

# Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

**Chairman: Cllr S P Waters**

**Clerk: Mr G Bould**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllr P Waters, Cllr K Newby, Cllr D Moore, Cllr Mrs S Bartram, Cllr R Wright, Cllr K Beardmore, Cllr D Cintas, Cllr Mrs L Bearman and Cllr P Butters.

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**In Attendance:** RAF Shawbury - Flying Officer Joshua Chrich and three representatives invited to present the alternative proposals for the Warrant Road Development site, Stoke Heath.

One Parishioner

## **82.23. Presentation on the proposals to build 81 (smaller) dwellings on the former Stoke Heath Army Camp, in preference to 40 (larger) dwellings as granted planning permission in 2022.**

The Chairman introduced Mr Carl Copestake a partner with Knights who is leading the new development brief for the former Stoke Heath Army Camp. Mr Copestake in turn introduced the team undertaking the works to remodel the proposals for the site, Mr Alan Corinaldi (planner) and Mr Michael Smith (highways). Mr Copestake also indicated the applicants desire to change the site property designs to mainly but not wholly to semi detached dwellings from detached dwellings, but not increasing the footprint of each property by taking out the proposal of the original application for garages on each plot. The proposal also included twelve affordable dwellings. An additional style alteration would also introduce a number of three storey units that had a garage as part of the ground floor design. The road layout and public realm elements remained predominately the same as the 2022 application and that surveys are already being evaluated in terms of roosting bats and barn owls on the site.

A series of indicative site layouts were circulated for members to view and Mr Copestake indicated the applicant very much wanted to hear from the Parish Council their views on the potential changes to the site prior to any planning application that could be submitted so that local views could be taken into account. Members raised a series of themes in terms of the development before them which including public rights of way connectivity in and around the site, the parking of vehicles on the site, the capacity of the areas water/sewage system to accommodate the increase in usage, a series of climate themes around solar panels and the site location of properties, recycling of rain water within properties, utilising the potential heat from the sites pumping facility for reuse on the site, the amount of properties proposed and the potential of bungalows on the site, an alternative siting/facing of properties within the site, the highway and footpath interaction to better reflect traffic management into and out of the site onto Warrant Road to reduce the speed of vehicles and allow safer road usage and pedestrian interface along Warrant Road. Mr Copestake thanked the Parish Council for their comments and the Chairman thanked his team for attending and responding to the questions and points raised and then moved to the next items of business,

## **83.23. Welcome, Public Session and Partner updates.**

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting.

Flying Officer Joshua Chrich updated the Parish Council on activity and indicated that there has not been much change to report since the last meeting. The Flying Officer circulated details of the free Carol Service being promoted by the RAF at Shrewsbury, progress with the contractors dealing with the hedges around the Tern Hill base and again requested any ideas for community projects for trainees from the Station to undertake.

The Parishioner present indicated that they had come to listen to the discussion on the Police Report on speeding and policy on VAS signs later on the agenda.

Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill was unable to attend the meeting due to child care commitments but had emailed an update through to the Clerk which would be circulated to members. The topic areas covered Shropshire Councils budget update in that there remained 13.8m of the 51.4m of reductions remaining to be identified, the 20mph around Stoke Primary School is progressing into the design stage with a construction period of mid 2024, the grit bin potential location on Rosehill Road had also been requested, the Shropshire Council Officer dealing with the flooding on Rosehill Road is John Bellis and any updates on environmental concerns with reference to the Pet Crematorium are to be forwarded to Councillor Gill directly.

There being no further items the Chairman thanked those present for their input and moved onto the next item of



business.

#### **84.23. Apologies for absence:**

The apologies were received and agreed from Cllr Mrs S Planton (family commitments) and Councillor Paul Gill (family commitments).

#### **85.23. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:** None.

#### **86.23. To approve the minutes of the meetings of the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Cllr K Newby moved and Cllr Mrs S Bartram seconded the minutes of the meetings held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

#### **87.23. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk updated members on a series of projects and suggested initiatives within the report. The Warrant Road waste bin has been installed by Shropshire Council and would be featured in the next newsletter. The meeting with the Community Land Trust to engage in dialogue about a potential alternative management model to approach the MOD and Shropshire Council about how public realm land at the Clive Barracks Strategic Development site is held and managed has been delayed due to illness and has been rescheduled for the end of November. Members further agreed to the suggestion to test the 'need' in Eaton upon Tern in terms of mains water versus boreholes via a survey to be circulated within the newsletter. Cllr K Newby agreed to develop the survey similar to those undertaken a decade previous to test the need and public opinion for the Neighbourhood Project submitted for Shropshire Councils Place Plan infrastructure programme. Members further agreed as part of the development of the Environmental Maintenance Grant (EMG) programme footpath clearance works on the footpath along the A41, improvements to the 'Ad-shell' style bus shelter, updating the notice board at the Riverside Drive bus shelter, repairs to the roof on the Langley Dale bus shelter and the repair/relocation of the Glebe field notice board. An approach would also be made to the Parish Councils Electrical Contractor to again undertake a street light conditions survey for 24/25. The Parish Council has recently been unsuccessful with the grant application for a willow bench at the Cemetery, members agreed that the project be re-submitted at part of the Veolia grant applications recently opened for projects.

#### **88.23. Police report on speeding and policy on VAS signs (six month rule).**

Members had received the report from the Police in terms of traffic speeding initiatives and the comments that, "West Mercia Police will not be making any decision on autospeedwatch systems until the trial led by Inspector Ingrid Tozer submits its final report." In light of this view and the impending 20mph initiative around Stoke on Tern Primary School which includes Rosehill Road the Parish Council was recommended to take no action and monitor the situation until the report becomes available and the 20mph project around the school is allowed to establish itself. The Chairman then adjourned the meeting at this point due to the discourse on the recommendation. After the short adjournment the meeting recommenced and agreed the above recommendation. An additional survey from sixteen households within Eaton upon Tern was tabled for members to consider supporting the introduction of a VAS sign within the settlement. Members agreed to the request for Eaton upon Tern to act as a pilot scheme on behalf of the Parish Council and help to collect and collate the data on traffic movements and speeds. Cllr K Newby then proposed and Cllr R Wright seconded that the above recommendations be agreed on being put to the vote eight members voted in favour and one against.

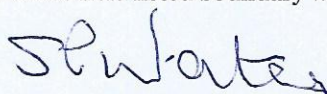
#### **89.23. Polices on small grants, social media and fix my street.**

Members agreed that details about the community grants applications be advised in the next edition of the newsletter and that any administrators of social media platforms operating within settlements be invited to contact the Clerk who will provide the agenda and minutes of Parish Council meetings. In terms of 'fix my street' reporting members had a mixed response to the on line reporting system and agreed to keep it under review in terms of reports and completed works.

#### **90.23. Glebe field wall damage.**

Members agreed that quotes be secured for the repairs to the Glebe field listed boundary wall.

#### **91.23. Cemetery Developments.**



Hybrid site update: Members remain committed to the principle of Natural Burials within the site and viewed the draft indicative sketch plan of how plots could potentially be accommodated on the right hand side of the cemetery site. After some discussion Cllr K Newby agreed to design a more formal layout so the Parish Council could judge the total amount of plots that could be accommodated in circles/semi circles with a tree as the central focus versus traditional rows.



**92.23. Wistanswick old tip.**

Development Plan: The contracts dealing with the Japanese Knot-weed have indicated that the eradication programme has been completed. Cllr K Newby agreed to update the the design features for the sites Development Plan which could be circulated within the settlement for comment/support prior to any eligible grant applications being submitted.

**93.23. Newsletter.**

Cllr Mrs S Bartram indicated that the copy date for articles for the newsletter is within the next few days.

**94.23. Planning Committee reports:** Nothing to report.

**95.23. Highways.**

A41: Resurfacing/patching works have been identified for December 2023 for which the road will be closed. Cllr R Wright has raised concerns in terms of the impact on surrounding roads within the Parish with Shropshire Council and is unsure why a closure order has been sanctioned as opposed to the use of traffic lights which would ease the impact on surrounding roads within the Parish.

**96.23. Financial matters.:**

1. Members agreed to a requested donation of £20 towards the conference being organised through Restoring Shropshires Verges Project that Cllr R Wright is due to attend on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
2. The Bank Reconciliation was presented, agreed and signed with the current bank statement.
3. The payments for approval were tabled and members agreed the amounts set out below.

Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
1007847	RBL (poppy wreath)	£18.00
1007848	Keith Newby (postage)	£3.10
100849	HMPC (PAYE)	£394.00
100850	Clerk Salary (Q3 salary)	£1,653.50
100851	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£159.99
SWALEC	October(2023)	£142.01
SWALEC	November (2023)	£151.40

**97.23. Items for future meetings:** Hospital Trust presentation and the barrier at the Parish Hall (six months rule).

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm

Date of next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Signed:



**Chairman**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**