

STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2017

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 24TH AUGUST 2017

Present: Keith Holder (Chair), John Sainsbury, Sebastian Wolf, Anna Mearns, Kirsty Hayes, Amanda Taylor, Philip Ham, Alan Townsend, Bridget Banwell (Clerk), 9 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from John Johnston and Tanya Squire.

2. Declaration of interest - None

3. Public Session

Several members of the public were in attendance to discuss Wainwrights' planning application for 3 replacement tips. Residents of Three Ashes have been consulted on the application, but Doultong is the only parish council to have been notified. The consultation period ends on 31st August, but this will have to be extended to allow Wainwrights the opportunity to hold a public presentation. Cllr Mearns has been given the paperwork relating to the application and said that members of the public are welcome to book a time to visit the quarry and peruse the paperwork. Cllr Ham said that there had been staff problems at SCC. PC felt that this was not satisfactory and considered that professionals involved at both SCC and Wainwrights have been left wanting; Wainwrights for putting in the application and not realising the time scale and SCC for not handling this properly. It was proposed that the Clerk should write to SCC expressing disappointment that the application had got to this stage with no formal notification to the PC and to formally request that the consultation period be extended until at least the end of September. Wainwrights will not be holding a public meeting until the end of August and the PC will need to gather its thoughts and collate public comments before formally responding.

PROPOSED BY: Sebastian Wolf

SECONDED BY: Anna Mearns

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

Clerk will find out when Wainwrights intend to hold the public meeting and notify other parish councils of the date. It was agreed that a special PC meeting should be held on 24th August.

4. County & District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Ham talked about the various committees he is involved with. He recently visited Hinkley Point C and said that the project was very advanced.

The Local Plan Part II will be out for consultation sometime in September.

Cllr Ham has spoken to Rick Massey about windscreen stickers and said that he would be willing to talk about this at the PC meeting in September.

Cllr Townsend talked about full council reallocations at MDC. He has joined the Planning and Scrutiny Boards. He said that scrutiny is to become a more active body working on relationships between MDC and the 5 towns.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Subject to a minor amendment in the wording of Item 10, the minutes were agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chair.

PROPOSED BY: Anna Mearns

SECONDED BY: Sebastian Wolf

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Matters arising not covered on the Agenda

1. Trees on the green at Moonshill – It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for September.
2. Dog waste bin – This has been delivered. Clerk is waiting to hear from MDC about the re-siting of the bin.

7. Pedestrian Road Safety Enhancement Scheme

Neil from Vectos has obtained a ball-part figure for the trial pedestrian road safety incremental scheme of approx. £20,000. This would include the removal of the roundabout, creating a pedestrian flow using planters. After the trial period, there would be another public consultation. Cllr Ham will liaise with Cllr Mearns about applying for funding.

Mill Lane – The Working Party has been in correspondence with SCC. Cllr Mearns will check with SCC who would be responsible for funding the work. Cllrs Ham and Townsend said they would be happy to attend a site meeting with representatives from SCC.

8. Millennium Wood

The PC legally took over ownership of the wood as from 19th July. PC now has to decide on how to maintain the site. Clerk will contact Simon Clark from Natural England to inform him that the PC owns the wood. Volunteers will be needed to join an action group. Cllr Ham said that Somerset Wildlife is visiting Coleford at the weekend and he will mention that the PC now owns the wood. Clerk will contact Primrose Garden Maintenance to get an overall cost of what needs to be done initially and the likely cost of future maintenance.

9. Notice Boards

The notice boards are badly in need of repair. The plastic has become very discoloured in the main one by the Lychgate making it difficult to read notices. Cllr Hayes will ask her husband to liaise with Cllr Johnston. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr McEntee arrived at the meeting at 8.35pm

10. Replacement of Lychgate bench

It was agreed that this would be an item on the next agenda.

11. Playing Field

1. Pavilion Renovation Work – Clerk reported that she had received a donation of £2,000 from someone who wished to remain anonymous. Cllr Johnston is still waiting to hear from the Trustees at Wainwrights.
2. Annal Playing Field Inspection Report – Cllr Wolf believes there is a discrepancy on page 1 in the Executive Summary Sheet, since the Report reads differently to the Summary. Clerk will ask for clarification.

12. Planning

1. Application No. 2017/1789/FUL – Stoke Bottom Farm, Track between Harridge Woods and Giddy Lane, Stratton-on-the-Fosse – Erection of agricultural livestock building

This is a very large building and, although the planning statement says that no one can see it, it would be very visible from Frog Lane. PC had no objections in principle to the building, but had concerns about the visual impact and felt it would be better positioned further away from Giddy Lane.

PC RECOMMENDS REFUSAL

PROPOSED BY: Sebastian Wolf

SECONDED BY: John McEntee

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Website

Cllr Taylor confirmed that the site is now showing on Google. Cllr Wolf will send more images of the village. An item will need to be included in the Lychgate to make people aware that they can use the diary for village events by contacting Fae direct. It was confirmed that draft Minutes can be put on the website before being approved.

Cllrs Ham and Townsend left the meeting at 8.55pm

14. Finance

1. Bank balances: Current A/C £10,161.80
Reserve A/C £29,542.93 (£2,000 ring-fenced for pavilion work)
2. Cheques for authorisation:
Primrose Garden Maintenance Ltd – Inv. 2915 – Grass cutting
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EDF Energy – Pavilion electricity supply
SSM War Memorial Hall – Rental
Glasdon (UK) Ltd – Purchase of dog waste bin
Bartlett, Gooding & Weelen – Balance of costs – Millennium Wood
PROPOSED BY: John Sainsbury **SECONDED BY:** John McEntee
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY
3. Annual Return
The Annual Return was formally adopted by the PC.
PROPOSED BY: Anna Mearns **SECONDED BY:** Kirsty Hayes
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

6 members of the public left the meeting

15. Correspondence

- MDC Notice of Planning Approval – Application No. 2016/2791/FUL – Sycamore Stud, SSM
- Invitation to link with Leigh-on-Mendip to host an NHS Healthcheck event in October – date to be confirmed. The event will be held in Leigh village hall, so it will just need to be advertised in SSM.

16. Matters to report/Items for next Agenda

1. Procedures - Cllr Holder said that procedural matters need to be tightened up in order for the PC not to be left exposed. It may be necessary to hold a separate meeting in order to go through the Standing Orders.
2. Parish Lengthsman
3. Speedwatch

17. Dates of next meetings:

Thursday, 24th August
Thursday, 7th September
All meetings will take place at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed _____ **Dated** _____