

## STOKE LYNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Lyne Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Barnes  
Mrs L Soper  
J Davies  
P Elliot  
R Keeping  
R Wheatcroft

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Ian Corkin (OCC and CDC)

#### **12 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

#### **13 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

#### **14 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Proposer Cllr P Elliott

Seconded by Cllr R Keeping

It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were a true record of the meeting

#### **15.. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

Councillor Corkin confirmed that he had sent a detailed report on his Council activities ( which the Clerk has circulated to all members) and has also sent an update on the situation regarding the installation of Broadband in the Parish.

The COMET bus service (to provide a service into Bicester for outlying villages) is now running a 20 week trial on Mondays (Fritwell/Ardley/Chesterton) and Thursday (Stoke Lyne./Fringford/Bicester) and there are reports that there has sometimes been too many passengers for the Monday bus, so 2 trips have been needed. He is expecting to receive details of usage shortly and he will circulate these to the Parishes.

OCC agreed at their Council meeting to increase spending on Highway Maintenance by borrowing against future expected tax income from increased housing in the County.

CDC;s current arrangement with South Northants DC will need to be ended in view of the fact that Northamptonshire County is to become 2 Unitary authorities jointly with the Northamptonshire districts. They are now looking at joining with OCC, and a joint Chief Executive ( Yvonne Rees from CDC) for the 2 authorities has just been agreed.

Cllr Corkin advised the meeting that he had been appointed to CDC's Cabinet with a responsibility for Customers and Transformation, and he would be interested to receive information about residents experiences of CDC's Customer services operation.

A Liaison meeting between E/W Rail and Parishes is currently being arranged – probably in Fringford Village Hall.

He advised that he had sent through details of funding sources, which the Clerk was asked to send onto a representative of the Church.

He suggested that problems with highway encroachment at Lone Barn should be referred directly to Paul Wilson of OCC.

Finally he reminded Councillors of his OCC Community Fund, which was available to support small parish projects.

## 16. FINANCE

The Clerk was asked to confirm the amount held for the Playing Field Committee in the Parish Bank account.

The Council received a report on their current financial position and Bank Reconciliation, which is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A and which was noted.

a Expenditure for confirmation and approval

Confirmation

No payments were made which were required to be confirmed.

The following payments were approved:-

Approval

Date	Payee	Reason	Cheque Number	Amount
10.7.18	A resident	Internal audit	100488	40.00
10.7.18	John Donaldson	grass	100489	385.00
10.7.18	Zurich Insurance	insurance	100490	241.65
10.7.18	Mrs A Davies	Cl salary	100491	184.36
10.7.18	HMRC	Cl tax	100492	123.20
10.7.18	John Donaldson	grass	100493	225.00

Proposer Cllr Mrs Soper  
Seconded Cllr Wheatcroft  
Agreed unanimously.

## 17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

### Applications

**Change of use of redundant agricultural and sui generis (bio-fuel facility) buildings to create 2no. detached dwellings and ancillary gym/hobby rooms, and associated works.**

Field Farm Stratton Audley Road Stoke Lyne

Ref. No: 18/00777/F

Now refused.

### Decisions

**Agricultural building for storage of forestry products and associated machinery** 

The Woodyard Bainton Bicester OX27 8RL

Ref. No: 17/01736/AGN

Approved

## 18. VILLAGE ISSUES

### Broadband

Cllr Davies reported that broadband installation in the Parish will now be run from Fritwell following a route mainly along highway verges, but crossing the B4100 and the A43. This is expected to be an easier route to install, and work is already being undertaken to access Cabinets nos P7 – which now needs fibre fitting and P8 ( outside the Church in Stoke Lyne) waiting for confirmed date for power to be supplied. Currently it is hoped that work will be completed by about the end of December 2018..

### Allotments

The Landowner of the village allotments has recently contacted the Clerk raising concerns about the sheds that have been erected on the allotments, and also expressing the view that he believed that there should be an increase in rent paid as the current rent ( £300pa) was agreed in 2011. The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter from the Clerk in 2011 confirming that the Landowner was happy for sheds with an overall eaves height of no more than 7ft 6 inches would

be permitted, so the Clerk was asked to clarify the situation with the Landowner, and confirm that, subject to clarification the Parish Council would be prepared to increase the annual rent paid to £400 and would suggest an agreement to carry out a review of rent after 5 years.

**East/West Rail**

Discussed earlier. Details of the Liaison meeting are awaited.

**Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

A decision on the corridor for this road is expected in July 2018.

**Community Transport**

The Parish Council would be interested in knowing the usage of the COMET bus by residents of Stoke Lyne, as this would inform any decision made about support for the bus in the future.

**OCC Community Fund**

It was suggested that the Village may want to look at installing a barbeque on the playing field with support from OCC’s Community Fund. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**CDC Parish Liaison meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Cllr Mrs Soper reported on the meeting at CDC.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council has recently received correspondence from Cllr Corkin (CDC) regarding traveller incursions in the County

20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were a number of reports of suspicious vehicles/activity in the village, particularly during late evening and early morning. It was agreed that residents should be asked to report any suspicious activity to the Clerk – who would then report it by email to Thames Valley Police. Vehicle registration numbers for suspicious vehicles would be particularly helpful.

21. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The dates of the next meetings are:-  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019, all in the Parish Rooms at 7.00 pm.

Councillor	Meetings held since last PC Election	Meetings attended	%	Last meeting attended
Nick Barnes	10	10	100%	10.7.18
James Davies	10	10	100%	10.7.18
Lisa Soper	10	9	90%	10.7.18
Bob Wheatcroft	10	8	80%	10.7.18
Phil Elliot	9	8	94%	10.7.18
Rex Keeping	5	4	80%	10.7.18
Ian Corkin / Barry Wood*	10	6	60%	10.7.18

**\*Councillor Corkin attended the Annual Parish Meeting 2017**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.**



