

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held in The Hall Annexe at Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 3rd September 2018.

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

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), Stan Petrovic (Assistant Clerk) and Ian Gerrard (Parish Contractor).

112/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Jill Howe, Alyson Jewson and Keith Shakespeare.

113/18 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 13.

114/18 Requests for Dispensation

None.

115/18 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time

1) Members of the Public

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

There were no members of the public or County and District Councillors present.

116/18 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2 July 2018

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 July 2018 as amended were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

117/18 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting

None.

118/18 Co-Option of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk circulated an application from a local resident who was keen to join the Parish Council. After a brief discussion, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Matthew Hill with immediate effect.

119/18 Planning Applications

There were no applications to be considered.

120/18 Planning Applications

1) 18/00980/FUL – Mimmings Farm, Woodgate Road, Stoke Prior – Proposed

agricultural building

The Parish Council fully supported this application.

2) 18/01000/FUL – The Gate Hangs Well(ph), Woodgate Road, Stoke Prior – Redevelopment of the former ‘The Gate Hangs Well’ public house including demolition of all buildings on site for the provision of 3 dwellings and garages.

The Parish Council were made aware of the local interest in this site but unanimously agreed to support the application on the grounds that the proposed development was well thought out and would improve the area.

3) 18/00976/FUL – 138 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior – Erection of closed building & open covered building for storage of recycling materials.

The Parish Council had no issues with this application.

4) 18/00952/FUL – 112 Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior – Proposed rear two storey extension & new porch with pitched roof.

The Parish Council fully supported this application and felt that it was a useful extension to a family home.

5) 18/01001/FUL – Land opposite Croft Cottage, Woodgate Road, Stoke Prior – Proposed agricultural storage building & access track.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed structure was too large in relation to the nearby private property and there was no clear indication what the building would be used for.

6) 18/01008/FUL – 12A Foley Gardens, Stoke Prior – Proposed demolition & rebuild of single storey extension to front of property to part two storey & part single storey with single storey extension to rear of property.

The Parish Council fully supported this application.

121/18 Remembrance Day 2018

It was unanimously agreed that a new bench should be purchased to be located next to the memorial garden with a plaque to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. Sue Abel agreed to contact the British legion to agree a suitable wording for the plaque.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would make its usual donation to the British Legion of £75.

It was noted that the Remembrance Service this year would be held on Sunday 11 November 2018 at Hanbury Church. Sue Abel and John Ellis would represent the Parish Council at the service.

122/18 Councillor Training on Planning Issues

It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange with the District Council for a training session to be arranged for late September or late October..

123/18 Salt Fest

After comments by the Chairman, it was agreed that the Parish Council should not attend this year's Salt Fest as it could not guarantee being able to man the stand for the whole weekend. The Clerk was asked to notify Wychavon District Council accordingly and suggest that the stand be given to a charity.

124/18 Replacement of Play Equipment at Ryefields Road Recreation Area

After the Clerk had reported the cost of replacing either the see-saw would be £5,295.00 or both the see-saw and the roundabout at a cost of £9,550.00, it was agreed to defer any action until a later date.

125/18 Finance

(1) Invoices for Payment – July/August 2018

The Clerk asked to add an additional invoice for £295.00 from Emergency Response Systems for the first aid cover at the Film Night. This was agreed.

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

(2) Financial Management Statement for August 2018

This was noted.

126/18 Project Updates

The following updates were provided:-

Film Night – The Chairman reported that the film night had been a great success with 450 attendees. The event had been well received by those who attended and the support from the company providing the film equipment had been excellent.

confirmed that arrangements were continuing to be made to hold the film night on Saturday

Conservation Board for Church – The Clerk stated that he had now received a revised quote for the new board at £785.00 plus VAT. The Parish Council agreed to meet 50% of the cost subject to the Parochial Church Council funding the remaining 50%. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the PCC.

Shelving at Container Unit – The Clerk reported that Men in Sheds had submitted a bill for £148.50 to cover the cost of materials for the work. It was now up to the Parish Council to decide how much they wished to give to cover the labour costs. After discussion, John Ellis, seconded by the Chairman, proposed and it was agreed to make a total payment of £250.00 to cover materials and labour costs.

127/18 Action Summary

The Action Summary was noted.

128/18 Diary Commitments

It was noted that the next Area CALC meeting would be on Wednesday 12 September 2018.

129/18 Correspondence

None.

130/18 Councillors' Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

John Ellis raised the following points:-

1. The proposed move of Men in Sheds from their existing site had fallen through and they were looking to remain where they were. However the rent was high and they were looking for financial support to keep the project going. He asked that this be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Tai Chi this summer had been very successful and suggested that better use be made of the outdoor gym at Stoke Heath Recreation Area by running an organised keep fit session. It was agreed that this idea should be pursued.
3. With regard to the speeding issues along Redditch Road, the Parish Council could consider buying a speed gun and enlisting the help of the local community to measure the speed of traffic. A discussion then ensued during which Councillors expressed their view for and against this proposal. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council look at purchased a new Vehicle Activation Sign. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue this option.
4. He put forward the idea of introducing Smartwater into the parish possible with funding support via the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was agreed that the Clerk should work with John Ellis to develop this idea.

Sue Abel asked for the gully in Foley Gardens to be cleared. The Clerk confirmed hat he had already reported this to the County Council but would do so again..

131/18 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 1st October 2018 commencing at 7.30pm at the Hall Annexe, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman