

STOKE LYNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Stoke Lyne held on Tuesday 27th July 2021
in the Parish Meeting Room at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr N Barnes (Chairman) Cllr J Davies, Cllr Mrs L Soper, Cllr B Wheatcroft, Cllr P Elliott and Cllr R Allen.

ALSO PRESENT: 8 Parishioners

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr I Corkin,

Chairman Nick Barnes welcomed parishioners to the meeting.

1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019

The Chairman read out the minutes from the last meeting and it was agreed that they were a true record and were agreed as such.

3 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR CORKIN CDC/OCC (read by the Chairman)

The full report is attached. Salient points so far as Stoke Lyne is concerned are:
Major infrastructure issues locally including proposed work to junction 10 of the M40.

4. UPDATE ON BROADBAND IN BAINTON.

Cllr Allen reported that he was liaising with OCC and BT Openreach and has agreement in principle that broadband (fibre to the premises) should be installed. Formal agreement and costings are awaited.

5. Potholes

OCC have started resurfacing the road, using their Dragon patcher.

4 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman updated the meeting with a synopsis of activity since the last Parish Meeting, which took place over 2 years ago in May 2019.

During this period the Parish Council has mainly dealt with

- a) Planning applications
- b) Particular problems arising in the Parish.

So far as proposed development is concerned

The chicken farm application at featherbed lane has been refused

Warehousing at Baynards Green has also been refused, but may return

E/W Rail is currently working around Launton

There has been an application to develop land at the Orchard.

Other issues:

OCC is replacing its streetlights with LED lighting

The parish Council has been requesting the removal of stones placed outside Lone Barn (which are currently removed, but may be replaced) and

Litter bins are now being emptied regularly (following concern expressed by residents and the Parish Council).

Regular matters have been planning applications, and concerns about potholes (which need to be reported on "Fix my Street").

Cllr Corcking gives the parish council regular updates about activity at OCC and CDC. Litter from the fast food outlets in the area is a major problem, and the recent village litter pick highlighted the huge amount (mainly from the local Macdonalds) that has been thrown from vehicles onto the verges on the Village.

Hedges around the playing field have now been cut back, and will be managed regularly. The Parish Council would like to install another dog bin, but the location needs to be agreed.

There has been a glitch with the web site (which meant the Minutes were not visible), but it is hoped this has now been resolved.

Finally the sad news was of the death of Cllr Rex Keeping – which created a vacancy on the Parish Council into which Richard Allen from Bainton was co-opted, and the death of the council's long standing Internal Auditor - Brian Penhallow. Thanks to both for all their work for the village.

6. FINANCE REPORT

Copies of the end of year finance report are now available on the website. Please raise any questions with the clerk.

5 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Q. There has been an increase in speeding traffic through the village

A. The Parish Council is aware of major concerns about the speed of traffic along the 30mph "top road" in the Village, and the number of vehicles rat running through the village when traffic builds up on the B011, both of which present major safety issues, particularly for children waiting for the school bus. The Council will contact OCC for advice about traffic calming measures and other appropriate action (which could include Horse/rider warning signs and village signs.

Q. Can the bus service be booked?

A. Yes

Q. What is the situation regarding the playing field?

A. The playing field is held in trust for the village, and managed on a day -to- day basis by an informal group of residents. However, the Parish Council is looking at options to formally constitute a playing field committee. Any volunteers should contact the Chairman.

Q. Now that the hedge has been cut the road into the playing field is very visible, and could prove an attraction for people looking for a suitable location to park a vehicle.

A. Cllr Elliott agreed to obtain a quote for the cost of removing the concrete, as it was agreed it was now an eyesore.

A. There is also a need to resolve the issue of he governance of the playing field.

Q. White lines need to be repainted on the road opposite the Branch House.

A. This will be requested.

Q. The bench by Lower farm has collapsed

A. This will be replaced by the parish Council.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.