

STOKE ST. GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 in the Meeting Room, Williams Hall

Present , Nick Sloan (Chairman), Graham Glead (Vice Chairman), David House, Peter House, John Hembrow (arrives later), Sara Sollis, Heather Venn, David Fothergill (County Councillor).

In Attendance – Becky Goodchild and 6 members of the public.

Public Question Time:

1) Proposed housing development - Members of the public were present for an update on the proposed housing development. The PC advised that the planning application has not yet been submitted by the developer and that the PC will not be asked by the TDBC Planning Department for their comment until such time. A member of the public asked if there will be a village public meeting. There will not be a village meeting held by the PC but members of the public can approach the developer. The public can also submit comments to TDBC via their online planning portal once the plan has been submitted. GG advised that the plan for a new pavilion has been submitted, although it has not 'gone live' yet for comment.

(JH arrives)

A member of the public raised concern regarding a high pressure water mains and flooding, and whether planting of trees would be an issue. NS advised that any concerns and comments should be made to TDBC once the plan is available to comment on.

2) Remembrance service and village bonfire – Sue Hembrow (present) and all involved were thanked by the PC for their efforts in organisation of the weekend's events. Many positive comments had been received, and all was achieved with no budget, just community spirit.

(5 members of the public leave)

3) Clock striking – Ian Upshall advised that the parish clock is now striking correctly again.

(1 member of the public leaves)

Meeting opens

Apologies for absence – Ann Finn, Glynn Banks, Phil Stone (District Councillor).

119. Declarations of Interest and dispensations – PH declared an interest in planning applications 36/18/0040 and 36/18/0041 (as a neighbour).

120. Minutes of previous meeting - The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th October were agreed by all to be accurate, and were signed by the Chairman.

(PS arrives)

121. Planning

36/17/0028 Rose and Crown Inn - TDBC: Conditional approval 11-10-2018

36/18/0030/LB Crossway Farm - TDBC: Conditional approval 4-10-2018

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36/18/0032 Huntham Farm – TDBC: Conditional approval 1-11-2018

36/18/0033 Corner Cottage - TDBC: Conditional approval 5-10-2018

36/18/0034 Huntham Farm - TDBC: Conditional approval 23-10-2018

36/18/0040 Dark Lane Farm – Replacement of animal shelter and barn with the erection of a garage/storage barn.

The following response was agreed: We support this application because though large, we do not feel that in the position proposed the building would be unduly obtrusive. We also appreciate that it will replace a number of unsightly sheds, and preserve elements of an existing historic barn.

36/18/0041 Dark Lane Farm – Replacement of barn with erection of an animal shed and implement storage barn.

The following response was agreed: We support this application to replace a decrepit shed with a new building of similar size and sympathetic appearance some metres to the west, since it will have no significant visual impact on the surrounding area.

HV advised that application **36/18/0037 (Land adjacent to Leeswood** – erection of bungalow) has been refused by TDBC due to being outside the settlement limits and because the proposed access to the road does not incorporate the necessary visibility splays in the interests of highway safety.

122. Online banking – The 'application for delegate user access' forms were signed by 2 signatories and the clerk.

Clerk to post the application.

123. Precept planning and plans for future projects – The draft budget sheets previously circulated by the clerk were discussed and amended. The need to budget for lost services was discussed (e.g. purchase of a SID as a possible future project, purchase and maintenance of a grit bin), also other new costs such as dog bin emptying. NS advised of an anticipated repair to the parish clock. GG advised that an online village archive is being organised of the content of the Remembrance Day exhibition but that no costs are anticipated. Ring-fencing for specific projects to be discussed at the next meeting.

124. Approve amendment to Burial Ground Regulations – NS had previously circulated a draft amendment to the regulations following agreement of an area set aside for interment of ashes. All agreed to the amendment.

NS to update the Burial Regulations on the village website.

125. PC policy on social media – Current methods of communication by the PC are the village website, village email list, Facebook, Nextdoor, Stoke News and the Parish Magazine. HV suggested that Facebook and Nextdoor messages be duplicated. SS requested that the website contacts be updated. Local road closures are circulated to those on the village email list and NS will place significant closures on the website. Pointers to significant information on the website will be put onto Facebook and Nextdoor.

126. Footpaths - The gate at the top left of the playing field and also the gate planned for between Church Close and the allotment field have not been placed yet.

127. Highways

SCC update re revised Speed Indicator Device Scheme – The planned revised SID scheme will not be implemented due to lack of uptake by PCs, and therefore funds. There is the option to purchase and manage equipment ourselves, perhaps as a joint project with other local parishes. For next agenda.

Road markings on the corner of Willey Road have now been painted.

128. Allotments – Nothing to report.

129. Playing Field –

The village bonfire took place on the playing field on 11th November to commemorate the armistice. It was felt to have been a successful event and well attended.

Stoke Stampede - SS advised that marshals are required for this event which will take place on 6th January. Volunteers please contact Neil Sollis or any member of the Playing Field Committee.

130. The Heart of the Village – GG advised that a meeting will take place tomorrow.

131. Village website – Some requests for placing advertisements have been received recently. It was felt that the PC could not recommend companies or services but could place links on the website under services.

NS to set up a page on the website for service links.

132. Broadband – NS advised that Gigaclear's schedules for extending their network to North Curry and Stoke St Gregory have slipped by up to years and we can no longer expect work to begin in early 2019 as previously planned. Another company, TrueSpeed, is also connecting some communities in Somerset but we do not know yet if they will come to this area.

133. Flood – No issues.

134. Consultations and surveys

Local Government Boundary Commission – Survey on review processes and procedures – The PC agreed not to respond to this.

The Clerk Magazine January feature - Participation of parish, community and town councils in the planning application process – NS suggested a response rejecting the idea that PCs should not be involved in the planning process. All agreed.

NS to send response.

Notification of the following consultations was received and circulated after issue of the agenda:

Wedmore Neighbourhood Development Plan – The PC agreed not to respond.

Getset public consultation - The PC agreed not to respond as it is more relevant to individuals.

135. Police issues – GG advised that the police have used the village hall once so far for a drop-in session.

(DF leaves)

136. Financial Matters

Authorisation of cheques

1021 A McKenzie – Reimbursement for payment of privacy fee for previous village website	£14.18
1022 The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal donation	£50.00
1023 R Goodchild – Reimbursement for printer ink (£17.48), stamps (£4.15)	£21.63
1024 Williams Hall Stoke St Gregory – Hire of Meeting Room for PC meetings (Aug-Oct 2018), and Heart of the Village meeting (Aug 2018)	£52.00
Standing order 1-12-2018 R. Goodchild – Clerk's salary for November 2018	£317.63

It was agreed that the above cheques be signed and payments be made.

Clerk to check that the privacy fee has now been cancelled.

Hall hire for Heart of the Village meetings - The PC has paid for this as a temporary arrangement while the group becomes established, but will not continue to do so.

Received

None received

Other financial items

Bank reconciliation, and income and expenditure, to end of September 2018 – Checked by DH.

137. Pending / Feedback from meetings – No meetings reported.

138. Other items for discussion –

Change of date of next PC meeting – Due to the clerk being unavailable on the next planned meeting date it was agreed that the December meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December instead of the usual 2nd Monday of the month.

Change of meeting date to be publicised: Clerk to place notices in the village stores window and on the noticeboard. NS to put onto the village website.

SALC meeting 18th December – The clerk will go to this meeting if possible.

Parish clock – NS advised that the clock is going well now but that the strike is sometimes getting out of synch. It is hoped that this will be resolved in the next couple of weeks.

Remembrance service, exhibition, and village bonfire – The PC would like to thank all of the many people involved in the arrangement of these events and for all efforts made to make the weekend inclusive to all.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

The next meeting will be held on *Tuesday* 11th December at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Williams Hall. Please email any items for the agenda to the clerk and the Chairman by 27th November if possible.