

STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Stoughton Parish Council held on Monday 11th September 2017 at the Forestside Village Hall

Present: Mr Andrew Elms (Chairman), Mr Alun Alesbury, Mrs Sarah Foxall, Mr Charles Langmead, Mr John Stilwell

Absent: Mr Michael Gauntlett, Mr Graham Hockley, Mr Robert Sadler, Mrs Mary Williams

Residents: 5

1) Apologies for absence

Mr Michael Gauntlett, Mr Graham Hockley, Mr Robert Sadler, Mrs Mary Williams

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

None raised

3) Approval of minutes held on Monday 3rd October to be signed as a true and accurate record

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record, however, the Clerk had forgotten to add the minutes to the Minute book, and they will be signed at the next meeting in November.

4) Matters arising from the Minutes

- a. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish had submitted a letter to the South Downs National Park regarding the planning enforcement of the site at Markwells Woods, and whether any steps have been made by UKOG to return the site back to its original condition. The lead officer has responded to confirm that they have written to UKOG to ask what their intentions are, the officer will allow two weeks for a response and then move on to the next step. Mr Alesbury confirmed that he had heard of the letter at the South Downs National Park and will look to follow up.
- b. The Clerk brought the matter of the trees at Stoughton village green to the attention of the Council. The Council has been contacted by residents about the dead tree and would like to see it removed. The Clerk has been in touch with a number of tree surgeons who are all coming to look at the tree and give a quote. There was question of the land ownership as it is registered Common Land, Mr Alesbury recommended that the Clerk contact West Sussex County Council to see if they could advise. The Parish agreed to meet the cost of removing the dead tree, the clerk will contact councillors with the quotes once they have been received.

5) Update on Affordable Housing

Mr Elms read out the minutes of the last meeting, which had kindly been provided by Mrs Williams. The Clerk will circulate the minutes to all Councillors.

Mr Langmead asked what the current situation was regarding the Right to Buy? General consensus was that this has been overturned for houses in an exception site in National Park.

6) Report from WSCC Cllr Viral Parikh

The Clerk apologised for the mistake on the agenda, which said Sandra James would give the update.

No update was received from Cllr Parikh

7) Report from PCSO Booker

Mr Elms read out the following update from PCSO Booker:

- 3rd June possible rave at Markhams Wood turned out to be campers with a large television.

- 13th June, a vehicle was damaged whilst parked on Woodberry Lane, appears to have something thrown all over the bonnet believed to be nail varnish.
- Overnight between 14th and 15th July a number of outbuildings at Stansted House were broken into and items were taken, lead was also stolen from the roofs.
- Overnight between 16th and 17th July there was a break in to a garage and an attempted break in to a property in Walderton. Nothing appears to have been stolen.
- There was also another garage broken into in Walderton the same night, nothing appears to have been stolen.
- 28th August another break in to outbuildings at Stansted House, male was disturbed and ran from scene. Male was located and arrested.
- There was also a couple of reports of fly tipping across the parish

8) Correspondence

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

- The next All Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th at Chichester District Council, from 7pm.
- WSALC Annual meeting, will be held on 4/10/17
- South Downs National Park Parish update will be held on 4/10/17 from 6.30pm, at the South Downs Centre, Midhurst
- The Trees at Stoughton Green
- Mr Simons 30mph

9) Planning

A list had been circulated prior to the meeting; Mr Alesbury updated the Parish Council on recent planning activity, although it has been a very quiet period.

10) Cheques Paid and received

The second instalment of Precept has been received.

Mr Elms and Mr Alesbury signed the cheques.

Chq 426 – HMRC (August PAYE) - £91.60

Chq 427 – HMRC (September PAYE) - £91.80

Chq 428 – Clerk Salary (August £367.15, £366.95, Home Allowance £60) - £794.10

Chq 429 – PFK Littlejohn, External Auditor - £120

11) Short opportunity for the public to raise questions Public opportunity

A resident asked for more information about the break in's in Walderton and where they were.

12) Any Other Business

Mr Langmead asked about the Hydrology report and whether it had been completed and used. It was confirmed that the report was completed and submitted to South Downs National Park.

No other business was raised.

The meeting was closed at 19.57pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm, at Walderton Pumping Station