

**MINUTES OF STOKE SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON**  
**TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**14/019/a                    PRESENT:**

**Members:** Mr Mike Sampson (Chairman), Mr Paul Spearpoint (Vice Chairman), Mr Graham Middleton, Mr Bruce Wilson, Mrs Janet Rose, Mr Steve Hay, Mrs Rebecca Merrick, Mrs Wendy Hall, Mrs Barbara Brooks and Mr Neil Bloomfield.

**Others:** Mrs Sarah Moore (Clerk), Mrs Sylvia Seal (District Councillor), Mr John Bailey (County Councillor) and 2 members of the public.

**14/019/b                    APOLOGIES:**

PCSO.

**14/020                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Merrick declared an interest in matters concerning the Sports and Recreation Trust.

**14/021                    PUBLIC SESSION:**

Representatives of the May Fayre Committee gave a presentation in respect of the grant request towards the cost of the programmes. They explained that it would cost £470 to print and that the programmes would be distributed free of charge. The May Fayre Committee also asked whether the programmes could be distributed with the parish newsletter and that they would be happy to help with the distribution. Cllr Middleton proposed that the Parish Council pay the full £470.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton

Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint

Agreed unanimously

**14/022                    P.C.S.O. REPORT:**

None declared.

**14/023 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:**

**14/023/a                    Sylvia Seal – District Councillor**

Cllr Seal gave her report. Cllr Seal stated that she organised the sandbags after the request that was made at the last meeting. Also advice centres are being set up for those affected by the flooding to help with housing, septic tanks etc.

Cllr Seal gave her report on Ham Hill and said that some trees had fallen down in the recent storms and this was hampering work and also some areas are inaccessible. The roof has been damaged on the round house which was at last year's fayre. There has been some fly-tipping in the car parks particularly tyres. A new apprentice ranger will soon be taken on. With regard to the dog poisoning, the powder was tested and it was found to be only flour. The rangers will be starting to clear some of the trees on the Norton ramparts and, finally Rachael will be taking over from Katy.

It was agreed to invite Rachael to the next meeting.

**14/023/b                    John Bailey – County Councillor**

Cllr Bailey's report had been circulated to members.

Cllr Bailey asked if he could be copied in on the correspondence regarding the youth shelter.

Cllr Bailey said that there needs to be a holistic approach taken on the flooding and residents need to look out for each other.

Cllr Bailey said that SCC will help with the setting up of an emergency plan.

Cllr Bailey talked about the proposed scheme regarding drainage in East Stoke but pointed out that this is dependent on what the budget is.

Cllr Bailey reported that PC Alan Hollick has been invited to the Hamdon Youth Group and encouraged parish council members to come along. He also asked if anyone was willing to volunteer to help with geocaching and to contact him if interested.

Cllr Bailey gave a progress report on Brocks Mount and Cllrs Bailey and Merrick discussed the various emails regarding the developer and the S106 Agreement. Cllr Bailey is setting up a meeting with the legal team and residents.

Cllr Bailey commented on the Emergency Flood Relief fund and the Clerk confirmed that details had already been sent to residents in East Stoke.

Cllr Bailey reported that he had not received any applications for the Health & Wellbeing grant.

**14/024 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

There were some amendments to the previous month's minutes:

*Minute ref: 14/001/a and 14/002-* Cllr Middleton's name had been omitted

*Minute ref: 14/003* – A resident had reported on the number of Speedwatch sessions and the minutes should read '.....speeding has been reduced to 3%'.

*Minute ref: 14/005/a* – Cllr Seal's report on the education centre should read '.....education centre at Ninesprings being built at the start of March'.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Rose

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

Agreed: unanimously

*(Cllr Bailey left the meeting)*

**14/025 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**14/025/a Flooding/Drains**

This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 14/023/b*

**14/025/b Condition Report on War Memorial**

The Clerk gave a précis of the condition report. The report stated that even though the war memorial is in a good condition there is some general maintenance work that needs to be carried out. These are the cleaning and re-waxing of the bronze plaques and wreath and the replacement of missing fixings; re-securing the lightning conductor; repair the laminations in the stone work, reduce the copper staining on the stone and re-pointing of joints and; clearing of grass and plants from the perimeter and in stonework. The total cost of this work is £795.60. Cllr Rose proposed to proceed with the work. This was seconded by Cllr Bloomfield.

Proposed: Cllr Rose

Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield

Agreed: unanimously

Cllr Sampson mentioned the possibility of obtaining grants. Cllr Middleton proposed that grants be sourced within three months before proceeding with the work. Cllr Sampson seconded the motion.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton

Seconded: Cllr Sampson

Agreed: unanimously

**14/025/c Kissing Gate – Dannings Well**

Cllr Middleton asked whether quotations had been received regarding the replacement of the kissing gate at the bottom of Dannings Well. The Clerk said that the specialist quotations had been very expensive and is looking to get local contractors to quote for the work.

**14/026 FINANCE**

**14/026/a Matters for Report:**

i) HMRC Payments

The Clerk reported that she had received notification from HMRC stating that income tax payments are required to be paid electronically as from 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The Clerk expressed her concerns over this because it is currently illegal for parish councils to pay bills via BACS payments. The Clerk said that she had written to SALC for some advice.

ii) VAT Refund

The Clerk reported that the VAT return had been sent off and the amount totalled £2,070.98.

iii) Local Government Finance Settlement 2014-15

Local Government Minister, Brandon Lewis, stated in his ministerial statement that the principles for local precepting authorities in 2015-2015 have not been determined but are prepared, if necessary, to apply the referendum thresholds to larger town and parish councils from 2015-2016.

**14/026/b Cheques Payable:**

Sarah Moore	Expenses for January	£ 17.20	<i>Chq 1869</i>
NigeNige Services	Groundsman Salary for January	£ 708.00	<i>Chq 1870</i>
Stable Print	February Newsletters	£ 190.00	<i>Chq 1871</i>
Barry Gosney	Repairs to Multiplay Unit	£ 372.00	<i>Chq 1872</i>
Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall	Hire of Hall – Healthy Hearts	£ 84.00	<i>Chq 1873</i>
Bowring Building Contractors Stoke sub Hamdon	Repairs to Clock Cabinet – URC	£ 360.00	<i>Chq 1874</i>
Sports & Recreation Trust	Insurance for the Pavilion	£ 697.42	<i>Chq 1875</i>
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Renewal	£ 35.00	<i>Chq 1876</i>
Smith of Derby Stoke sub Hamdon	Clock Service & Additional Call Out	£ 418.80	<i>Chq 1877</i>
Sports & Recreation Trust	Annual Grant	£ 2,000.00	<i>Chq 1878</i>

Proposed: Cllr Middleton      Seconded: Cllr Rose      Agreed: unanimously

**14/026/c      Matters for Resolution**

i) Budget

Cllr Sampson asked for a proposal on the budget. Cllr Middleton proposed keeping the budget the same with no changes. Cllr Rose seconded the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton      Seconded: Cllr Rose      Agreed: 7      Abstained: 1

**14/027      MEMORIAL HALL AND GROUNDS**

The Clerk passed on some information regarding ‘Mosquito’ security device for the Memorial Hall committee. Cllr Spearpoint mentioned that the security light needs sorting out

**14/028      SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST**

**14/028/a      Youth Shelter**

The Clerk reported that Somerset County Council had agreed that the parish council could relocate the youth shelter to the primary school without returning the grant on the condition that the parish council bear the costs of removing and relocating the shelter and that Castle Primary school hold a fund raising event for the youth aged 11-19. The Clerk stated that she would need to send a formal acceptance of these terms. The terms were agreed unanimously. The Clerk also said that she had spoken to the acting Head of Castle School who would be more than happy to hold a fund raising event. It was agreed for the Clerk to liaise with the school regarding timescale.

**14/029      HAMDON YOUTH GROUP**

Cllr Spearpoint said that Cllr Wilson has agreed to be the Parish Council’s representative on the HYG.

**14/030      PLANNING**

**14/030/a      Report on Planning Applications**

**13/02925/FUL – Appeal ref: APP/R3325/A/13/2209592** – installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar array to provide 6MW generation capacity together with inverter systems; transformer stations; sub-station; internal access track; landscaping; security fencing; associated access gate and removal of one Ash tree protected by TPO – land adjacent A303 Tintinhull Forts, Tintinhull Forts, Tintinhull, Yeovil BA22 8PA – an informal hearing was held on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Awaiting response from Planning Inspectorate

**13/03341/COU** – continued use of land for a mixed use of residential and B8 storage of used windows and doors with ancillary sales (retrospective) – Legg's Stores, West Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QL – application was considered at the Area Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January and was deferred until the next Area Committee meeting.

**14/00109/FUL** – proposed alterations, improvements and extension – 96 North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QT – No observations or objections.

**14/00357/FUL** – construction of detached classroom on site of former nursery building – Stanchester Academy, Montacute Road, Stoke sub Hamdon – this application had just been received and was with the planning committee

**14/030/b** Planning Decisions and Reports

**13/04994/FUL** – erection of canopy roof to front of dwelling house – The Firs, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UG – the application has been granted.

**14/031** **CORRESPONDENCE**

**14/031/a** Shopmobility - Funding

A request has been received from Shopmobility for a donation. The Clerk said that this would be covered under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as it is of benefit to members of the community. Cllr Middleton proposed giving a £50 donation.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton                      Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint                      Agreed Unanimously

**14/031/b** May Fayre – Request for Funding

This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 14/021*

**14/032** **HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

The Clerk reported that there would be a temporary road closure on the main road in Crewkerne from 10<sup>th</sup> March for about 22 days.

Cllr Seal mentioned that it appears that the bark has been cut away on Holy Tree and that it needs looking at. Cllr Sampson mentioned that there had been an accident by the tree and this might be the cause of the damaged.

**14/033** **STREET LIGHTING**

It was reported that the streetlight no. 24 in West Street was not working.

**14/034** **WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

**14/034/a** Local Development Framework

None declared.

**14/034/b** Allotments

The Clerk said that she had received most of the rents and will be sending out reminders shortly. She also reported that there are some new tenants on the North Street site and she will be showing a couple of interested parties the vacant plots on the Furlands site.

**14/034/c** Local Action Group

None declared.

**14/034/d** Transport Strategy Group

Cllr Brooks reported that the TSG are looking at the 2005 Village Plan. She also reported that the surveys have gone out with the newsletters and has received a few replies. The group is also looking at speeding with the possibility of getting some speed cameras and is looking at the safety of pedestrians especially by the school. The group is encouraging people to walk or cycle more. The Clerk mentioned the speed indicator device (S.I.D.) and will look into the cost. The Clerk also mentioned that Stanchester Academy are looking to promote safety etc. and are willing to get the children involved. The Clerk and Cllr Brooks will liaise.

**14/035** **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

None declared.

**14/036** **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None declared.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.52pm and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7pm.