

STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
At: Walderton Pumping Station, Walderton

Present: Councillors:  
Mr Andrew Elms (Chair), Mr Michael Gauntlett, Mr Alun Alesbury, Mrs Sarah Foxall, Mr Charles Langmead, Mr John Stilwell  
Other:  
Mrs F. Baker (Parish Clerk), Sandra James (WSSC), 5

Absent: Mr Graham Hockley, Mr Robert Sadler, Mrs Mary Williams, PCSO Booker, Julie Tassell (CDC),

**1) Apologies for absence.**

Mr Graham Hockley, Mr Robert Sadler, Mrs Mary Williams, PCSO Booker

**2) Declaration of Interest by Councillors in matters on the agenda**

No declarations were raised.

**3) Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to be agreed and signed as a true record**

It was agreed that the minutes of the Stoughton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November be approved as a true and accurate record.

**4) Matters arising from Minutes**

a) **Hambrook Waste Site;** the Clerk confirmed that the Council had now received a response from Cllr Barling regarding the closure of the Hambrook Waste and Recycling site, the response had been forwarded to all Councillors. Discussion took place regarding the response, Cllr James confirmed that Chichester District Councillors; Penny Plant and Miles Cullen, have confirmed that the flytipping situation has become much worse and it is becoming difficult to manage the increases seen in flytipping. The Council will write a response to Cllr Barling, the Clerk will draft this and forward for approval.

**5) Update of Affordable Housing**

No update had been provided.

**6) Report from Cllr Sandra James**

Mr Elms invited Cllr James to give an update to the Council. Cllr James reported on the following:

- **Markwells Wood;** Cllr James informed the Council that she had spoken about it at the Full Council on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>, she also asked that acidisation be included alongside fracking as an unconventional method of extraction. Consideration should also be given to properties that are/would be affected by such applications, and to try minimise any impact.
- **Finance;** Cllr James explained that there are still extreme financial pressures on the Council, Councillors have been looking at a tendering for a new 10 year highway contract, creating shopping list of what members would like to see included, for example if a new A27 is created the current A27 would become part of the Council's network and would therefore need to be included in future maintenance provision.
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- **Cabinet Members:** Cllr James informed the Council that the Cabinets members have agreed to give themselves a pay rise.
- **PCSOs;** the removal is still of great concern, the loss of local knowledge and lack of been seen in the community is having a negative impact on communities. Cllr James encouraged the Parish to write to Mrs Bourne the PCC, following general agreement with Cllr James views; the Clerk will draft a letter.
- **Moutheys Lane;** Cllr James has written to Cllr Goldsmith over the poor state of Moutheys Lane.

#### 7) Report from PCSO Colin Booker

PCSO Booker sent his apologies. Mr Elms read out the following update:

I have had a look at the calls received since the last meeting and the only two calls of note between this period were on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December where we had a report of possible hare coursing in the fields just off of the Emsworth Common road, Police attended but nobody was seen in the fields. The other call was in relation to some damage being caused to a vehicle, which was parked outside the Hare and Hounds Public House, the vehicle was scratched.

Thankfully there don't appear to have been many issues in the area.

#### 8) Markwells Wood Update

**(Mr Alesbury abstained from discussion)**

Mr Elms informed that he had been speaking to Emily Mott. Emily has provided correspondence from a Hydrogeologist, as this is the main area of concern, and the risks associated with the geology and water need to be fully understood. Emily and Markwells Wood Watch would like to appoint a consultant Geologist who could prepare a report to challenge UKOG's.

The cost of the consultant would be £3000 plus £500 for expense.

Mr Langmead asked why Portsmouth Water was not paying for such a study. Mrs Stewart (part of Markwells Wood Watch) informed the Council that Portsmouth Water have rejected it and are waiting for the UKOG report to satisfy them

Mrs Stewart also confirmed that this would be a very different report to that which had been submitted by Rogate Parish Council.

If the Hydrogeologist can prove casting the site will be treated as level 1, which means no drilling could take place.

The initial request from the Parish is for £900, (Markwells Wood Watch have £600 already donated). Discussion took place around the request. After discussion Mr Stilwell proposed that the Council donate £900, Mrs Foxall seconded this, Mr Elms asked the Councillors to vote – four in favour, two abstained. Resolved the Council will donate £900 towards the cost of the consultant.

#### 9) Correspondence

A list has been circulated; the Clerk brought the following to the Councils attentions

- a. Letter from Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice thanking the Council for the recent £50 donation
- b. West Sussex ALC conference Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 207, Lodge Hill, Pulborough

**10) Planning applications**

A list had been circulated; Mr Elms invited Mr Alesbury to give an update as Chair of the Planning Committee. Mr Alesbury explained that it had been fairly quiet on the planning front and all applications were up to date.

**11) Cheques paid and received**

None received

Chq 404 – HMRC (PAYE Dec) - £91.60

Chq 405– HMRC (PAYE Jan) – £91.80

Chq 406 – Clerk salary (Dec, Jan & HA) – £794.10

Chq 407 – Spilsted and Sons - £700

Mr Elms and Mr Gauntlett signed cheques

**12) Short opportunity for the public to raise questions (to be discussed as agenda items at future meetings)**

No items were raised

**13) Any other business**

No other business discussed

Meeting was declared closed at 8.16pm

Next meeting will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm, at Walderton Pumping Station, Walderton

Signed:

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(Chairman)

Date: