

STOKE LYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Lyne Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.00pm

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

In Attendance: Cllr I Corkin (CDC and OCC)

25 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

27 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JULY 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 11th July 2017 were agreed as a true record.

28 FINANCE

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

a Expenditure for confirmation and approval

Confirm

Date	Payee	Reason	Cheque number	Amount
28 th August 2017	BDO	Audit	100466	42.00
28 th August 2017	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	100467	240.46
28 th August 2017	J Donaldson	grass	100468	320.00

Proposer Cllr Mrs Soper

Seconded Cllr P Elliot

Agreed unanimously.

Approval

Date	Payee	Reason	Cheque Number	Amount
10 th October 2017	J Donaldson	grass	100469	450.00
10 th October 2017	Mrs A Davies	Clerk salary	100470	181.13
10 th October 2017	HMRC	Clerk tax	100471	60.20
10 th October 2017	Royal British Legion	Donation	100472	50.00
10 th October 2017	CDC	Dog bin	100473	48.05

Proposer Cllr Barnes

Seconded Cllr Mrs Soper

Agreed unanimously.

29 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

Cllr Corkin (representing both Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council reported that, so far as **Cherwell District Council** is concerned:-

CDC generally

A new Chief Executive has started at CDC, and the Council will be holding a Peer review (involving parishes and other stakeholders) to look into the Cherwell's efficiency and effectiveness. However concerns are becoming apparent over the Council's current lack of capacity so far as its senior officers are concerned and it is possible that the organisation will be restructured.

Field Farm

The documents are with CDC's legal team for review – Cllr Corkin agreed to keep a close watch on the situation.

Development adjacent to Junction 10 of the M40

There is a rumour that DB Symmetry are looking at applying for permission for warehouses adjacent to this junction. CDC are monitoring the situation and Cllr Corkin will advise should there be any further developments.

Erection of stable block and use of land for grazing of horses (Re-submission of 16/02042/F) Land North Of Church Farm Stoke Lyne

Despite Cherwell being required by statute to notify the Parish Council of planning applications within their area, no such notification was received in connection with the above application, and there was also some doubt as to whether adjoining properties were appropriately notified of the development proposals. Consequently the planning permission that was originally granted interfered with the operation of the public house in the village. On becoming aware of the proposals the Parish Council objected most strongly to Cherwell District Council and lobbied hard for the original decision to be reviewed. As a result of this the District Council negotiated with the Applicant for another planning application to be lodged that was sited more appropriately. This permission has now been granted and the Parish Council understands that the District Council and the Applicant are in discussion about the costs of abortive work carried out.

Electric Blanket testing

CDC are offering safety checks on electric blankets.

Oxfordshire County Council

Cllr Corkin reported that he is arranging visits to parishes in his division with Paul Wilson – the newly appointed Area Highway Surveyor, and he would be happy to make an arrangement for representatives of the Parish Council to arrange a meeting to look at areas of concern. He asked that all highway problems be reported via "Fix My Street". OCC have the use of a "Dragon patcher" which is able to carry out resurfacing/pothole repairs over an area of road at a substantially lower cost than usual; OCC Highways have also formed groups of officers into " Minor civil engineering teams" to carry out other areas of highway work such as sign cleaning, dropped kerbs, road painting etc. parishes will be able to buy additional work from this team at a cost of £250 per half day. However, in view of the current financial position of OCC the current policy so far as highways are concerned is one of "managed decline".

The Parish Council pointed out to Cllr Corkin that:-

1. The right turn into the village on the B4011 coming from Bicester is almost impossible to see in the dark after negotiating the brow of the hill.
2. There are bollards on the B4011 which light up to show that there is a tight bend in the road shortly after leaving the A43. Most of these are not working.
3. The Parish Council has raised concerns about the stones on the verge by Lone Barn on the Tusmore to Hardwick Road. While some of the larger stones have been removed there is still a road narrowing at this point which could present a danger to highway users.

He reported that OCC and Oxford City are considering congestion charging or workplace parking schemes to reduce cars entering the city. He agreed to forward the consultation to the Clerk. OCC have made changes to the eligibility criteria for users of the County's Daycare centres, which has reduced the number of users from 900 to 600. The County has appreciated that loneliness is a major issue for daycare users, and has a team working with residents who are no longer eligible to support them in other activities.

He confirmed that the blue lines on pavements around Bicester are part of the Health Town initiative, which will eventually link with information about walking/cycling distances.

Finally, as a result of a small windfall in business rates OCC have allocated each County Councillor a small fund (this is in the region of £3500 for community projects such as VAS requests, support for residents via a lunch club, or community transport provision.

30 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

NEW

Remove existing cattle troughs and to build a solid block wall in its place with wooden slates above, as end of shed. Lower Farm Stoke Lyne Bicester OX27 8SD Ref. No: 17/01280/CLUP

No objection

Installation of 1 x electronic communication cabinet

Chamber Cabinet Street Through Stoke Lyne Stoke Lyne Ref. No: 17/01652/TEL

Erection of garden building

Peyton Lodge Swift Housell Stoke Lyne Bicester OX27 8RS Ref. No: 17/01748/F

No objection.

DECISIONS

- Erection of detached drive-thru coffee shop with associated works

Land Adj To Euro Garages Cherwell Valley Services Junction 10 M40 Part Of A43 Through Stoke Lyne Parish Stoke Lyne Ref. No: 17/01425/F

Permitted

31 VILLAGE ISSUES

Broadband

CLlr Davies reported that the location of the superfast cabinet has been agreed and surveyed, which will be placed adjacent to the small electrical sub station in the left hand corner of the verge outside the church. This is to provide the necessary power required by the cabinet whilst delivering the most effective speeds for the majority of the village. BT are currently working with Southern Electric to confirm and underpin a power connection date. This could take some time as there are various applications and payments that need to be processed.

BT are also progressing fibre activities in the background, as the fibre cable is currently just over 2km from its connection point to the main road in the village. They are still forecasting a completion date of December 2017 , provided there are no issues encountered during the construction.

Planning enforcement

CLlr Corkin agreed to monitor this regularly.

Grass cutting – Highway verges

The verge cutting appears to have been successful. The Council would not expect there to be more than 2 further cuts this season.

Village fete

This was a great success and a very enjoyable day for all involved..

Website/Communications

Ongoing.

Wreath

The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £50 to the Rpyal British Legion.

32 WEBSITE/TRANSPARENCY CODE

AS the external audit has now been completed the Clerk will scan in the return ask for it to be uploaded onto the website.

33 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council has recently received correspondence from Cllr Corkin (CDC) about OCC's wish to update its Definitive footpath map, and an associated course to support residents to do this. CDC's Local Plan Consultation period has recently been extended to end on 29th October 2017. The Clerk was asked to advise CDC that 2 Parish Councillors would like to attend the Parish Liaison meeting at Bodicote House on 8th November 2017.

34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

35 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. The Clerk agreed to circulate information about the precept before the meeting

Councillor	Meetings held since last PC Election	Meetings attended	%	Last meeting attended
Nick Barnes	7	7	100%	10.10.17
James Davies	7	7	100%	10.10.17
Lisa Soper	7	6	100%	10.10.17
Bob Wheatcroft	7	5	66%	10.10.17
Phil Elliot	6	5	80%	11.07.17
Rex Keeping	2	2	100%	11.07.17
Ian Corkin/Barry Wood*	7	5	66%	09.05.17

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

