

MINUTES OF STOKE SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

14/091/a PRESENT:

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

Others: Mrs Sarah Moore (Clerk), Mrs Sylvia Seal (District Councillor), Mr John Bailey (County Councillor), Mr Robert Parr (Senior Play & Youth Facilities Officer, SSDC) and PCSO and 2 members of the public.

14/091/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs Rebecca Merrick and Mr Steve Hay,

14/092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared.

14/093 PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr Robert Parr, Senior Play & Youth Facilities Officer at South Somerset District Council said that he had visited the Stonehill play area to assess the situation. Cllr Spearpoint explained what the issues were and listed some of the suggestions that had been made. Mr Parr said that there were drawbacks to fencing and suggested landscaping and contouring the area and add more equipment if ball games were not wanted. Cllr Seal said that the area was not suitable for ball games but it could be made available and equipped for younger children and the older children could be directed towards the centre of the village.

A resident said that the grass verge opposite East Stoke Lodge had not been cut and the bank had only been cut twice in five weeks. It was explained that the new contractor had only started at the beginning of May and that grass verge was not in the contract. However, the Clerk would contact the groundsman and ask if this could be included in the contract.

Action Clerk

14/094 P.C.S.O. REPORT:

The PCSO explained that during the month of May a handbag had been stolen from a parked car on Ham Hill and that there were no incidents of anti-social behaviour. The PCSO mentioned that youths were 'doughnutting' (making cars spin around in circles) in Southcombe's car park.

The PCSO explained that from 28th July there will be a change of PCSO. PCSO Mal Thompson will be moving to Martock beat and the Hamdon beats will be covered by PSCOs Ian Ross and Ceara Stuart. Also when a PCSO is not available to attend Parish Council meetings a police volunteer will attend. Cllr Seal said that representations can be made at the Area North meeting on 23rd July. It was agreed to write to Inspector Tim Coombes to express the Parish Council's displeasure over the non-consultation.

Action Clerk

14/095 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

14/095/a Sylvia Seal – District Councillor

Cllr Seal reported that SSDC Streetscene have won the contract from Somerset County Council to maintain public footpaths.

Cllr Seal gave her report on Ham Hill.

Cllr Seal said that Stroke Unit will be retained at Yeovil District Hospital.

Cllr Sampson said that he had received a letter from a resident regarding the pot holes at the turning to the Rangers Centre and the Public House on Ham Hill. Cllr Wilson pointed out that the parking area on the left in this area was very uneven and cars are getting stuck. Cllr Seal said that she would look into the matter and contact the Clerk.

Action Cllr Seal

14/095/b John Bailey – County Councillor

Cllr Bailey's report had been circulated. Cllr Bailey said that the 'jetties' had been going around the district clearing the drains.

Cllr Bailey said that funding had been agreed for the flood prevention programme in East Stoke.

Cllr Bailey reported that the Hamdon Youth Group Geocaching session and BBQ was a great success and it is hope to hold a Skateboard/BMX session later in the year.

Cllr Bailey mentioned the Flooding Group and mapping out how to approach the issue affecting residents. A discussion was held and it was agreed to be put on future agendas.

Cllr Bailey mentioned that the NatWest branch in Martock will be closing and agreed to send details to the Clerk.

Action Cllr Bailey

14/096 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Rose

Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint

Agreed: unanimously

14/097 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

14/097/a Transport Strategy Group

Cllr Sampson stated that he was moving item 14/106(b) – Working Party Reports – Transport Strategy Group to Matters Arising from Minutes.

Cllr Brooks said that the presentation for the transport report and consultation had been emailed to all members and that the consultation would be on 8th July from 6-8pm. Cllr Sampson said that as it was the same evening as the Parish Council meeting the PC meeting will start at 8pm. Notification of the consultation evening will be put in the newsletter, on the website and noticeboard.

Cllr Brooks said that a discussion has been held about marking out the Memorial Hall car park to maximise the parking for hall users so it will avoid overspill onto the public highway. Cllr Sampson said that a quotation has been sought from SSDC to mark out the Memorial Hall car park and the layby. Cllr Brooks also said that there have been positive discussions with Castle School regarding using the staff car park in evenings and weekends but are waiting for a response from the Governors.

Cllr Sampson proposed to accept the quotation of £1,000 from SSDC to mark out parking bays in the Memorial Hall car park.

Proposed: Cllr Sampson

Seconded: Cllr Middleton

Agreed unanimously

14/097/b Agendas

The Clerk reported she had received information from the legal officer at SSDC and that she had contacted SALC. SALC have stated that legislation still requires signed papers to be delivered to a member's place of residence but NALC is of the opinion that the agenda can be served electronically as long as it shows the electronic signature and title of the clerk and; that a resolution is made authorising this method of service. SALC have stated that in light of DCLG's intention to allow electronic email would make it improbable for the clerk to be in trouble for using email. Cllr Bloomfield proposed to have the agenda sent electronically. Cllr Rose, Spearpoint and Hall requested that their agendas and draft minutes to be sent by post.

Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield

Seconded: Cllr Middleton

Agreed: 2; Abstained: 2; Disagree: 2

Cllr Middleton said that the Parish Council appreciate the concern raised by the Clerk and are aware of the situation.

14/097/c Youth Shelter

The Clerk said that the contractor will be contacting Castle School direct to organise the installation of the youth shelter at the school.

14/098 FINANCE

14/098/a Matters for Report:

None declared.

14/098/b Cheques Payable:

Sarah Moore	Expenses for May	£ 17.20	<i>Chq 1899</i>
Stable Print	June Newsletters	£ 190.00	<i>Chq 1900</i>
Martock Parish Council	Grant for Martock Job Club	<u>£ 600.00</u>	<i>Chq 1901</i>
	Total	£ 807.20	

Proposed: Cllr Middleton Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint Agreed: unanimously

14/098/c Matters for Resolution

i) Financial Regulations

The Clerk reported that the Finance Committee had set the values on the updated version of the Financial Regulation and requested that a resolution was made for these to be adopted.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield Agreed: unanimously

ii) Sign for Recreation Ground

It was agreed for this to go under future agendas.

iii) Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that she had been notified that the internal auditor, Mr Michael Kerr, is retiring after completing this year's audit. She went on to explain that Mr Kerr had been auditing the accounts since 2002 at no expense to the Parish and that there would probably be a charge for any future internal audits. Cllr Middleton proposed spending £50 on a gift. After a discussion Cllr Bloomfield proposed spending £100 on a gift.

Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint Agreed: unanimously

iv) Finance Committee

Cllr Sampson said that it was advisable to have another member on the Finance Committee as Cllr Merrick would need to a declaration of interest in matters relating to the budget due to her involvement with the Sports and Recreation Trust. Cllr Sampson said that he would contact Cllr Merrick to discuss the matter as she was unfortunately not at this meeting. It was agreed that a further two members would be appointed.

It was proposed that Cllr Brooks would be appointed.

Proposed: Cllr Spearpoint Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield Agreed: unanimously

It was proposed that Cllr Sampson would be appointed.

Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield Seconded: Cllr Hall Agreed: unanimously

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, being personnel issues

v) Personnel

(There were no members of the public or press in attendance).

A confidential personnel matter was discussed. Details are attached to the minutes for the Councillors.

14/099 MEMORIAL HALL AND GROUNDS

None declared

14/100 SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

It was reported that 3 picnic tables have been installed.

It was reported that it was a very successful May Fayre.

14/101 HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 14/095(b)*.

14/102 PLANNING

14/102/a Report on Planning Applications

14/01838/TCA- notification of intent to fell and to carry out tree surgery works to trees within a conservation area – The Old Rose and Crown, 31 Ham Hill, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6RL – No observations are required. For information only.

14/02456/DPO – Application to discharge planning obligation 97/00407/FUL relating to land adjacent to Hatchcroft (and subsequent planning applications 04/02874/FUL and 03/03672/FUL) dated 16th July 1997 between South Somerset District Council and Mrs W Y Dike – land adjacent to The Stables, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ – This application is with the Planning Committee for consideration.

14/102/b Planning Decisions and Reports

14/01548/COL – application for a certificate of lawfulness to permit the use of dwelling without compliance of agricultural tie condition on planning permission 50246 dated 4 October 1960 – St Michaels Nurseries, Mason Lane, Montacute TA15 6UH – a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development was issued.

14/01311/FUL – erection of a dwelling house and garage/domestic workshop – land adjacent The Stables, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ – This application has been withdrawn.

10/01306/FUL – the erection of a replacement dwelling – Long Field Farm, Hedgecock Lane, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ – This application has been granted.

14/01440/FUL – rendering of gable end wall including end wall of porch – 15 Langlands, Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6QA – This application has been granted.

14/103 CORRESPONDENCE

14/103/a Noticeboard

An email has been received requesting a Parish noticeboard is erected in East Stoke. A discussion was held and it was agreed that it is not required and there would not be an appropriate site for it

14/103/b Hamdon Youth Group

A thank you letter has been received thanking the Parish Council for the £3,000 grant.

14/103/c NSPCC

A thank you letter has been received thanking the Parish Council for the donation of £50.

14/103/d The Wildlife Trusts

Cllr Sampson declared an interest in the Wildlife Trusts.

The Wildlife Trusts have requested of a donation of £100 to help promote barn owl conservation. It was agreed not to support this project.

14/103/e Highway Signs

Cllr Sampson said that he had received a letter from a resident regarding various highway signs around the village. He agreed to contact the resident.

Action Cllr Sampson

14/104 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Cllr Spearpoint said that the verge near the vicarage in East Stoke needs cutting back. The Clerk said that this was the responsibility of the Duchy of Cornwall and agreed to contact them. Action Clerk

14/105 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Bloomfield asked whether the village could have conservation area street lighting which is more environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing in the Victorian style. Cllr Sampson pointed out the conservation area of the village covered a large area and we would need to look at the cost of this. It was agreed that the Clerk to contact Somerset County Council. Action Clerk

The Clerk said that the cover on the streetlight in Hamdon Close had been left open and the residents had taped it up. This had been reported.

Cllr Spearpoint said that the trees in the Avenue were overgrown and were affecting the streetlights

14/105 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

14/106/a Allotments

Cllr Spearpoint said that path be the allotments at Stonehill was overgrown near the steps in Windsor Lane. The Clerk will contact the groundsman. Action Clerk

14/106/b Transport Strategy Group

This item was discussed under *Minute ref: 14/097/a*.

14/107 MEMBERS' REPORTS

None declared.

14/108 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Stoke Flooding Group

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th July at 8pm.

Cllr Hall gave her apologies for the July meeting.