

Stoke St Mary Parish Council

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

Written by:
Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)

Minutes

Present

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

In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk
John Thorne – SCC
Parishioners x3

Apologies

John Williams – TBDC

2017/44. Declarations of Interest
None declared

2017/45. Minutes
The minutes from the 21st September were taken and read. Signed by Mike Baddeley. Proposed by Mike Farrell Seconded by Pat Fallance. Vote and all in favour.

2017/46. Matters Arising

1. Notice Boards

Waiting for notice board to be installed. This needs a few people as it is not light. Dates to be discussed via email with people in the council. Dan Fallance has offered help.

2. Play park fencing

Awaiting some quotes to be returned.

2017/47. Finance

1. Account balances

I. Current account - £2005.79 (£1270.00 is for defibrillator)

II. Deposit account - £12722.25

III. Two thousand to be moved from deposit to current account in next month. Vote and all in favour to move the money.

2. Defibrillator Grant

We have been successful in getting the grant money, there is a 16-bullet point document that needs to be signed by the chair of the council to accept the quote. £1000 has been granted and we already have £1270 in the bank for the fund raising, so we have £2270 to spend on the defibrillator.

We have 4 quotes for the product and the box, two low spec kits and two higher spec kits. As this has been a fund-raising event and we have the money from that to spend on the kit it has been decided to go for the higher spec and better lasting cabinets. We will choose heartstart as the training and support is better. We would need to budget £50 per year for maintaining the equipment such as pads if needed. Estimated £20 per year for electric. The pub has offered to put it on their wall and fund the electric. This will need to be agreed with the brewery. We need to ask for volunteers for training.

Vic proposes we accept the grant and the Heartstart quote for £2266. All in favour.

3. Clerks wages and pension

Vic Freir is still looking into this and will update at next meeting. Vic Freir and Mike Baddeley will have an appraisal with Gemma before next meeting.

4. CIL Money

We had some issues with the CIL returns report to TDBC, this is now resolved and we have done the report that has been accepted by TDBC.

5. Parish Precept for 2018/19

We propose we keep £3236.00 as we have money in the bank. Proposed by Vic Freir and Seconded by Mike Baddeley All in agreement.

6. Auditor

Grant Thornton are no longer our auditor. We may have new reporting structure for next year but we will know more next year

7. **Remittances**

- TDBC Burial Grant £300
- TDBC Footpath Grant £160

8. **Invoices for payment**

Parish clerk read out the invoices and asked if we can seek approval at the end for all. All in favour of doing this. All invoices were Proposed by Vlic Freir, Seconded by Pat Fallance. Vote and all in favour

- Parish Clerk Wages £177.46 plus expenses £33.19 - £210.65
- Stoke St Mary Village Hall hire July & September. - £42.00
- Parsons field cut x1 and Corner of lane (September) - £81.55
- Parsons field cut x1 October - £42.66

2017/48. **Planning**

1. **Current planning applications**

Tree surgery behind aplens we offer no comment
Home field cottages we offer no comment
Extension to Bartlett cottage we offer no comment

2. **Enforcement Proceedings**

Letter from the enforcement team going back to August to say caravan in woods has now gone

3. **Other planning matters**

None

2017/49. **Highways**

To get rumble strips we have to explain the issue to SCC then they will propose the answers, only two villages per year can get help so we may have to wait till next year in next financial year. If we go for Somerset County Council route we will have to prove demand in the village and minutes etc. We can pay for it ourselves. Church close is an issue as you hit the village and 30mph sign you get to the bungalows. This will have to continue to be looked into and maybe look at paying for rumble strips at bungalow end of village.

We are looking to regain ownership of the verge by the woods so we can get gates put up as there is a lot of fly tipping going on.

Action: John Thorne will look into the cost of self-funding for rumble strips

2017/50. **School**

Had an engagement with the community tea 3 weeks ago, that was successful. Year 6 did the tea and scones etc.

The assistant head has been appointed and is was the acting head.

2017/51. **Policing**

No new news.

2017/52. **A358**

We are waiting for new consultation plan that is due to start in January.

2017/53. **J25 and Employment site**

Tuesday night Mike Baddeley and Mike Farrell went to a Scrutiny committee meeting in TDBC about Nexus business park, the proposal was passed by a small majority. Mike Farrell has written letters to state his concerns. Goes to full council on December 12th.

Consultants have done their calculations and when they recalculated it is a lot less space so can only hold 1800 people not 4000 as originally thought. At meeting in 12th December we are looking for people to go and speak for 3 mins as that is the allotted time.

2017/54. **Village Hall**

Hall has had new kitchen, hot water heater and more acoustic panels that have been ordered and due to be installed shortly.

2017/55. **Correspondence**

1. Glasdon magazine
2. Clerks and councils direct
3. Salt collection day – For church close and internal paths, top of stoke hill but the bags go missing, we would like to jointly fund a bin with west hatch. Could the bin be funded under CIL.
4. Zurich local community advisory service
5. Road markings form
6. Messagemaker Displays

7. Charity letter from St Margrates hospice. It was agreed to send a £50 cheque proposed by Pat Fallance, Seconded by Rob Hossell. Vote all in favour

2017/56. Other Village Matters

1. Vic wants to apply for a pack to allow us to apply for a grant for play park next year. There is a big wooden structure that will need replacing.
2. Approach from Ruiston and Thornfalcon would like to discuss joining into their village plan. We didn't do it in past due to cost but to work with other villages will ease the cost. If we are in a plan we get more money via funding if houses etc are built.
3. There is a man in the bungalows walking around with no clothes on. This is an issue for social services and Taunton Deane. William Coombes will bring it up with Taunton Deane.
4. Dion from the Half Moon Inn would like to put a notice in the village board.
5. School is applying for a grant for its playing field to get it Astro turfed and levelled. We offer our verbal support to the school.
6. Urgent appeals for stepping stone cares, foster carers and adoptive parents.
7. Broadband phase two we are waiting for a date for the roll out.
8. Road safety strategy is ongoing till the 12th of December.

2017/57. NEXT MEETING, Thursday 18th January 2018, 7.30pm, STOKE ST MARY VILLAGE HALL

Signed:  [Chairman]