

Stanton-upon-Hine Heath Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stanton-upon-Hine Heath Parish Council held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Stanton Village Hall, Booley Lane, Stanton.

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Chapple, Mrs Claire Crackett, Ms. Nuria Gray, Mrs Jackie Knight, Ashley Orme and Chas Warren.

Also in attendance: John Cooke & Clive Leworthy from Shropshire Rural Community Council, Shropshire Councillor Karen Calder and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Councillor Simon Chapple.

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096.14 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Sharon McLaughlin (away) and Mike Cauchi from RAF Shawbury.

097.14 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: to note that no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001.

098.14 **Public Participation**

RESOLVED to note that with no members of the public present to question the Council on local issues, therefore the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.31 p.m.

099.14 **Energy Champions Scheme**

The Chairman welcomed John Cooke and Clive Leworthy from Shropshire Rural Community Council.

Clive explained that one area they cover is a fuel poverty project across Shropshire working mainly with Housing Associations. They help to fund the administration side of this project. Part of this project is to have volunteer energy champions to advise people on the best way to insulate their homes plus getting the best and cheapest energy supply. A lot of people have never considered changing their suppliers and with some still on very high tariffs. They also run a small winter warmth scheme with money donated from people's winter allowance. There was also a scheme for borrowing money to help with heating bills through the Shropshire Community Bank.

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At present there are no energy champions in this area so any help in finding volunteers would be helpful. A half day drop in session could be arranged to train these people up.

The Chairman suggested we could use the Emergency Planning scheme to bring forward names who may be interested in this and also advertise in the next parish magazine and also on the parish website.

The Chairman thanked Clive and Colin for a very interesting and informative presentation.

100.14 Urgent Items

There were no urgent items that had been brought to the attention of the Chairman.

101.14 Minutes

Proposed: Councillor Chas Warren.

Seconded: Councillor Nuria Gray

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments;

079.14 (Highway Matters) add to obtain a quotation from Bill Wynn to dig out the soakaway by Yew Tree Villa.

079.14 (Rivers) amend to volunteers assisting with this work in the rivers and also only qualified volunteers using chain saws.

Chairman

102.14 RAF Shawbury

Mike Cauchi from RAF Shawbury had forwarded the following information;

A Battle of Britain service will be held in Shawbury Church on the 14th September.

A Remembrance parade and service will be also held in Shawbury on the 9th November followed by a wreath laying service supported by the Royal British Legion.

103.14 Highway MattersAction

With regard to the flooding on the High Hatton Road and subsequent road closures, Members expressed concern that nothing had been done and the same problem would arise within the next few months. Shropshire Councillor Karen Calder was asked if an engineer could again look at this area and could we have a copy of their previous report. Members agreed we would then approach Ben Linnington at High Hatton Estate to see if there was a local solution to the problem.

Cllr Karen
Calder

Although the gully at the junction to the A53 at Yew Tree Villa had been emptied recently on two occasions, Members felt that we should approach Bill Wynn for a quotation to clear this soakaway as it had silted up and therefore needs proper attention, and request from Shropshire Council that this work can be carried out if Shropshire Council are not prepared to do this as a matter of urgency.

Parish Clerk

The Chairman reported that urgent attention was required around the last left hand bend before the bridge in Stanton from Moreton Corbet direction. The edge of the road surface was breaking up badly forcing vehicles into the centre of the road.

Parish Clerk

Footpaths

Councillor Chas Warren reported on a recent Shropshire Council training event part of which included advice on installing kissing gates.

An issue with blocked paths across potato crops had partly been resolved with the landowner.

Rivers

Councillor Chas Warren reported that major blockages had been cleared on both sides of the river from Stanton Bridge to Major's Woods thanks to Elwyn Griffiths & his team using heavy machinery. Further work would be organised by him up to Papermill Bank & on side vegetation once the harvesting had been completed.

Councillor Chas Warren also mentioned all the hard work that had been done over two days by some new volunteers in clearing out the rivers, especially Doug Dee who provided the truck and is also chainsaw certified, Ryan White who is only 14 and spent day one literally thigh deep in the river, hauling logs and hawsers, Chris Floyd from Yew Tree Villa and Alina Warren on the first day.

The Chairman agreed to write to Doug Dee & Elwyn Griffiths to thank them for their exceptional help.

Cllr Simon
Chapple

Action**Other Matters**

Councillor Chas Warren reported that Shropshire Council are again running their free tree scheme but this year it was up to individuals to apply on a first come basis.

Councillor Chas Warren also reported concern over waste not being put in proper sealed containers at the hunt kennels but now left in an open skip next to the highway. Shropshire Councillor Karen Calder agreed to follow up this concern from a planning view point & the Chairman agreed to contact the kennels direct.

Cllr Karen
Calder

104.14 Police Matters

Councillor Chas Warren reported that due to police restructuring at Market Drayton resulting in the loss of a number of staff, it was now difficult to get police officers to our area on the same frequency as before.

There had not been a meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch since before the last parish council meeting.

105.14 Road Safety

There was nothing to report on any minor incidents in the parish or adjoining area. However reports of a motor bike and car speeding through the village were causing concern. Members were reminded that whenever possible to try and get registration numbers and report them to the police.

106.14 Emergency Planning

The Chairman and Councillor Nuria Gray had now met to draw up plans for coordinating a local response to emergencies. These are mainly for flooding and power cuts. This would be coordinated with the defibrillator training which was being planned for a Saturday morning in October. Again this would be published through the parish magazine and website. Councillor Nuria Gray would also start on a contact list.

Cllr Nuria
Gray

107.14 Parish Magazine

Councillor Jackie Knight reported that she had had a meeting with Sharon McLaughlin with Councillor Nuria Gray also in attendance to address recent concerns over the publication of this magazine. She also reported that a new Treasurer had been appointed.

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Councillor Chas Warren expressed concern that nothing had been put in the last edition from the recent parish council meeting or the agenda for this meeting. Agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would in future have to prepare a report and details of what parish council information needs to be included in each magazine.

Cllr's Nuria
Gray &
Simon
Chapple

108.14 Finance**108.14.01 Accounts for payment**

100011	Ian Wellings, Churchyard	£663.00
100012	Ian Wellings, Maintenance	£410.00
100013	Stanton Village Hall, Room Hire	£48.00
100014	SALC Training Event	£40.00
100015	Scottish Power	£63.38
100016	Shropshire Council, Election Fees	£200.00
100017	Salaries	£281.38
100018	PAYE	£70.34

Proposed: Councillor Simon Chapple

Seconded: Councillor Claire Crackett

Resolved: that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

109.14 Planning**109.14.1 Current Planning Applications**

There were none.

109.14.2 Planning Applications considered since the last meeting

Reference: 14/02794/VAR - To remove Conditions 11 (holiday let only) and 12 (register of accommodation) attached to planning permission reference 12/04125/FUL dated 5th February 2013 to allow permanent unrestricted accommodation at Blakeley Court Farm, Stanton Upon Hine Heath, Shrewsbury.

Parish Council Comment:

Stanton-upon-Hine Heath parish council object to this application on the following grounds; it was only granted permission due to the link with improving local business and the site was not considered appropriate for permanent dwelling. Holiday let businesses take some time to establish, particularly in an area such as Shropshire, which is not a major tourist destination and the time since the original

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application was granted some 18 months ago does not seem to be nearly long enough to judge the success (or otherwise) of the enterprise therefore there is no justification for the restriction to be removed.

Reference: 14/02922/OUT - Outline application for the erection of 3 No detached dwellings and associated garages including access (landscaping, appearance, layout and scale reserved matters) following removal of existing agricultural buildings on Land at Village Farm, Booley Road, Stanton Upon Hine Heath, Shropshire.

Parish Council Comment:

Stanton-upon-Hine Heath parish council raise no objections to this application.

109.14.3 Planning Decisions

There had been no decisions since the last meeting.

109.14.4 Planning Seminar

Councillor Claire Crackett reported on a recent Planning Seminar she attended presented by Ian Kilby, Development Manager at Shropshire Council. It was pointed out that a lot of people are sitting on approved plans and not doing anything. Now proposed to limit an outline application to one year before a full planning application is put in. The SAMdev is now with the planning inspectorate who will have to consider all objections received on land supply. There was also some useful information on what were acceptable grounds for approving or objecting to planning applications.

109.14.5 5 Year Housing Land Supply

Members noted the updated Shropshire Five Year Housing Land Supply Statement that had recently been published on the Shropshire Council's web site, the link below will refer to the document:-

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/five-year-housing-land-supply-statement/>

It was also noted that any objections to planning applications have to be evidence based.

Action**110.14 Shropshire Council Matters & Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

Shropshire Councillor Karen Calder said the Council were still trying to prune their budgets and we will all see a difference on how services are delivered in the future. A health partnership should be approved this month. Still work continues on the university for Shropshire. One site still being considered is the Guildhall in Shrewsbury.

111.14 ALC

Members noted correspondence received since the July meeting.

112.14 Street Lighting

There were no reported faults to any of the street lights.

113.14 Defibrillators

Councillor Simon Chapple reported that the defibrillator had been delivered. This will be situated within the Stanton Arms which does restrict the hours that it can be used. Councillor Nuria Gray agreed to help get a wooden cabinet made for this unit. Further training was now required which will include DBS (CRB) checks which may now be done online.

114.14 Communications/Correspondence

Members noted correspondence received since the July meeting.

115.14 Exchange of Information

Councillor Jackie Knight reported that Jim Grundey still had the basketball Loop for the play area. The sitting of this would be considered at the next meeting. Councillor Claire Crackett reported that the PCC are arranging for the church wall to be repaired.

116.14 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th November 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman