

STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Stoughton Parish Council held on Monday 12th March 2018 at the Walderton Pumping Station, Walderton

Present: Michael Gauntlett (Vice Chairman), Sarah Foxall, Graham Hockley, Charles Langmead, Robert Sadler, John Stilwell

Absent: Andrew Elms (Chairman), Alun Alesbury, Mary Williams, CDC Cllr Julie Tassell

Residents: 3

1) Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received from Andrew Elms, Mary Williams and Alun Alesbury

2) Declarations of Interest by Councillors in matters on the Agenda

None were received.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January to be agreed and signed as a true record

It was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting, the Chair signed the minutes.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

The Clerk updated the Council on the following matters;

- The highway matters raised at the last meeting have all been reported to West Sussex Highways
- The clerk has yet to send a letter to Portsmouth Water in support of screening the building but will get one out this week.

5) Affordable Housing

In her absence Cllr Williams forwarded the most recent minutes from the Affordable Housing Working Group. The Clerk read out the following highlights and will circulate the minutes.

The main points covered in the minutes are

- A pre application has been submitted to the South Downs National Park for pre-application advice on 5th March
- A public consultation will be held on Wednesday 16th May in the School Hall at Compton and Up Marden CE School.
- The next Affordable Housing Group meeting will be on 10th May

6) General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Clerk reminded the Council that the GDPR presentation was taking place on Wednesday 14th March at 6pm at Compton and Up Marden CE School. The presentation will be done by Maureen Chaffe who presented at the SSALC conference, which the Clerk attended in February. The cost of the training is being split between Compton Parish Council, the Octagon and Stoughton Parish Council, with representatives from local charities and Pre School being invited to attend.

An action plan on ensuring that the council needs to be developed, the Clerk suggested that the item remain on the agenda and steps on the action plan worked through each time.

The Council approved the email to send out to residents asking for their details to be kept on database, the Clerk will arrange for this to be sent out to all residents.

The Clerk is still waiting to hear on whether funding for the computer and SharePoint has been successful – the application was made through the final round of the transparency code funding.

7) Stoughton Green

Following on from deferment at the last meeting, Cllr Gauntlett proposed that the Council start the process to formally change the area of land from Common Land to Village Green; this was seconded by Cllr Langmead, all in favour. The clerk will fill the application form in.

8) Report from WSCC Cllr Viral Parikh

The Chair invited Cllr Parikh to present his report to the Council. Cllr Parikh updated the Council on the latest development regarding the number 54 bus, which runs through the Parish. From 14th April 2018 the service will be run by Stagecoach. Stagecoach will continue to operate the service for 12 months, with some revisions to the current timetable.

There is a meeting on 19th March at Rogate School Hall to start looking at future options and how bus provision might be maintained in the future.

Cllr Parikh will keep the council informed of changes and updates.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Parikh.

Cllr Parikh left the meeting at 7.15pm

9) Report from PCSO Colin Booker

The Chairman read out the following report from PCSO Booker;

'I've had a look through the calls logged with us since the last meeting in January and have found the following;

- Sunday 7th January a couple of vehicles were broken into along Wildham Lane, a few small items such as loose change were taken
- Thursday 11th January some cannabis plants were dumped on the roadside close to Lordington, these were collected by Police and the rest of the rubbish was collected by the Council.
- Overnight between 20th and 21st January there was a break in at some stables in Forestside. A number of items of tack equipment was stolen.
- Tuesday 23rd January both the front and rear number plates were stolen off a of a vehicle in Walderton.
- Tuesday 6th March a vehicle was broken into on the roadside by Stansted House and a handbag was stolen.

There were also some calls relating to cold callers attending various addresses in the area.

We have also begun to experience a number of vehicles being broken into in the rural car parks again; there are regular patrols to these areas.

I have also been made aware of issues involving a group of people using dogs on land (coursing) in the area but also vehicles driving around damaging crops.'

10) Correspondence

The Clerk had circulated a list prior to the meeting of all correspondence received since the last meeting. The main items to bring to the Councils attention were

- Battle's Over – Centenary Beacons – Chichester District Council is encouraging parishes to light their own beacons and is making up £250 available for each Parish council to assist with preparations. The Council will pass this onto to Stansted and the Octagon to see if they would like to light a beacon.

- A resident has written to the clerk regarding the condition of the footpaths as a result of the Forestry Commission carrying out works, the Rights of Way ranger has spoken to the commission and they will 'make good' the damage they have caused once works are complete.

11) Planning applications

A list of applications and decisions had been circulated prior to the meeting, no further comments were made.

12) Cheques Paid and Received

No Income received.

Cllr Gauntlet and Cllr Langmead signed the cheques.

Chq 440 – HMRC (PAYE Feb) - £91.60

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Chq 442 – Mrs F E Baker (clerk salary February) - £366.95

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Chq 444- Home Allowance (Feb- March) - £60.00

13) Short opportunity for the public to raise questions to be discussed as agenda items

A representative from Markwells Wood Watch made the Council aware that an enforcement order had now been prepared and would be served on UKOG imminently. The representative also made the Council aware of an injunction drawn up by UKOG in order to prevent any further demonstrations; the injunction is expected to be heard in the High Court on Monday 19th March. A resident asked if the Council would be happy for the Village Green tidy up at Walderton to take place on Saturday 19th May, the Council were happy for the event to take place.

14) Any Other Business

There has been some fly tipping on the Green Lane from Walderton to Adsdean

The next meeting will be the Annual General meeting and will take place on Monday 14th May at 7pm at Forestside & Stansted Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.