

STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the meeting held on 21st April 2022 in the War Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Amanda Taylor (Chair), Matthew Rice and Simon Farnsworth

Also, in Attendance – Kate Egan – Parish Clerk

1. Cllr Matthew Rice proposed Cllr Amanda Taylor to be Chair for this meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Simon Farnsworth, this was unanimously agreed.
2. **Welcome by the Chair**
3. **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs Keith Hambly, John McEntee and Nicholas Corbett
4. **Absent**
Cllr Kim Gibson
5. **(a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**
There were no declarations of interest received from Councillors on items on the agenda.
(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
There were no written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
There were no requests for dispensation as appropriate
6. **Public Session**
There were no members of the public in attendance
7. **County and District Councillor Reports**
County Councillor Phillip Ham sent his apologies. District Councillor Alan Townsend was in attendance but due to purdah no report had been forwarded. The Parish Council thanked him for his support over the years as he has decided not to re-stand as a Councillor in the forthcoming elections.
8. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held on 10th March 2022, previously circulated**
The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from 10th March 2022 be accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair of the Meeting.
9. **Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda**
There were no matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda

10.Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.

- (a) 2022/0243/FUL** Convert two single storey barns into holiday lets. Dunford Farm, Edford Hill, Holcombe **Update** Stoke St Michael Parish Council recommended approval as they had no problem in principle and Mendip Conservation Officer will deal with the fine details.
- (b) 2022/0571/LBC** Convert two single storey barns into holiday lets. Dunford Farm, Edford Hill, Holcombe. **Update** Stoke St Michael Parish Council recommended approval as they had no problem in principle and Mendip Conservation Officer will deal with the fine details.
- (c) 2022/0428/HSE** Replacement of existing outhouse with ancillary accommodation. Sycamore Place, Mendip Road, Stoke St Michael **Update** Stoke St Michael Parish Council recommended refusal due to the height of the building and it would be overbearing to the neighbouring property.
- (d) 2022/0608/FUL** Creation of a field access (retrospective). The Old Parlour, Fosse Road, Oakhill **Update** Stoke St Michael Parish Council recommend approval as there were no valid reasons to object.

11.Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Mendip District Council and others.

- (a) 2022/0437/PAH** The erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.6 metres, with a maximum height of 2.8 metres and an eaves height of 2.8 metres. 16 Moonshill Road, Stoke St Michael. **Update** Prior Approval is not required.
- (b) 2021/2831/REM** Approval of reserved matters (Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline approval 2018/1913/OTA for the erection of a single dwelling. Land at 366414 146838, Stoke Hill, Stoke St Michael. **Update** The application has been withdrawn.
- (c) 2021/2518/FUL** Change of use of land from agricultural to dog exercise field (sui generis) to include fencing, parking and access. Manor House Farm, Burnt House Lane to Towns End, Stoke St Michael. **Update** Mendip District Council have approved the application.
- (d) 2022/0036/HSE** Erection of a side extension – East Phippens Farmhouse, Fosse Road, Stoke St Michael. **Update** Mendip District Council have approved the application.
- (e) 2022/0074/APP** Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (External Lighting, 4 (Ecology – Nest Boxes), on planning consent 2020/2176/FUL – Barn Farm, Tadhill Lane, Stoke St Michael **Update** Mendip District Council have approved the application.

12.Planning Applications being Monitored

- (a) ENF/2021/0090** Construction of stoned farm tracks across 35 hectares of agricultural farm land to be used for walking, cycling, and bridleways. Cooks Wood Quarry, Bector Lane, Stoke St Michael. The application was withdrawn on 1st March 2021 and an enforcement case was requested due to part of the application was for retrospective planning. The Enforcement Team have confirmed a case has been opened and that discussions are taking place regarding a resubmission **Update** The enforcement team were contacted on 12th March for an update and the following was received. “Under the General Data Protection Regulations, the Council has a duty to protect the privacy of the person who is the subject of the complaint as we do for the person reporting the complaint. Therefore, we are no longer able to provide you with any updates or information about the matter during the course of our investigation. Such information is also likely to be exempt from release under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You will be provided with a summary of our findings once the investigation has been concluded.”

13.To Be Resolved/Discussed

- (a) Proposal to approve the application to Wainwright’s community fund.**

Cllr Simon Farnsworth handed out a draft version of the application, this will be amended slightly and submitted. The Council have also received permission from the landowner to site the new dog bins. The land is privately owned.

- (b) The Village Design Code will be launched on Thursday 26th May in the Village Hall. The War Memorial Hall will be open between 10am and 8pm for residents to view the plans. Discussions on how the day will be run with maybe a Councillor rota.**

The framework for the Village Design Code is in place and this will be launched on Thursday 26th May at an all-day Drop-In event. Villagers are welcome to come along to the War Memorial Hall between 10am and 8pm view the structure and timescale of the Design Code. Rob Palmer and Helen Little from Mendip District Council Planning Department will be in attendance along with Councillors. Cllr Amanda Taylor asked Councillors if they would consider helping to man the day and this will be discussed again at the next meeting.

14.Clerk’s Report

- (a)** The tree works required on Moonshill Road were carried out at the end of March.
- (b)** Further to a report of a damaged fence and a car blocking the pavement at the bottom of the hollow, this has now all been cleared and the pavement is free of obstructions.

- (c) Further to a request to check insurance on items being stored away from the office. According to the insurance policy machinery stored away from premises are insured up to the value of £6,000.00
- (d) The Parish Path Liaison Officer has been in touch with the Cookswood development to discuss the various footpaths through the development. A meeting was arranged for the end of March to discuss the issues.

15. Finance

Bank Balances as at: - 31st March 2022

Reserve Account - £37,801.82

Current Account - £1,428.48

Yearly Review – information only

Receipts

- (a) Burial Fees - £79.00 – received by bacs 4.3.22
- (b) Bank Interest - £0.28 received 9.3.22
- (c) Burial Fees - £128.00 – received a cheque, placed in the bank on 01.04.22
- (d) HMRC VAT Reclaim - £1361.41 – received 31.03.22
- (e) Grant from SALC/SLCC - £800 – received 31.03.22

Payments

- (f) SLCC Training Seminar in May - £20.00
- (g) Ionos – Monthly Payment - £12.00 pd on 18.03.22 by DD
- (h) Ionos – Monthly Payment £12.00 pd on 18.04.22 by DD
- (i) George Carr & Sons - £979.00 – pd by Paypal on 14.3.22
- (j) George Carr & Co – purchase of batteries - £510.00 – purchased on Clerks credit card, to be reimbursed.
- (k) Transfer from the Reserve Account to the Current Account - £5,000
- (l) Clerks Salary – March - £297.60
- (m) Purchase of Ink Cartridges - £14.77
- (n) War Memorial Hall – Hall Hire – £130.00.
- (o) Transfer to the village hall £800

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the above payments and receipts and also **RESOLVED** to accept the additional receipts and payments below.

- (p) Bank Interest - £0.33 – received 11.04.22
- (q) Annual Precept - £25,977.00 received 13.04.22

(r) J.Murtagh Tree Services - £1950.00

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16. Correspondence

(a) Death of a Senior Figure and Protocols – forwarded 21.3.22

(b) Frome Area LCN Meeting – 7pm 30th March – forwarded 24.3.22

17. Matters to report / items for next agenda

(a) Hi-Line are due to carry out the works on the Millennium Green to clear the powerline on Monday 25th April.

(b) The Parish Council would like to thank Cllrs Simon Farnsworth and Kim Gibson for their time as Councillors as they have both decided not to re-stand as Parish Councillors.

18. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 19th May 2022 in the War Memorial Hall starting at 7.00pm. This will include the Annual Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 8.30pm