

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Wednesday 16th May 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr P Waters, Cllr K Newby, Cllr D Moore, Cllr Mrs S Bartram, Cllr Mrs S Planton Cllr D Cintas and Cllr. R. Wright. Cllr.P. Butters attended for part of the meeting.

Clerk: Mr G Bould.

In Attendance: Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill.

39.22. Election of Chairman.

Cllr P Waters was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 22/23. The acceptance of office was signed and countersigned by the Clerk.

40.22. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr K Newby was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the municipal year 22/23. The acceptance of office was signed and countersigned by the Clerk.

41.22. Election of other offices/committees and outside bodies.

- 1) Emergency Planning Committee: agreed Cllr D Moore
- 2) SALC Northern Area Committee: Cllr L Bearman (to confirm at the next meeting)
- 3) Planning Committee: agreed Cllrs K Newby, S Bartram, D Moore, S Planton and reserve P Waters, K Beardmore (to confirm at the next meeting)
- 4) Audit Working Group: agreed Cllrs R Wright and S Bartram, L Bearman (to confirm at the next meeting)
- 5) Helicopter Noise Liaison Group: agreed Cllr P Waters
- 6) Community led Housing Group: agreed Cllrs P Waters, S Bartram, R Wright and S Planton.
- 7) Parish Hall Management Committee: agreed Cllr D Moore with support from the Clerk if required.

42.22. Apologies for absence.

Members agreed the following apologies for Cllr Mrs L Bearman and Cllr K Beardmore (previous engagements) Flight Sergeant Matthew Fearon (child care). In agreeing the apologies members also agreed up to a six month leave of absence for Cllr Mrs L Bearman if required.

43.22. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest. None.

44.22. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the 16th March 2022: Cllr K Newby moved and Cllr Mrs S Bartram seconded the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2022 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

45.22. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk highlighted several items for noting with some actions from the report. In particular Childs Erroll Parish Council will be discussing the potential of amalgamation at their next meeting. It has been difficult to establish contact with Nat West for a change of bank, members agreed to the second option that of Lloyds Bank. A wide ranging discussion then ensued around the request to register the Red Lion at Wistanswick as a Community Asset. Members agreed that the application form should be circulated prior to any discussion being made. Cllr K Newby agreed to contact Waters Upon Parish Council to find out how they approached the closure of the village's public house and report back. The next steps agreed for the Community led Housing group is to, via the newsletter establish if anyone within the parish needs to down size and re focus on that need and engage with Shropshire Rural Housing Association in the medium to longer term to address that need if it materialises. Dutton Close Play Park has been formally registered with Shropshire Council as a Community Asset, the outcome of which is awaited.

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46.22. Newsletter.

Cllr Mrs S Bartram updated members on the newsletter . The copy is ready to go to press so will be available for delivery before the beginning of June. The printing company is continuing with a different owner/printer and Cllr P Waters agreed to continue to follow up AR Richards to sponsor an edition of the newsletter this year.

47.22. Cemetery Developments.

Members agreed that the front gates at both the cemeteries be treated and painted, Cllr K Newby agreed to make the arrangements. The dandelion spraying and mole removals have all taken place at the site.

48.22. Planning Committee reports.

That the agreed set of signed minutes for the 19th April 2022 Planning Committee be added to the signed Parish Councils minutes for March 2022 as a PDF file and posted on the web site.

49.22. Highway matters.

Members received an update on the highway matters. A number of outstanding items still remain particularly no resolution on the feasibility study which is key in terms of traffic management investment across the parish. Still no resolution in terms of the extended poles required for displaying vehicle activated speed signs, plus the re-starting of the A41 campaign group. As agreed at the Annual Parish meeting Councillor P Gill will make contact with the Head of Highways and the Portfolio Holder in the Cabinet to attend a future Parish Council meeting in order to address the outstanding requests.

50.22. Financial matters .

1. Members approved the Accounting and Governance Statements for 2021/22
2. The payments for approval were tabled, members agreed the amounts set out below.

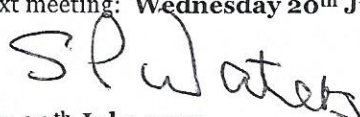
Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
100776	Western Power Distribution (connection works)	£1,182.43
100777	SALC (affiliation fees)	£620.69
100778	Zurich Municipal (insurance)	£310.31
100779	Derrick Moore (audit)	£80.25
100780	Highline Electrical Ltd (street lighting)	£165.50
100781	ICCM (membership)	£95.00
100782	Clerks Q1 payments (salary)	£1,811.60
100783	Clerks expenses (expenses)	£151.50
SWALEC	March (2022)	£151.40
SWALEC	April (2022)	£156.08

Items for future meetings: Verges – grass cutting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for their contributions

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 7.30pm**

Signed



Chairman 20th July 2022

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Minutes of the Special Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at
Stoke upon Tern Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr P Waters

Cllr K Newby, Cllr Mrs S Planton, Cllr Mrs S Bartram, Cllr P Butters Cllr Mrs L Bearman, Cllr K Beardmore.

Clerk: Mr G Bould.

18 members of the public in attendance including 4 Parish Councillors from Childs Ercall Parish Council.

51.22 – 1. Welcome and Public Session.

Cllr P Waters welcomed Parish Councillors and members of the public to this special meeting and invited comments on the planning applications before the Parish Council and agreed to extend standing orders by 30 minutes to allow for points to be made by the public. The principle of alternative carbon generated energy was stressed by several speakers as was food security and the loss of agricultural productive land. Concerns also focused on the size, height and proximity to property of the panels, impacts on health and well being, the lack of a track record of the development company undertaking the scheme, the water table, bore holes and the impact on the aquifer with potential contaminates on the site also with imported cleaning water, construction traffic, screening and archaeological issues on the site. The Chairman enquired of any other comments on the other applications before thanking everyone for their comments and moving to the next items of business.

51.22 -2. Apologies for absence.

Cllr R Wright, Cllr D Moore, Cllr D Cintasand (prior commitments) and Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill.(holidays).

51.22 - 3 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest: None.

51.22 -4 Planning Applications.

1. 22/01866/FUL : The Old Airfield Site, Eaton upon Tern.

Formation of solar farm comprising the installation of circa 100,000 PV Solar Panels; erection of transformer stations, DNO cabin, satellite mast and 2m high perimeter fencing, formation of internal access roads; all ancillary works.

In coming to a view on the application the following points are to be made.

Firstly, the Parish Council feels very strongly that the application in its present form should be withdrawn to address the serious concerns raised in relation to the potential for contamination of the boreholes on which both the neighbouring villages depend for their water supplies. This would also enable the Applicant to directly commission reports to address this and also to reconsider the height and location of the closest panels to Eaton upon Tern, which we feel are too high and too close, and to fully assess the archaeological issues.

If the Application remains under consideration the Parish Council strongly **OBJECTS** to the Application and asks that the Application formally goes to the Planning Committee for consideration as not enough weight has so far been given to mitigate against the harm the Application has the potential to cause to the health and well being of the parishioners directly affected by the Application.

If Shropshire Council is minded to grant permission, the Parish Council would urge strong Conditions within a Section 106 Agreement be placed on the Application. These should cover the issues highlighted above, independent monitoring of the site, plus the routing of construction traffic away from the villages and through the site, bio-friendly additions only to the water used on site for cleaning purposes, the full reinstatement of the site with an agreed plan plus better and thicker screening and greening of the site. The Parish Council would also request that an Annual Community Fund of say £10,000 from the Applicant be

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established and paid to the Parish Council to administer jointly with Childs Ercall Parish Council for the lifetime of the development as no Community Infrastructure Levy applies to this Application.

2. 22/02267/OUT: Residential Development Site, Chapel Lane, Stoke Heath.

Outline application for the erection of 2 No dwellings, installation of septic tank and demolition of all buildings on site (to include appearance and scale)

In coming to a view on the application the following points are to be made.

The Parish Council **OBJECT** to this application on policy grounds and environmental grounds.

The Policies set out in both SAMDEV and the Neighbourhood Plan restrict development within the Parish to the 2 development sites at Dutton Close and Warrant Road within Stoke Heath and the Strategic Development site at Tern Hill. The emerging Shropshire Local Plan also places the Parish as open country side because of the above development sites. The application therefore is contrary to policy.

On environmental grounds, in that no mitigation proposals have been submitted to address the harm caused by the flooding and drainage problems at the entrance to the site, no proposals to research and address any bat and reptile colonies on the site, and the potential harm that could occur to the neighbouring large oak trees with TPO's.

3. 22/02311/FUL: Lythe-Beck Farm, Heathcote, Stoke On Tern. Erection of general-purpose agricultural building.

No Objections

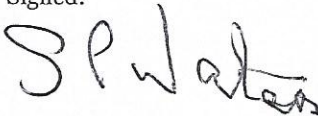
4. 22/02681/TPO: Works to a number of trees protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Land at Eaton-upon-Tern) TPO 1991 (Ref. NS/00071/91) and The North Shropshire District Council (Bonshaw, Eaton-upon-Tern) TPO 2007 (Ref. NS/00072/07) Bonshaw, Eaton Upon Tern, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 2BX.

No Objections

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 20th July 2022

Signed:



Position: **Chairman**

Date: **20th July 2022**