

# STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting of Stoughton Parish Council Held on Monday 9 September 2019 at 7.30pm, at the Forestside and Stansted Village Hall, Forestside

- Present:** Mr. Michael Gauntlett (Vice Chairman), Mr. Alun Alesbury, Mrs Carolyn Costello, Mrs Sarah Foxall, Mr Charles Langmead, Mr Robert Sadler and Mr. John Stilwell
- Absent:** Andrew Elms, Graham Hockley, PCSO Booker
- Others:** Mrs. Fiona Baker (Clerk)
- Residents:** 4

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Andrew Elms, Graham Hockley and PCSO Booker

### 2. Declarations of Interest by Councillors in matters on the Agenda

No declarations of interest were made.

### 3. Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8 July 2019 to be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record

Councillors present agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting held in May. Cllr Gauntlett signed the minutes accordingly.

### 4. SCAM Presentation from PCSO Moorey

Cllr Gauntlett welcomed PCSO Moorey to the meeting and thanked him for attending.

PCSO Moorey thanked the Parish Council for inviting him. During the presentation PCSO Moorey informed those present about the various SCAMS that people may fall victim to and gave advice on how to spot them and what to do should they fall victim to such a SCAM.

### 5. Matters arising from the minutes

- a. **Fencing at Stoughton Green** – The Parish Council are currently waiting to hear from Mr Spilsted for a start date.
- b. **Maintenance of Walderton Village Green** – The Clerk has been in touch with Jan at ELR they have agreed to add the Parish to their grass cutting schedule. The grass will be cut from April and then every other week during the season.
- c. **Ell Brdige** ; The Clerk has emailed Chris Dye regarding overgrown vegetation at Ell Bridge, they have not yet responded.
- d. **Dean Lane End Ditch Clearance**; the ditch at Dean Lane End will be cleared in October.

### 6. Affordable Housing

Mrs Williams forwarded the following update from the Cllr Davies of Compton Parish Council; 'Our Solicitors inform us that the Recreation Ground is now registered with the Land Registry. Som considerable time ago our solicitors submitted to Hastoe's Solicitor a Draft Option to purchase for approval. They have received no reply.

Mr Gauntlett asked that thanks be noted for Mrs Williams work on the Affordable Housing Group, following Mrs Williams retirement from the Parish Council Cllr Costello agreed to represent the Parish Council in the Affordable Working House Group.

## 7. Report from CDC Cllr Roy Briscoe

Cllr Gauntlett invited Cllr Briscoe to present his report to the Parish Council.

Cllr Briscoe offered thanks to the Farming Community for the 'Eyes of the Valley' group and the way information is shared between the group. He confirmed that he had met with the Chief Inspector, who had in turn confirmed that Colin Booker would be the dedicated PCSO Rural Support.

Cllr Briscoe encouraged information to continue being shared on the Whats App group.

## 8. Report from PCSO Booker

In PCSO Booker's absence Cllr Gauntlett read out the following report;

'I've had a look at the calls received in relation to the Parish since the last meeting in July. The main calls of note were in relation to number plates being stolen from vehicles, 4 incidents since July and two vehicles being broken into.

Over the next week or so I will be leaving my current role in Sussex Police as a PCSO on Chichester and Arun District to become the Rural PCSO for Chichester and Arun district. This means I will solely be dealing with Rural Crime and communities.

I will at some point be in contact with yourself along with all of the farmers to explain the role in more detail but I will be working with them all on a closer basis as farms will be a big part of remit.

## 9. Correspondence

A list of correspondence had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The clerk brought the following to the Council's attention.

- The Parish have received a copy of the South Downs Local Plan the copy
- Compton & Up Marden School – the school will be holding some open sessions at school on Thursday the 12th of September for Q&A. Governors will be present between 1430 and 1530, and also between 1800 and 1900. All parents, friends and members of the community are invited to meet with Governors.
- The South Downs National Park workshops will be held on the following days;
  - **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - East Sussex Parishes Workshop, Lewes Town Hall Assembly Rooms, Lewes: 18:30 – 21:30**
  - **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - West Sussex Parishes Workshop, South Downs Centre, Midhurst: 18:30 – 21:30**
  - **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Hampshire Parishes Workshop, Meon Hall, Meonstoke: 18.30 - 21:30**
- WSALC AGM on 3 October 2019 at Avisford Park Hotel, Walberton
- Salt Audit required by WSCC ahead of winter
- CIL monies to be received in October

## 10. Planning Applications & Decisions

Cllr Alesbury informed the Council there had been no significant planning application received this month.

### **11. Cheques Paid & Received**

None received.

The following cheques were paid out;

Chq 499 – HMRC (Aug PAYE) - £91.80

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Chq 501 -Clerk Salary (Aug £367.15, Sept, Home Allowance £60) –

Chq 502 – Reimbursement for Microsoft 365 (Aug & Sept) - £22.56

The cheques were signed by Mr Langmead and Mr Gauntlett

### **12. Short Opportunity for the Public to raise questions (to be discussed as agenda items at future meetings)**

A local resident raised concerns over the following

- Cyclists and horse riders riding on the edge of arable fields when they have no permission
- The amount of dog poo bags being left by walkers in the area.

The Parish Council acknowledged the issues and expressed concern over the reports, some having had their own personal experience.

### **13. Any Other Business**

Cllr Langmead reported that the sandbags in the ditch just before the Coach House in Stoughton had collapsed and should be reported to Highways.

Cllr Costello asked if the Parish Council would write a letter of support to save Compton and Up Marden school

No other business was raised.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.31pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30pm the Walderton Pumping Station, Walderton