

Stoke St Mary Parish Council

Date of Meeting:
Thursday 21st July 2016 7:30 pm
At SSM Village Hall

Written by:
Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)

Minutes

Present

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

In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk
Ross Henley – SCC
John Williams - TDBC
9 x Parishioners

Apologies

2016/53. **Declarations of Interest**

Mike Farrell declared interest in Village Hall

2016/54. **Election of chair**

Mike Baddeley is appointed as chair nominated by Vic Freir, seconded by Mike Farrell

2016/55. **Minutes**

The minutes were taken and read. Signed by Mike Baddeley. Proposed by Vic Freir, Seconded by Mike Farrell

2016/56. **Matters Arising**

1. **Notice Boards – Possible Refurbishment**

Replacement notice board for church: oak with two doors is £740 on average. Soft wood is cheaper but that will not last. Obligated to have one but position may be moved, we would like to move it to Pattons and request to TDBC..

Action - John Williams will find out if we can move notice board and what permissions we need

Action - Mike Baddeley to get firm quote and speak to carpenter. Nigel Salter may be able to help.

2. **Removable post for Monmoth Path**

SCC permission will be needed. Possible put a large stone in the way. Footpaths officers say no stone is to be placed there.

Action – Pat Fallance to speak to Footpath officer and discuss a stone

3. **Lane between Hiho Farm and Line Kiln Cottage**

It is private land and no right of way

4. **Speed in village**

Speed limit – Mike Baddeley has proposed the new speed limits. Waiting to hear from SCC.

Police need to be involved, police have been there this week. Driving standard is an issue at time rather than speed. If we have a limit we need it policed.

2016/57. **Finance**

1. **Account balances**

I. Current account - £ 7679.98

II. Deposit account - £ 4071.38

2. **Possible change of bank**

Lloyds are not being helpful and are not wanting to speak to the clerk. They are not offering a secure service. NatWest have been recommended we could have two signatories and a view only account. Nigel Wright proposed we move to NatWest. Seconded by Mike Baddeley, Pat Fallance No difference in interest and no charges

3. **HRMC VAT Refund**

£147.69

4. **Invoices for payment**

• Parish Clerk Wages - £168.40

• Proposed – Mike Farrell Seconded – Nigel Wright

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- Rent for village hall for May - £14.00
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- Rights of way across village hall car park - £10.00 (paid in past but cheque got lost)
 - Proposed – Mike Farrell Seconded – Nigel Wright

2016/58. Planning

1. Current planning applications

- *Referb of cottage in village, TDBC do not send plans. No comment*
- *DLO yard have been objected as they are operating out of social hours. The neighbours have said the amount of traffic and hours will be raised and this will be antisocial. No comms from TDBC. John Williams will make sure all the details are available and check the hours as they are not the hours they work. Planning officer said some effort can be made to screen neighbours but not being approached directly. No declaration of what equipment will be moved. 4.30 am till 10pm operating hours with little detail and traffic officers said no impact will be made. Risk of theft. Mike Farrell has written to them*
- *Meeting with Flooding officer and problems explained they will look into what can be done and if funding is available. Drains are not adequate but noting can be done till on highways long term scheme*

2. Enforcement Proceedings

- *Memories bubbles sign is illegal and told to remove*
- *Man in stoke woods has been told to move*

3. Other Matters

- *None arising*

2016/59. Highways

1. Highways issues

- *Stoke Hill will be refurbished at some point but no confirmed dates*
- *Ass road was closed with no notice; Ross has said they need to tell us*
- *Ross will bid to slow the traffic outside the school in November when bidding is open*
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2016/60. School

- *Last day of term is now past and good sats results above national average. Ofsted inspection due next year autumn term. Last report was good with outstanding features. Head has handed in notice and acting head appointed for Sep*

2016/61. Transport

- *Transport scheme in mag again in winter*

2016/62. Policing

- *A slight increase of police presence in village due to man following children on bikes and horses and for flashing*

2016/63. Parish Council web site

- *Applied for grant under transparency grant. £637 Cheque received. Vic will build the webpage for 1st September. 5th Aug village hall will be wifi*

2016/64. A358/ J25/ Employment site

- *SCC website shows information on the matter.*
- *Business park is opposed by Ross. Local development order has been address and Ross Hendley has had an email to say they are appointing consultants and he is going to ask about when and how much*
- *Dialog need to be open between parties but they are not letting us know about things that are being published.*
- *Survey of flood is worrying.*

2016/65. Correspondence

1. Correspondence from Mrs Palmer re soap box event
 - *With legal department at TDBC and letters have been sent from parish council.*
2. Local Government Boundary Commission
 - *Is existing map at the moment, John Williams said they want to have each councillors having same amount of mean. Draft proposal due in October. Final due by May 2017.*
3. Glasdon leaflet

4. Lloyds bank – Changes to business account
5. Clerks and councils direct magazine
6. Hags 2016
7. Road advertising signs
8. Letter to Rebecca Pow from Kellie Johnson
9. Somerset waste partnership, news letter
10. Open spaces, Colford St Luke and the DLO
11. Rivers authority news letter
12. Village Agent job
13. Local authority's consultation
14. Strategic needs assessment
15. Chairmans awards 2016
16. Your policing priorities
17. Lemon gazeelle

2016/66. Other Village Matters

- Village Hall are asking us to consider they need a new water heater and are asking for a contribution, £414 for water heater and £1976.70. We need to use money for infrastructure or it will go back to TDBC. Double check village hall is infrastructure
- Footpaths from Haydon to Stoke will be cut after crops get cut, Monmoth has been cut, Jacobs ladder tree will be removed by Parsons
- 12 Nov owl and sun band to come to hall
- 26th Jan is fine chisel is a musical extravaganza
- Sign post are rotting as SCC will not renew them. Sat navs are now replacing them. Heratage trust are trying to get them classified as heritage to get funding.
- TDBC may merge with west Somerset council this is an unprecedented move. Meeting next Tuesday to consult. We could end up with less funding and less councillors. This should be a full consultation. If you don't approve you need to speak to your local councillor to raise concerns. Logic to share admin and services and it is economically beneficial. Business case says we save 3.1 million per year. Addressed issues around other contracts that did not produce savings as projected. West Somerset is not deciding until September; can we delay to take a consultation? West Somerset's debt is back up by assets.

2016/67. NEXT MEETING Thursday 15th September 2016, 7.30pm, STOKE ST MARY VILLAGE HALL

Signed:  [Chairman]

15/9/2016