

STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 2017

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: Keith Holder (Chair), Anna Mearns, Amanda Taylor, Kirsty Hayes, Tanya Squire, Sebastian Wolf, John Johnston, Bridget Banwell (Clerk), 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from John Sainsbury and Alan Townsend.

2. Declarations of interest - None

3. Public Session

A member of the public wanted to make the PC aware that 2 events are being organised to raise funds for a defibrillator. A Mouse Race will be held in November and a Triathlon Family Day Event is to be arranged. The defibrillator plus a secure box in which to house it will cost £600-£700. The PC was asked if it would make a donation or support an event.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7.40pm

Stephen Massey is a volunteer for the Bristol Avon River Trust. He voiced concerns that Wainwrights' pumping system is causing the pond at the Lychgate and the streams to be polluted. Clerk will request a report dated 7th August 2017 from the Environment Agency. Cllrs Mearns and Wolf will liaise with Mr Massey to put together a letter to the Environment Agency.

Mr Massey left the meeting at 8.00pm

4. County & District Councillors' Reports - None

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Item 3 – Cllr Mearns said that Wainwrights had given her the paperwork relating to the 3 tips planning application so that it could be available for residents to view. She will take it along to the public meeting.

At the last meeting, it was agreed that David Rolf should purchase a bench in the burial ground in memory of George and Jean Rolf.

Subject to amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 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. Item 7 – Mill Lane: Cllr Mearns has been in contact with SCC. It was agreed that 'No Through Road/Access Only' would be worth pursuing, but this could still cause problems with Sat Nav. Another option is to get the road unadopted. Cllr Mearns will ask Neil from Vectos to send a letter to SCC. It was suggested that a petition could be drawn up.

2. Dog bin: MDC has agreed to the re-siting of the dog waste bin and will arrange for the contractors responsible to empty the bin.

3. Parish Lengthsman: Cllr Johnston confirmed that the PL wants to continue in his role. Cllr Johnston will visit the PL with a diary and ask him to commit to dates when he will be available to work. It could be that the PC will need to get someone to do the backlog of work.

4. Unpresented cheques: PC should re-issue any out of date cheques and stress to the payee the importance of presenting cheques promptly.

5. Millennium Wood: The woodland needs to be valued for insurance purposes. Clerk will contact the Woodland Trust for advice. Clerk will ask The Conservation Trust to liaise direct with Simon Clark about a site meeting.

7. Trees on the green at Moonhill

PC needs to ascertain whether the trees overhanging the road are causing a danger. Clerk will contact a tree surgeon for professional advice on whether the trees pose a safety issue before obtaining quotes.

8. State of repair of notice boards

It was agreed that the Perspex needs replacing. Cllr Johnston will ask Tim Brooks if he could do this.

9. Replacement of the bench at The Lychgate

Cllr Johnston agreed to leave his bench in position until the autumn. It was agreed that a replacement bench should be made of hard wood, perhaps in the region of £200-£250.

10. Memorial Hall – Vacancy for Committee Members

Alan Stewart has showed an interest in becoming Chair and Booking Clerk, but they still need a Vice Chair. The vacancy will be advertised in the hope of encouraging new people to join. Enquiries should be addressed to Cllr Squire.

11. Playing Field

1. Pavilion renovation work: Cllr Johnston confirmed that the work is almost complete. They are waiting for the electrics to be finished. The first home game will take place on the third Saturday in September. It was agreed that the £2,000 donation should be spent first before the £2,000 donation from the PC.

2. Annual Inspection Report: Clerk has contacted the Somerset Playing Fields Association who has confirmed the 4 high risk issues. The report will be analysed since PC will want further information on some areas and will need to seek advice on how to discharge its responsibility. Clerk will contact G B Sport and Leisure to see if they will visit and give advice free of charge.

12. Planning

Application No. 2017/2042/HSE – 10 Sweetleaze, Stoke Hill, SSM – 2 storey side extension with pitched roofs

This is on the boundary of the footpath and the PC felt this was a very large extension, which would be overbearing and oppressive to users of the footpath. PC had no objection in principle to the extension, but thought it was far too close to the boundary and would be overbearing on the neighbours. There were also concerns about light levels on the footpath. The PC cannot therefore support the application in its present form.

PC RECOMMENDS REFUSAL

PROPOSED BY: Sebastian Wolf **SECONDED BY:** Amanda Taylor
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Finance

1. Bank Balances: Current A/C £3,531.67 Reserve A/C £29,544.37

2. Cheques for authorisation:

Primrose Garden Maintenance – Grass cutting – Inv. 3018

Primrose Garden Maintenance – PF grass cutting – Inv. 2957

Fae Clements – Website maintenance – Inv. 010 & 011

Hannah Snow – Reimbursement for items for pavilion renovation

PROPOSED BY: Anna Mearns **SECONDED BY:** John Johnston
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Correspondence

1. MDC Notice of Planning Refusal Application No. 2017/1947/NMA for Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 2016/1922/FUL – Phippens Farm, Fosse Road, SSM

2. Notice from public The Planning Inspectorate – Application No. 2016/2673/OTS – Cooks Farm, Partman's Hill, SSM – Appeal dismissed

3. Letter of resignation from John Sainsbury. Clerk will write to thank John for his outstanding service to the parish council. Clerk will advertise the vacancy on the notice board and the website.

15. Matters to report/Items for next agenda

1. It was agreed that Cllr Mearns should speak to Wayne from Wainwrights to say that he would be welcome to attend the next PC meeting as a member of the public, but not as a representative of the quarry. The points put forward will be recorded and the PC will reflect upon the comments before considering its response to the consultation.

2. Clerk will ask Philip Ham to contact Rick Massey and invite him to the October PC meeting.
3. Items for next Agenda:
 - Pedestrian Road Safety Enhancement Scheme
 - Procedures – The Standing Orders need to be waived to allow a greater amount of time for public participation. The current time allowed of 3 minutes per person does not give the PC time to digest and adequately respond. Members of the public would be invited to advise the Clerk in advance of the meeting of their questions.

16. Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed _____ **Dated** _____