

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held in The Hall Annexe at Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 5th February 2018.

Present: Councillors Peter Williams (Chairman), John Ellis (Vice Chairman), Sue Abel, Diane Brown, Chris Jewson, Alyson Jewson, Liz Miller, Keith Shakespeare and Dean Smith.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman), Ian Gerrard (Parish Council Contractor and 2 members of the public.

018/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Eden, Jill Howe and D/Cllr Mike Thompson.

019/18 Declarations of Interest

Alyson Jewson and Chris Jewson declared personal interests in Agenda item 8.

020/18 Requests for Dispensation

None.

021/18 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time:

1) Members of the Public

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

2) County Councillor Chris Bloore and District Councillors Malcolm Glass and Mike Thompson

There were no County or District Councillors present.

D/Cllr Mike Thompson did send a report on the current issues relating to leisure and sporting facilities in Bromsgrove.

022/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8 January 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

023/18 Urgent Decisions since the Council's last Meeting

The Chairman reported stated he had been in contact with Barratt Homes regarding the problems caused by lorries leaving the site in Westonhall Road. He confirmed that the developer had now agreed to ensure that all lorries leaving the site went through a wheel wash.

024/18 Planning Applications

i) 17/01221/FUL – 18 Cloverdale, Stoke Prior – Porch extension.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

ii) 18/00040/FUL – 29 Granary Road, Bromsgrove – Two storey side extension to existing residence.

The Parish Council supported this application as a good extension to a family home.

iii) 17/01406/FUL – 25 Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior – Construction of four dwellings.

The Parish Council had strong objections to this application. They felt that this was further over development in an already congested area of Stoke Prior. In addition there were serious highway issues such as parking near a dangerous junction and access from the site onto Shaw Lane.

025/18 Finance

(1) Invoices for Payment – January 2018

It was unanimously agreed to approve the list of payments circulated at the meeting.

(2) Financial Management Statement for January 2018

This was noted.

(3) Budget and Precept for 2018/19

The Chairman, seconded by John Ellis, moved and it was unanimously agreed:-

That the Parish Council –

- (i) approves the proposed budget for 2018/19 as set out in the Clerk's report.
- (ii) approves a precept for 2018/19 of £53,097.00.

026/18 Purchase of Plants/Bulbs for Planting around the Parish

Sue Abel suggested that primroses or wild flower seeds should be planted on the bank opposite the parish church. It was agreed that she should price up the options and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

027/18 Project Updates

The Chairman confirmed that the Film Night had been booked for Saturday 14 July 2018. He was now looking at options for pre-film entertainment.

It was noted that the new gate had now been installed at Stoke Heath Recreation Area but a new path and barrier was also needed. It was agreed that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

028/18 Diary Commitments

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of CALC would be held on the 14 March, 2018.

029/18 Correspondence

None.

030/18 Councillors' Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

In response to a question by Dean Smith, the Chairman confirmed that efforts were still being made to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

Chris Cooke, the Parish Lengthsman, reported that during the recent litter pick, he had collected 135 bags of litter and gave details of the types of rubbish collected. He also suggested that another dog waste bin was required on Shaw Lane. The Clerk agreed to liaise with the District Council.

The Clerk was asked to look into whether the John Corbett information board outside the Corbett Business Park could be moved to a more visible site.

Chris Cooke also informed the Parish Council that all 5 VAS signs in the parish needed to be inspected and possibly some would require spare parts. The Council took the view that it was important that the signs were operative and therefore agreed that any necessary repairs should be carried out up to a value of £1,000. It was also agreed that the Clerk should try and recover some or all of the costs from the County Council.

031/18 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 5th March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm at the Hall Annexe, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman