Invoice No 1807 Ground maintenance	£144.00
RoSPA Play Safety	BACS	Invoice 41666 Play area & MUGA inspectoinS	£198.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	BACS	Site visit & lighting estimates	£48.00
		Total	£2,023.90

b) To agree the accounts to 30th May 2019. The accounts were agreed.

8. Planning

19/02129/APP: Single storey rear and first floor side extensions (amendment to approval **19/00862/APP**) Little Orchard, Hillersdon Chase Stoke Hammond, MK17 9DH
No objections

19/02242/ALB Removal of a small section of garden wall (Section A) and the erection of a new garden wall and gates within the rear garden. Stoke Lodge, Lodge Lane, Stoke Hammond MK17 9BU.

The Parish Council is neutral in respect of this application but would query why the new wall requires gates.

This wall is within the conservation area and wall is listed as is the property.

If the wall is re-sited and reinstated the wall does not require a set of gates since the access to this property is elsewhere on site.

9. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Lighting

Cllr Turner reported that she had had representations from residents in Lodge Lane and Old School Lane with regard to the state of the entire roads. She had contacted, by email County Councillor Janet Blake who will “speak with the local area technician so he can take a look at both these lanes and let me know his view.”

10. Community Centre

The Community Centre’s mobility access to the Community Centre is due to be started shortly. The committee is still awaiting the outcome of a grant application for the repair to the roof and redecoration of the hall. The Senior Citizens Tea had been a success, and Cllr Turner reported that the riders from the Thankful Village motor bikers had thanked the village profusely for their hospitality on an exceptionally hot summer’s day!

11. Speeding and Speedwatch

MVAS is coming down on 3 July and the results waited. It will be going back to Drayton Parslow.

12. Best Kept Village Competition

There will be two more weed kill sprays to the new wild flower meadow, with sowing to take place end of August or early September. No one knows when the judges will be round. The new benches are on their way.

13. Consideration of whether to hold a Parish Council meeting during December

It was proposed for this year by Cllr Robinson that no December meeting should be held. This was seconded by Cllr Page and passed by a majority.

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

The Clerk had attended a Highways Workshop and the Chair has attended a Unitary meeting where three options for Community Boards had been discussed. (A copy of the presentations has been published which the Clerk will circulate).

15. To agree the date of the next PC meeting –

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 7.30pm Community Centre, Bragenham Side.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

The above is a correct record of the meeting.

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