

# STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Stoughton Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at the Walderton Pumping Station, Walderton

**Present:** Mr Andrew Elms (Chairman), Mr Michael Gauntlett (Vice Chair), Mr Alun Alesbury, Mrs Sarah Foxall, Mr Charles Langmead, Mr Graham Hockley, Mr Robert Sadler,

**Absent:** Mr John Stilwell, Mrs Mary Williams, PCSO Booker

**Residents:** 3

### 1) Apologies for absence

Mr John Stilwell, Mrs Mary Williams, PCSO Booker

### 2) Declarations of Interest by Councillors in Matters on the Agenda

None raised

### 3) Approval of minutes held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to be signed as a true and accurate record

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### 4) Matters arising from the Minutes

- a. Tony Piggot has removed the tree at Stoughton Green, a total of four tree surgeons came to look at the tree and Tony was the most competitively priced. All confirmed that the remaining horse chestnuts have a leaf miner, which is endemic now within the UK.

### 5) Update on Affordable Housing

Mrs Williams provided the following statement in her absence; from the last meeting of the AFWG there is progress, with still a lot of procedures to be sorted with various groups.

### 6) Report from WSCC Cllr Viral Parikh

Mr Elms welcomed Cllr Parikh to the meeting and invited him to present his update. Cllr Parikh brought the following to the Council's attention;

- The what if campaign
- Reminder to get Flu vaccine

Discussion also took place about the issue of fly tipping and what the Council (West Sussex) are doing about it, Cllr Parikh will feed back at the next meeting.

### 7) Report from PCSO Booker

Mr Elms read out the following update from PCSO Booker:

- On 8<sup>th</sup> October in the evening the rear windscreen of a vehicle parked in Stoughton was smashed, nothing appeared to have been stolen.
- A few calls about suspicious males seen around the area but no calls relating to thefts or break-ins during these periods.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> October there was a call received about people camping in the Stoughton Down Car Park. Had left when the Police attended.

There have also been a few calls relating to fly tipping around the area.

### 8) Precept Setting for 2018/19

The Clerk had prepared a set of accounts to assist in the setting of Precept for 2018/19. Included in the accounts was the provision of £2000 for Parish Maintenance and £300 for charitable donations.

Mr Elms proposed the precept be set at £9000; this was seconded by Mr Alesbury, all in favour. The Clerk will inform the District Council when requested

**9) Correspondence**

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

- Letter from Stansted Estate
- Email from Markwells Wood Watch – Mr Elms invited Ann Stewart to update the Council in person. Ann informed the Council that UKOG were planning to submit an application on the Markwells Wood site by the end of the year. The South Downs National Park feel obliged to give them until the end of the year before any further enforcement action is taken.

**10) Planning**

A list had been circulated prior to the meeting; Mr Alesbury updated the Parish Council on recent planning activity, whilst there have been a few applications there are none which the Parish have felt warrant any objection.

**11) Cheques Paid and received**

None received.

Mr Elms and Mr Gauntlett signed the cheques.

Chq 430 – HMRC (PAYE Oct) – £91.80

Chq 431 – HMRC (PAYE Nov) – £91.80

Chq 432 – Clerk Wage (Oct £366.95, Nov £366.95 & Home Allowance £60) - £793.90

Chq 433 – Hire of Hall - £15

Chq 434 – Dean Lane End Ditch - £79

Chq 435 – Tony Piggot - £460

**12) Short opportunity for the public to raise questions Public opportunity**

A resident asked about the amount of extraction Portsmouth Water had made this year, the Clerk will email Portsmouth Water and feed back.

**13) Any Other Business**

Mr Langmead raised the state of the posts at Stoughton Green, this led on to a discussion about the Green and it's status and the benefits of registering the land as village Green as oppose to Common Land. The Clerk will write to West Sussex County Council.

Mrs Foxall made the Council aware of changes to the Southern Rail timetable.

No other business was raised.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm, at Walderton Pumping Station