

# Stoke St Mary Parish Council

**Date of Meeting:**  
Thursday 16th March 2017 7:30 pm  
At SSM Village Hall

**Written by:**  
Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)

## Minutes

### Present

Mike Baddeley  
Vic Freir,  
Michael Farrell,  
Nigel Wright,  
Patricia Fallance  
William Coombes

### In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk  
John Williams – TBDC  
Ross Hendley - SCC  
2 x Parishioners

### Apologies

#### 2017/16. **Declarations of Interest**

None

#### 2017/17. **Minutes**

The minutes were taken and read. Signed by Mike Baddeley. Proposed by William Coombes  
Seconded by Mike Farrell

#### 2017/18. **Matters Arising**

##### 1. **Notice Boards – Replacement**

*Notice board has been ordered. We do not know a date for delivery yet. The site change should be ok*

##### 2. **Speed in village**

No response from highways, Phil Lounge did respond to first letter but no response from second letter. Rebecca Pow has a file she is now taking it up with highways and SCC.  
Haydon lane speed bumps may be able to go ahead under the small highways funding we may have to do a scheme that covers the whole of the village. Lorries are coming through Haydon. The lines have not been replaced and the markings on the road have not been replaced. School speed is 60mph in order to use traffic calming at school we need a speed limit first.

##### 3. **Flooding**

Letter has been sent to Ross ref the flooding. We have a drain that needs completing and some ditches need to be cleared and water courses need to be checked. The flood does not necessarily affect a house but does affect other things like the school.

#### 2017/19. **Finance**

##### 1. **Account balances**

- I. Current account (Lloyds) - £ 2721.65
- II. Deposit account (Lloyds) - £ 0.00
- III. Current account (Natwest) - £ 15270.00 (£1270.00 is for defibrillator)
- IV. Deposit account (Natwest) - £ 0.00

##### 2. **Approval to move remaining funds to new Natwest account**

*Proposed Nigel Wright Seconded William Coombes. All in favour*

##### 3. **Quotes for grass cutting**

*We will approach the people who contacted us and ask for quotes. Possible three-year contract.*

##### 4. **CIL Payment**

*Possible use for some of the money to repair the play park. Vic is meeting with someone to look into this.*

##### 5. **Invoices for payment**

- Parish Clerk Wages - £168.40
  - Proposed – Pat Fallance Seconded – Nigel Wright All in favour
- Stoke St Mary Village hall. - £414.00 (Payment for new water heater. Money from CIL payment)
  - Proposed – Pat Fallance Seconded – Nigel Wright All in favour

#### 2017/20. **Planning**

##### 1. **Current planning applications**

*East stoke farm– no comment*

Parsons to build on land. It is a continuation. Mike will write and agree that the continuations will go forward.

Haydon house farm – yet to be decided

HiHo double garage - no comment.

**2. Enforcement Proceedings**

Two ongoing matters and still no response from enforcement team

**2017/21. Highways**

**1. Village finger posts**

78-page maintenance document has been sent to us outlining our duties if we decide to take on posts. We need to survey how many we have.

- **Action** - Mike Baddeley is to get a quote for the maintenance of the one outside

**2017/22. School**

New head appointed who is the current acting head. Will be taking up post in April.

**2017/23. Transport**

Remove from agenda

**2017/24. Policing**

Newsletter is full of innovative ideas but noting relating to us. There is a survey we can take part in. Pat Fallance will fill in on the council's behalf.

William Coombes is neighbourhood watch person for Haydon and John Tarr for Stoke St Mary.

**2017/25. A358/ J25/ Employment site**

Public consultation was at the holiday inn Taunton. The decision has now been put back to May for proposed routes and it is a possible for 3 options. LDO on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb with Taunton Deane.

A3588 Ecology surveys have begun. 4 teams of two here to do samples will be here for a year.

**2017/26. Village Hall**

Debbie Arscott has offer £7826 to do what we see fit. This will possibly be used to refurb the kitchen. New tables.

**2017/27. Correspondence**

1. Gladson leaflet
2. Invite from Rebecca Pow. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mike Baddeley attended – Chair only and to express the concerns around lack of planning of infrastructure. Nothing has come back to us yet.
3. Smart meter presentation
4. Bank holiday recycling info
5. Letter saying, we have had defibrillator funds from the ex-landlords of the pub. We need to get an address to formally thank Zara. Vic is going to a meeting about a funding for defibrillator, we need to look at the hidden costs. Soap box have offered some funding.

**2017/28. Other Village Matters**

1. Allotments. Village asset that is not being used. William will see some of them to clear up the issue
2. Footpath – complaints of the ploughed path. Sally from TDBC says it is ok now.
3. Two residents say mount Somerset are letting sewage into a water course. Mount Somerset say it is to do with their group. They are flushing the spa and the septic tank is over flowing. They have been given a 7-day notice to comply.
4. Stoke road housing ref the tank. Planning say they assume they have put big enough pipes in but they can't be sure.
  - **Action** - John Williams will follow up.
5. Who is our local Village agent now?
6. Sale of the village pub is being sent as a going concern.

**2017/29. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 18th May 2017, 7.30pm, STOKE ST MARY VILLAGE HALL**

Signed: ..... [Chairman]