

**Minutes of the Stoke Hammond Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Ajaz (Chair), Cllr Noble, Cllr Venn, Cllr Sharkey, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO & 6 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Newing and Cllr Julier.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2024

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey / Agreed unanimously

4. Finance

a) To agree the June payment run as circulated

STOKE HAMMOND PARISH COUNCIL - PAYMENT RUN June 2024

Payee	Detail	Amount
Cllr Newing	Expenses from Annual Parish Meeting	£25.80
RoSPA Play Safety	Annual inspection reports for Bragenham Side play park & MUGA	£225.60
Arthur J Gallagher Insurance	Insurance premium for 18/06/24-17/06/25	£2,524.78
Cllr Noble	Travel and SH/NLS news expenses	£35.40
BCQ Solutions	SH/NLS news printing - June/July edition	£960.00
Clerk	Clerk salary for May and any related expenses	£1,282.24
RTM Landscapes	Grass cutting - May	£1,960.80
	Total	£7,014.62

Proposed: Cllr Noble / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

b) To agree the accounts to 30th April 2024 as circulated

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Sharkey / Agreed unanimously

5. Update from Unitary Councillor

There were no Unitary Councillors in attendance and no update was provided. Cllr Ajaz will contact Cllr Gomm to establish if he still wants to meet with the PC.

6. To report on any Highways, Footpaths & Footways and Lighting matters

- Cllr Venn mentioned the length of the grass by Lansbury Road and along Drayton Road which is making visibility when driving difficult. The Clerk will contact Taylor Wimpey and Bucks Council to request they cut the grass. **Action: Clerk**
- The PC has received several complaints about the standard of the grass cutting being provided by RTM Landscapes due to areas being missed and grass being left on pathways. The Clerk will raise this with RTM. **Action: Clerk**
- The alleyway between Tyrells Gardens and Fenny Road is overgrown and needs cutting back. The Clerk will request a quote to have this cleared. **Action: Clerk**

- The Clerk advised that a DHL van reversed into a lamppost on Friday 31st May, causing significant damage. The PC has been quoted £2405 + VAT to repair the lamppost and she has been in touch with DHL who are investigating. It was agreed to allow DHL 2 business days to respond before we agree to the work as it was felt health and safety was more important and the lamppost needs to be repaired. The Clerk will also contact the PCs insurance company about this. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Ajaz confirmed the broken streetlight on Willis Street has now been repaired.

7. To update and agree the amended Neighbourhood Plan following the Reg 14 consultation for it to be submitted to Bucks Council

- Cllrs resolved to approve the amended plan so that it can be submitted to Bucks Council.

Proposed: Cllr Sharkey / Seconded: Cllr Venn / Agreed unanimously

The Clerk will inform Cllr Newing that the plan has been approved so that he can send onto Bucks Council. **Action: Clerk**

8. To report on any Parish Improvements and Enhancements

- The Clerk confirmed the new play park at Honeybrook off Fenny Road is now open.

9. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- Cllr Ajaz and Cllr Champion attended a meeting with Bletchley Waste Management regarding the landfill site near Newton Leys. With the amount of waste being taken in and demand over the next few years, it is estimated that the landfill site will be open for another 6-7 years before it is full. The Environment Agency were in attendance and talked about the complaints they have received, especially related to the smell coming from the site. Complaints regarding the smell have eased since last year. None of the land owned by the waste management company will be put up for sale or donated for recreational use. Grants are still available and the PC will explore this in due course.

10. Community Centre: to report on any matters for the Council's attention

- Cllr Noble confirmed the pensioners afternoon tea event takes place on Saturday 15th June and there is still time to book a place for anyone wishing to come along.

11. Sports Club: to provide any updates/report on any matters for the Council's attention

- There were no representatives from the Sports Club in attendance, but the Clerk was sent the following report to read:

The men's football team have done well, winning the league. Cricket season has started with our midweek team on a Wednesday, another team hiring every Thursday playing soft ball cricket and cricket on Saturdays and Sundays. The darts team have just started the summer league having their first home game last night and the pool league is starting in a few weeks. Ladies that lunch is still well supported, and coffee mornings are going very well. The yoga is also getting popular. The youth football is having lots of presentations at the club and children's cricket should be starting in a few weeks.

12. Public Participation Session

- A MoP questioned what the grants from the waste company could be spent on and it was confirmed grants can be used for leisure and recreational facilities.
- A MoP provided his thoughts on how to improve the condition of the lay by on Stoke Road. He felt with community involvement, the area could be tidied up at no cost to the PC. He also felt it would be useful to engage Bucks Council. The PC confirmed they would be happy for him to write to Bucks Council, but that it would need to be independent from the PC. The Clerk will contact Bucks Highways for an update following on from our meeting at the lay by in May. **Action: Clerk**

13. To agree the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 2nd July or Tuesday 9th July 2024, to be held at the Community Centre on Bragenham Side.

Cllrs agreed unanimously to hold the meeting on Tuesday 2nd July as scheduled due to Affinity Water wanting to attend and present to the PC at this meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Venn / Seconded: Cllr Noble / Agreed unanimously

14. To resolve to close the meeting

Cllr Ajaz thanked everyone for their contribution and the meeting was closed at 20.23.

15. Council to receive an update on S106 and agree next steps

As Cllr Champion was not in attendance, the update did not go ahead.

Chair:

Date:

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