

MINUTES OF STOKE SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

14/073/a PRESENT:

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

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

14/073/b APOLOGIES:

Mrs Wendy Hall, Mr John Bailey (County Councillor) and PCSO

14/074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

14/075 PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr Tyler from Radfords Fine Fudge Ltd. introduced himself and said that his business had recently relocated from Martock and was now situated in the old glove factory in Matts Lane. Mr Tyler went onto explain that there would be little disruption to Matts Lane as there would only be two deliveries and collections per day and that there would be minimal noise. Cllr Middleton asked about on-site parking for staff and Mr Tyler confirmed that there was sufficient spaces so there would be no impact on Matts Lane. Cllr Middleton also asked whether the company would be willing to give the students at Stanchester work experience. Mr Tyler said that they have had work experience students for the last five years and also take on apprentices; two of which are now fully employed with the company. The Parish Council welcomed Mr Tyler and his company to the village and Cllr Spearpoint said that it was good to learn that the firm was employing local people.

14/076 P.C.S.O. REPORT:

None declared.

14/077 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

14/077/a Sylvia Seal – District Councillor

Cllr Seal said that there was a meeting with Sue Mountstevens, the Police & Crime Commissioner, on Thursday, 27th May at the Guildhall in Chard. Cllr Seal said that she would email the details to the Clerk.

Cllr Seal gave a report on Ham Hill: there have been events for school groups; over the last Bank Holiday there was a large amount of litter and fly-tipping and; the sheep are now in Witcombe Valley.

Cllr Seal said that there was a full Council meeting on 15th May where the possibility of centralising stroke care at Taunton will be discussed especially the impact of additional travel time, public transport and that 25% of stroke victims who attend Yeovil Hospital live in Dorset; a report for the continuation of sharing a CEO with East Devon until 2018 has yet to be agreed and; the Local Plan is still being processed.

14/077/b John Bailey – County Councillor

None declared.

14/078 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

There were amendments to the previous month's minutes. *Minute ref: 14/058* – the first line in italics was deleted as it was typing error.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton

Seconded: Cllr Brooks

Agreed: unanimously

14/079 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

14/079/a Youth Shelter

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received from Caloo for the relocation of the Youth Shelter. This gave two options: i) remove the youth shelter, re-paint and install in the school grounds at a cost of £2,512.50 excluding VAT and; ii) remove youth shelter and relocate in the school grounds at a cost of £2,012.50. Cllr Middleton proposed to select the first option so that the shelter is re-painted as soon as it is installed in the school.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton Seconded: Cllr Merrick Agreed unanimously

The Clerk reported that the school were still sorting out where the shelter will be sited. The Clerk said that she would liaise with Caloo and the school.

(Cllr Spearpoint left the meeting due to a disruption outside the hall)

Cllr Rose proposed to use the ring-fenced money of £278 towards the cost of the relocation.

(Cllr Spearpoint returned to the meeting).

Proposed: Cllr Rose Seconded: Cllr Merrick Agreed unanimously

14/079/b Kissing Gate

Cllr Middleton said that after the recent article in the newsletter a resident had stated that they were in favour of having the gate reinstalled. The Clerk reported that she had received one other quotation from Barry Gosney to make and fit gate and fencing to form a 'v' enclosure at a cost including VAT of £475.20. Cllr Merrick proposed to accept this quotation.

Proposed: Cllr Merrick Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint Agreed unanimously

14/079/c Draft Minutes

The Clerk reported that there was nothing in the Standing Orders preventing the draft minutes being emailed to Councillors but there is a legal requirement (*LGA 1972 sch. 12*) for the agenda to be delivered to the Councillors residence either by hand or post. The Clerk asked for a resolution to be made so that the draft minutes could be emailed.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield Agreed unanimously

Cllrs Spearpoint and Rose said that they would prefer not to receive their draft minutes by email.

Cllr Seal said that she would get clarification from SSDC Legal Department with regard to sending the agenda via email.

The Clerk mentioned that she had already raised this matter with SALC a couple of years ago.

14/080 FINANCE

14/080/a Matters for Report:

- i) Precept Payment
The Clerk said that she had received a BACS confirmation of £54,470.00.
- ii) Letters For Signature – Annual Transfer Into Reserve Accounts
Cllrs Sampson, Spearpoint and Middleton signed a letter to NatWest Bank to transfer £2,400 into the Sports & Recreation Asset Reserve Account and £3,700 into the Asset Management Reserve Account for the financial year 2014/15.
- iii) Financial Regulations
The Clerk said that she had received an updated version of the Financial Regulation from NALC and the Finance Committee need to meet to discuss the values to be set prior to adoption.
- iv) Parish Council Risk Assessment
The Clerk had carried out an assessment of risk. These were approved and signed.

14/080/b Cheques Payable:

Sarah Moore	Expenses for April	£ 17.20	<i>Chq 1891</i>
NigeNige Services	Groundsman Salary for April	£ 712.00	<i>Chq 1892</i>
Stable Print	May Newsletters	£ 190.00	<i>Chq 1893</i>
Stoke sub Hamdon			
Memorial Hall	Hall Rent for Healthy Hearts Classes	£ 66.00	<i>Chq 1894</i>
Hamdon Youth Group	Annual Grant for 2014/15	£ 3,000.00	<i>Chq 1895</i>

Came & Company Community Council for Somerset	Parish Council Insurance	£ 690.17	<i>Chq 1896</i>
	Membership Fee	£ 35.00	<i>Chq 1897</i>
<u>Section 137 LGA 1972</u>			
NSPCC	Donation	£ 50.00	<i>Chq 1898</i>
	Total	£ 4,760.37	

Proposed: Cllr Spearpoint Seconded: Cllr Rose Agreed: unanimously

14/080/c Matters for Resolution

None declared.

14/081 MEMORIAL HALL AND GROUNDS

Cllr Spearpoint said he had to dismantle one of the swings as one of the shackles has been taken down and that this appears to have been done deliberately. Cllr Spearpoint asked for a resolution to purchase a new shackle.

Proposed: Cllr Merrick Seconded: Cllr Sampson Agreed unanimously

Cllr Spearpoint said that he would ask Barry Gosney to reassemble the swing.

Cllr Spearpoint said that concerns have been raised by residents regarding youths and ball games in the Stonehill play area. Younger children are feeling intimidated and youths are being abusive to allotment holders and other residents. Cllr Spearpoint asked whether a sign could be erected to stop ball games in the play area or a fence erected to protect the allotments. A discussion was held and Cllr Seal said that she would ask Robert Parr, the Youth Facilities Officer at SSDC, to attend the June meeting to discuss a way forward.

14/082 SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

Cllr Merrick said that repair work needs to be carried out to the ground and the grass needs treating. The Trust is getting estimates for mobile floodlight provision as there is an increase in training. Cllr Sampson asked what the percentage of the children attending were from Stoke.

Cllr Seal said that the Trust has been shortlisted for the Prince of Wales Award.

14/083 HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Cllr Wilson reported that the geocaching will take place on 27th May. Cllr Wilson also reported that the Group has a new volunteer. The new volunteer is only 18 years old and used to enjoy attending the youth group.

14/084 PLANNING

14/084/a Report on Planning Applications

14/01440/FUL – rendering of gable end wall including end wall of porch – 15 Langlands, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QA – no objections but observations were whether it was in keeping with houses in that area and was it to prevent ingress of water?

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 – no observations or objections

14/01864/FUL – erection of a two storey extension with lean-to, increase the height of outbuilding roof, and additional parking – 58 North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QQ – application is with the Planning Committee

14/084/b Planning Decisions and Reports

14/00864/LBC – works to enable the conversion of outbuilding to dwelling, refurbishment and erection on single storey extension – 18 North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QP – application was granted

14/00860/FUL – conversion of outbuilding to dwelling, refurbishment and erection of single storey extension, and alteration to the access (Revised Scheme) – 18 North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QP - application was granted

14/01295/FUL – demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of a replacement two storey extension to dwelling house and link to existing adjacent store – 47 Castle Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6RF – application was granted.

14/085 CORRESPONDENCE

14/085/a Martock Job Club

(Cllr Bloomfield declared an interest)

A letter from the Chairman of Martock Parish Council had been received regarding the Martock Job Club. The letter explained how the Job Club has helped residents back into employment and that Martock Parish Council fund the majority of the Club's annual budget. The Chairman of Martock Parish Council requested a donation as there were some residents of Stoke attending. A discussion was held and Cllr Middleton proposed a donation of £600.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton Seconded: Cllr Spearpoint Abstained: 1 Agreed: 6

14/085/b Lufton College

Cllr Sampson reported that Lufton College had borrowed the village's bunting for their May Fayre and he had received a thank you letter.

14/086 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.

Cllr Spearpoint also mentioned that there was a rut in the road in Windsor Lane adjacent to the allotment site.

14/087 STREET LIGHTING

None declared.

14/088 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

14/088/a Allotments

None declared.

14/088/b Transport Strategy Group

Cllr Brooks reported that there will be a consultation in July; proposal of 5-10 spaces at Castle School to be raised at the Governors meeting; changes to yellow lines to be discussed with Somerset County Council and; a speed objective at Stanchester, Queens Crescent and West Street.

14/089 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cllr Merrick said reported on the residents meeting regarding Brocks Mount. Unfortunately the developer did not attend. However, Rachel Turner, SCC, discussed the issues in adopting the road and that a legal notice will be served on the developer.

(Cllr Rose left the meeting).

The Clerk said that at the Finance meeting in November she was asked to keep a six month record of actual hours worked and asked for this to be raised at the next meeting.

Cllr Spearpoint said that the Clerk had sent a birthday card to Mr Marshall James of West Street on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr Marshall James celebrated his 100th birthday on 7th May.

14/090 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None declared.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.00pm and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th June at 7pm.

Cllrs Hay and Middleton gave their apologies for the June meeting.