

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 6th June 2022.

Present: Councillors Peter Williams (Chair), Sue Abel, Alan Bayliss, Diane Brown, Liz Eden, Jill Howe, Jean Jackson, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson, Liz Miller and Paul Pittaway.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman) and 6 members of the public.

073/22 Apologies

An apology was received from John Ellis.

074/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9(1).

075/22 Requests for Dispensation

None.

076/22 Proposed New Residential Development on Land at Intall Fields Farm, Stoke Prior

A member of the public spoke to the Parish Council regarding the local opposition to the now proposed development of 90 homes on this site. He referred to the questionnaire which had been sent planning consultants and it was clear that only a select number of homes had been selected for the consultation. The proposed site was largely in a green belt area although the planning consultants were claiming that part of the site was actually brownfield land.

After discussion, the Parish Council were unanimously agreed that they were opposed to the proposed scheme to build 90 homes on this site. The Clerk was asked to contact Bromsgrove District Council to see what the current planning situation was with this site.

077/22 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time

1) Members of the Public

No issues raised by members of the public.

2) County Councillor Kyle Daisley

3) District Councillors Malcolm Glass and Harrison Rone-Clarke

There were no County or District Councillors present.

078/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 May 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

079/22 Planning Applications**1) 22/00639/FUL – 53 Cloverdale, Stoke Prior – Proposed Side Porch Extension**

The Parish Council fully supported this application.

080/22 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting

None.

081/22 Finance**(1) Invoices for Payment for May 2022**

The payments totalling £5,331.92 were unanimously agreed as follows:-

	Cost £	Method
Direct Debits Payment		
<i>Cartridge World – Copier Rental</i>	23.79	-
Sub total	23.79	-
Payments made since the last Parish Council Meeting		
Peter Williams	700.00	Online
T. Thomas-Morton	50.00	Cheque No. 1196
Stoke Prior First School Association	50.00	Cheque No. 1197
N-E-W – J. James	50.00	Cheque No. 1198
P. Lane – SHAC	50.00	Cheque No. 1199
K. Symonds	50.00	Online
R G Jeanes	50.00	Online
Clerk's net salary for May 2022	XXXX	Online
Assistant Clerk's net salary for May 2022	XXXX	Online
Sub total	2402.66	-
Cheques/Payments to be authorised at the Parish Council Meeting		
Clerk's Expenses & other Parish Council Expenditure for May 2022	223.07	Online
HM Revenue & Customs – Tax/NI on Clerks & Asst Clerks salary – May 2022	458.67	Cheque No.1200
Worcestershire County Council	765.53	Online
Avoncroft Arts Society	63.00	Online
IDG Garden Services	800.00	Online
Chris Cooke	595.20	Online
Sub Total	2905.47	-
Total Value of Payments for May 2022	5,331.92	-

(2) Financial Management Statement for May 2022

The Parish Council noted the report.

082/21 Audit 2021/22

(1) Internal Auditor's Report

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to note the report but to take on board the need to introduce a system of internal checks on payments.

(2) Summary of Receipts and Payments as at 31 March 2022

The Parish Council approved the summary of receipts and payments for 2021/22 and agreed that they could be signed off by the Chairman and the Clerk.

(3) Annual Return and Governance Statement

The Parish Council gave their unanimous approval to the Chairman and the Clerk being given authority to sign off the Annual Audit Return and approval was also given to the Annual Governance Statement contained therein.

083/22 20mph Speed Limits Campaign

The Clerk reported that all Parish Councils in Worcestershire were being urged to sign up and support the 20's Plenty for Worcestershire campaign which was aimed at putting pressure on Worcestershire County Council to limit speed on streets and roads in the county where people live, work, shop, play or learn.

After discussion, the Parish Council agreed to support the campaign and passed the following resolution:-

That the Parish Council calls on Worcestershire County Council to implement 20mph speed limits in Stoke Prior and Stoke Heath and that the Clerk should write to the County Council to respond positively to this request.

084/22 Film Night 3 September 2022/Salt Fest 2-4 September 2022

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should not take part in this year's Salt Fest.

With regard to the Film Night, it was agreed that this should go ahead on Saturday 3 September 2022. The Chairman asked the Clerk to enquire whether Top Gun: The Maverick would be available this year. Alternatively it should be the latest James Bond film.

It was also agreed that the usual facilities including toilets, first aid and parking at Bromsgrove School should be booked.

085/22 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received the grant of £5,000 from Bromsgrove District Council towards the cost of replacing the fence and gates at Stoke Heath Recreation Area.

086/22 Councillors Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

Paul Pittaway reported that Bromsgrove Preparatory School would be contacting the Parish Council regarding the installation of a blue plaque for John Corbett on the wall of the school building.

Liz Miller commented on the young trees which had been damaged or removed from Ryefields Road Recreation Area and asked whether it would be possible to replace them with 3 or 4 more mature specimens. Chris Cooke stated that he still had a number of the young trees which were growing and it was suggested that they be planted on the site next year when they were more robust.

Chris Cooke raised the following items:-

He had toured the parish with the County Council's new Highways Liaison Officer and a number of issues had been highlighted as needing to be dealt with:-

The idea of a footpath down Buntsford Hill should be pursued with Cty/Cllr Kyle Daisley.

HGV signage – A site meeting with Gary Williams from the County Council would be arranged.

The proposals to install double yellow lines along parts of Ryefields Road would go ahead.

The wall at Corbett Business Park was inspected and would be further reviewed by the County Council's Engineers.

Signage will be provided for Needlemill Lane.

It was agreed that the Parish Lengthsman's report would be a standing item for all future agendas.

087/22 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 4 July 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman