

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held in The Hall Annexe at Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 1st October 2018.

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

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), Stan Petrovic (Assistant Clerk) and 7 Members of the Public.

132/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Penny Power and Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman).

133/18 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9.

134/18 Requests for Dispensation

None.

135/18 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time

1) Members of the Public

A member of the public commented on the problems of dog walkers and others using the fields off Brickhouse Lane. It was pointed out that there was already signage in the area asking owners to keep their dogs on a lead and it was unclear what other action the Parish Council could take.

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

There were no County and District Councillors present.

136/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3 September 2018

It was noted that Sue Abel had been omitted from the list of apologies.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 September 2018 as amended were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

137/18 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting

None.

138/18 Planning Applications

1) 18/00935/FUL – Moorgate House, Moorgate Road, Stoke Prior – Proposed extensions and alterations to dwelling

2) 18/01030/FUL – 93 Redditch Road, Bromsgrove – Proposed new two bedroomed dwelling house.

The Parish Council fully supported these applications.

3) 18/01001/FUL – Land opposite Croft Cottage, Woodgate Road, Stoke Prior – Proposed agricultural storage building & access track.

The Parish Council discussed this application in detail and expressed concerns about the size of the building and its location adjacent to a public footpath. It was agreed that the Chairman, John Ellis, Chris Jewson and Sue Abel would make a site visit on the 7th October and that they would then submit their comments on behalf of the Parish Council to the Assistant Clerk for onward submission to the District Council.

139/18 Bromsgrove and Redditch CAB

The Parish Council considered a request from Bromsgrove and Redditch CAB for financial support. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not make a grant to the CAB this year.

With regard to the possible provision of financial support to Men in Sheds, it was agreed to defer this until the Parish Council set its budget for 2019/20.

140/18 Finance

(1) Invoices for Payment – September 2018

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

(2) Financial Management Statement for September 2018

This was noted.

141/18 Film Night 2019

Following the success of this year's event, it was unanimously agreed to hold a similar event next year using the same company, Eventures. It was agreed that the event would be held on Saturday 31 August 2019.

Keith Shakespeare commented that he knew of a mobile food van owner who might be interested in attending next year's event.

142/18 Carols in the Park 2018

It was agreed that this event would take place at Stoke Heath Recreation Area on Saturday 8 December commencing at 5.00pm.

The Council then confirmed the arrangements for the event and unanimously agreed the following:-

- A budget of £100 should be made available to cover the cost of refreshments for the event.
- The Clerk to purchase some new lights.
- John Ellis to organise the catering.
- The Chairman would bring the new generator.
- The Parish Council's gazebos to be used.
- The Chairman had organised a suitable Christmas Tree.

143/18 Project Updates

The Clerk pointed out that this item could be dealt with in conjunction with the next agenda item.

144/18 Action Summary

With regard to the provision of the bench for the Memorial Garden, it was agreed that the plaque should include simple wording along the lines of 'Lest We Forget 1914 -1918'.

The Action Summary was then noted.

145/18 Diary Commitments

None.

146/18 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Bromsgrove District Council regarding the review of the Bromsgrove District Plan. He added that they had offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the options and issues involved. It was agreed that the officers should be invited to the Parish Council's next meeting.

147/18 Councillors' Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

At the suggestion of Sue Abel, it was agreed that a donation of £75 should be made to the British Legion in recognition of Remembrance Day. Sue Abel agreed to organise the poppy wreath.

John Ellis commented that Dennis Norton from the Norton Collection at Bromsgrove Museum wanted to come and talk to the Parish Council. It was agreed that he should be invited to the December 2018 meeting.

Jill Howe stated that the Church were organising a Christmas Tree Festival. The event involved local organisations and businesses providing a tree for display in the church for a donation of £25. It was agreed that the Parish Council should take part and Jill Howe agreed to help organise this. The Chairman agreed to provide the tree.

Keith Shakespeare asked that the 'No Right Turn' sign on the A38 as you travel towards the Hanbury Turn be made more visible. He also asked for the Clerk to ask the owner of the hedge at the junction of Greenside to cut it back so that it did not obstruct the footpath.

148/18 Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman