

MINUTES OF STOKE SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

14/127/a PRESENT:

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

Others: Mrs Sarah Moore (Clerk), Mrs Sylvia Seal (District Councillor), Mr John Bailey (County Councillor), Mr David Norris (Development Manager, Planning Department, SSDC) and 3 members of the public.

14/127/b APOLOGIES:

The PCSO.

Cllr Merrick had given her apologies stating that she would be late.

14/128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared.

14/129 PUBLIC SESSION:

A resident complained that the owner of the store in West Street was not adhering to the planning conditions. The owner was still acquiring items and storing them against his neighbour's fence which is now in danger of collapsing. Mr Norris of the Planning Department commented that he was aware of the situation. It was agreed that a formal letter would be sent to the Planning Department on the resident's behalf. **Action Clerk**

(Cllr Merrick entered the meeting)

The applicant for planning application numbers 14/03862/LBC and 14/03860/S73 put forward the reasons for these amended plans in order to support his application. These planning applications are currently with the Planning Committee.

The Chairman of the Sports and Recreation Trust had submitted three letters to the Parish Council and these were i) for an adventure play area on the recreation ground; ii) South Somerset Disability Forum and disabled access and; iii) lighting provision in The Priory's Tithe Barn.

In respect of point iii above, the letter stated that the Trust would provide 33% of the funding required to provide floodlighting, power sockets and emergency lighting and proposed that the Parish Council provide match funding. The Clerk pointed out that under the National Trust Act 1937 Section 7(2) the Parish Council would need to write to the Secretary of State before being able to agree to provide any funding towards National Trust properties. A discussion was held on how often it would be used and what availability there would be to residents.

Mr David Norris, Development Manager in the Planning Department of South Somerset District Council introduced himself and gave an update on the Local Plan and what planning policies were relevant for the village. He also discussed what the Parish Council's role was with regard to planning decisions.

14/130 P.C.S.O. REPORT:

None declared.

14/131 DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

14/131/a Sylvia Seal – District Councillor

None declared.

14/131/b John Bailey – County Councillor

Cllr Bailey's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bailey commented that the Bike Project restarted on 4th September and the Hamdon Youth Group is looking for volunteers for this and all sessions. Cllr Bailey reported that he will be chasing up the issues regarding Brocks Mount. He asked for some feedback

regarding a Flooding Group and, stated that suggestions are required for the 2014/15 Health and Wellbeing Grant. Cllr Hall suggested installing a defibrillator in the Prince of Wales pub which would be an asset for the country park. Cllr Bailey asked that the suggestion be put forward in writing. Action Clerk

Cllr Bailey asked if the parish could write to landowners asking if they could prepare their hedges and ditches before the winter. Also, for the parish to review any areas that many need new grit bins.

Cllr Bailey thanked the Clerk for passing on the information regarding the consultation on a 50mph limit for the A356.

14/132 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The last line of the minutes 'Cllr Hall gave her apologies for the July meeting' was an error and it was agreed for this to be removed.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Spearpoint

Seconded: Cllr Brooks

Agreed: unanimously

14/133 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None declared.

14/134 FINANCE

14/134/a Matters for Report:

The Clerk asked for two letters to NatWest to be signed. One was for the clarification on which councillors were signatories and the other for the creation of a new reserve account for the Memorial Hall with funds to be transferred equal to the funds in the Sports & Recreation Trust Asset Reserve account.

14/134/b Cheques Payable:

Sarah Moore	Expenses for July & August	£ 85.40	Chq 1910
Caloo Ltd.	Removal & Relocate Youth Shelter	£ 3,015.00	Chq 1911
Stable Print	September Newsletters	£ 190.00	Chq 1912
Somerset Landscapes Ltd	Groundsman for August	£ 345.79	Chq 1913
Stoke sub Hamdon			
Memorial Hall	Healthy Hearts – Rent for Hall	£ 66.00	Chq 1914
Grant Thornton UK LLP	Annual Audit	£ 360.00	Chq 1915
Stoke sub Hamdon			
Memorial Hall	Annual Grant	<u>£ 1,000.00</u>	Chq 1916
	Total	£ 5,062.19	

Proposed: Cllr Hall

Seconded: Cllr Hay

Agreed: unanimously

The Clerk passed the cheque for the annual grant to Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall to Cllr Sampson.

14/134/c Matters for Resolution

None declared

14/135 MEMORIAL HALL AND GROUNDS

Cllr Spearpoint reported that he had carried out an inspection of the play area and said that the swings needed new seats and felt that as the equipment had been supplied by Wicksteed Leisure the new seats should also be supplied by them. Cllr Spearpoint had received a quotation of £469.15 excluding VAT. Cllr Middleton proposed purchasing the seats so they were available to fit when necessary. Cllr Sampson proposed for Cllr Spearpoint to arrange the purchase. Cllr Hay agreed to the purchase subject to reasonable fitting.

Proposed: Cllr Sampson

Seconded: Cllr Middleton

Agreed: unanimously

14/136 SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

A discussion was held regarding the letter about the National Trust's Tithe Barn and it was agreed to find out from the chairman of the Sports and Recreation Trust what the definitions/agreements were from the National Trust and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Spearpoint agreed to act on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the adventure playground. It was agreed to discuss this and the letter about the disabled access at the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the youth shelter had now been removed from the recreation ground and has been installed in the grounds of Castle School for the school's use only.

Cllr Merrick said that the Charity Shop was closed whilst it was being refurbished.

14/137 HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Cllr Spearpoint suggested a project for the youth group to clean Cole Lane and also Whirligig Lane over a rolling 2 year period. He explained that the Youth Group will be coming to the Parish Council with more details and a request for funding.

14/138 PLANNING

Cllr Sampson mentioned that the Planning Committee had a meeting with Boon Brown Architects to discuss the possible development of 14 houses at the Southcombe factory car park. No planning application has been received as yet.

14/138/a Report on Planning Applications

14/03217/FUL – rear single storey extension to dwelling house – Ridgemont, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ – There were no observations or objections.

14/03472/FUL – Installation of new refrigeration plant and acoustic screen, relocation of existing AC condensers and redecoration to shop front door and window frames. New steel security door installation – Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd., East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ – There were no observations or objections.

14/03173/FUL – Construction of a uPVC 'Lean To' conservatory at the rear of the property – 6 East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6RQ – There were no observations or objections

14/138/b Planning Decisions and Reports

14/02957/PDE – Proposed extension (i) the projection of the proposed extension beyond the rear wall is 6.6 metres (ii) the maximum height of the extension is 3.7 metres (iii) the height of the eaves of the extension is 3.0 metres – Ridgemont, Montacute Road, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ – Granted

13/03622/FUL – Erection of 18 dwellings and associated works including a new vehicular access, parking, open space and landscaping – land adjacent East Stoke House, Montacute Road, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon – Granted subject to 19 conditions and 6 informatives.

A discussion was held about viewing and being notified of planning applications. Cllr Middleton suggested that when the Clerk receives a planning application she notifies all members that an application is being processed by the Planning Committee. The Clerk mentioned that members can also register on the SSDC website for weekly emailed notifications of the parish's current applications.

(Cllr Bloomfield left the meeting)

14/139 CORRESPONDENCE

14/139/a Internal Auditor

A thank you letter had been received from Mr M Kerr.

14/139/b Bequest

The Parish Council has received a bequest of £1,000 from the estate of the late Bernadette Hutchings. The money is to be used for the benefit of the community. The Clerk confirmed that she has written to acknowledge

receipt of the cheque. A discussion was held on how to spend the money for the community and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the solicitor.

Action Clerk

14/139/c Martock Job Club

A thank you letter was received in respect of the grant for Martock Job Club

14/139/d Mobile Convenience Store

A general enquiry had been made on whether the village needed a mobile convenience store. It was agreed that this service would not be required as there are sufficient shops in the village.

14/139/e Grant Request – Youth Club

A request for funding has been received from the Youth Club which is held in the All Saints Hall. The funding would go towards the overheads which based on 2 sessions a week for 40 weeks a year. The youth club has asked for an annual payment of £800. Cllr Middleton asked whether this would also satisfy the Charity Shop's criteria. Cllr Merrick agreed that it would and also the May Fayre Committee's. Cllr Middleton proposed to fund £800 as a one-off payment but the youth club must re-apply each year.

Proposed: Cllr Middleton Seconded: Cllr Sampson Agreed: unanimously

14/140 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

The Clerk reported that there was a consultation on proposed works on the A356 between the A303 and Crewkerne. The Clerk had sent the details of the consultation to all members and asked if there were any comments to be made. A discussion was held and it was agreed that the 50mph limit should be extended from the slip road to the A303 to take into account the cross roads near Holy Tree.

Action Clerk

There is a hole in the road in Windsor Lane near the B.T. telegraph pole. The Clerk is to report this to Highways.

Action Clerk

14/141 STREET LIGHTING

Streetlights in Ham Hill Road and The Avenue are faulty. The Clerk said that she needed the light numbers so that she can report them.

Action Clerk

14/142 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

14/142/a Allotments

None declared.

14/142/b Transport Strategy Group

Cllr Brooks gave her report. It had been decided and agreed that none of the bus stops in the village were going to be removed. There will be another meeting with Somerset County Council. It has been agreed that there should be a sign stating that the road narrows (westbound) from Highway towards the High Street and that the sign could be put on an existing pole.

14/143 MEMBERS' REPORTS

None declared.

14/144 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October at 7pm.