

**A Meeting of Stoughton Parish Council**  
**Held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at the Walderton Pumping Station, Walderton**

**Present:** Mr Andrew Elms (Chairman), Mr Alun Alesbury, Mrs Sarah Foxall, Mr Michael Gauntlet, Mr Robert Sadler, Mr John Stilwell,

**Others:** Mrs Fiona Baker (Clerk)  
Mr Viral Parikh; WSCC County Councillor

**Residents:** 1

1. Apologies for absence

Mr Graham Hockley, Mr Charles Langmead,

2. Declarations of interest

Mr Alesbury declared a non-prejudicial interest in Markwells Wood due to his role as the Deputy Chair of the South Downs National Park Planning Committee.

3. Approval of minutes of Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

The minutes had been circulated before the meeting, it was agreed by all present that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record. Mr Elms signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mrs Foxall raised the issue of enforcement at Markwells Wood, which the Council had said it would look at, at this meeting. The Council agreed that it would write to the South Downs National Park Enforcement team, to draw their attention to the fact that the application was withdrawn and that the original licence has expired, therefore UKOG, as site owners are duty bound to reinstate the site in accordance with the original application.

5. Update on Affordable Housing

No update provided.

6. WSCC County Councillor Report

Mr Elms welcomed Cllr Parikh to the meeting and invited him to address the Council.

Cllr Parikh informed the Council that he had met Emily Mott to discuss Markwells Wood and the work she had been doing.

Mrs Foxall asked if there were any proposed changes to the number 54 bus, she explained that this is an essential service for residents within the Parish. Cllr Parikh had not heard of any proposals but will inform the Council if any should be proposed.

The Council enquired about the double payments issue which had been identified by Sandra James, Cllr Parikh informed the Council that he thought this matter had now been resolved but he will look into it and report back.

The Council made Cllr Parikh aware of the Flytipping issue, which continually blights the Parish, even more so since the closure of the Hambrook site.

7. Report from PCSO Booker

Mr Elms read out an update from PCSO Booker – Mr Elms also made Cllr Parikh aware that since the changes in the policing set up the Parish feel a little forgotten about, PCSO Booker was often seen in and about the Parish now no Police presence is either seen or felt.

- Damage was caused to a vehicle parked on Woodberry Lane, where a form of paint/varnish remover was thrown over the vehicle on 13/6/17
- A large trailer was stolen from a farm near Stansted House on 7/7/17

8. Correspondence

A list of all correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. No items were discussed.

9. Planning

A list had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Alesbury updated the Parish on recent applications within the Parish.

Mr Alesbury informed the Council that one of the 20 boundary signs indicating the South Downs National Park Boundary will be located along the B2146, Hares Lane.

Mrs Foxall enquired about the memorial, which had been erected at the end of the Board Walk (Forestside end); Mr Stilwell informed the Council that this had been put in place by a local resident.

10. Cheques Paid and Received

No payments have been received this month:

Cheques paid;

Chq 422 – HMRC (June PAYE) - £91.80

Chq 423 – HMRC (July PAYE) - £91.80

Chq 424 – Clerk Salary (June £366.95, July £366.95, Home Allowance June & July £60) - £793.90

Chq 425 – Forestside & Stansted Social Club (hire of hall for May meeting) - £15

Mr Elms and Mr Alesbury signed the cheques

11. Short opportunity for public to raise questions

As Emily Mott was unable to attend the meeting she had forwarded the following, which was read out by Mr Elms;

In its half-year annual accounts, UKOG have outlined plans for submitting another application at Markwells Wood:

<https://drillordrop.com/2017/06/30/ukog-outlines-plans-for-seven-drill-sites-across-southern-england-and-says-its-looking-for-more/#more-47002>

**Markwells Wood, West Sussex (PEDL126)**

"Preparing to resubmit planning application for an appraisal well, extended flow testing and further production wells and will seek environmental permit from the Environment Agency."

Of course we don't know if this is bluff but we, as ever, our community will have only three weeks to respond. This is why we are calling a meeting on the 10th July.

12. Any other business

Mr Stilwell raised the following highway issues; the sharp bend sign heading towards Dean Lane End is hidden under a tree, the road surface through Diddy Bones Knapp is still in need of repair and there is a chevron sign facing the hedge at Drews Farm.

The Clerk asked if the Council were happy for her to spend £200 on the removal of concrete pillars and strimming the ditch at Dean Lane End, Caroways would carry out the work. The Council were for this to be done.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Forestside Village Hall, Forestside.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm