

**Chairman: Cllr S P Waters**

**Clerk: Mr G Bould**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm

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**Present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr P Waters

**Councillors:** Cllr K Newby, Cllr Mrs S Planton, Cllr Mrs S Bartram, Cllr D Moore, and Cllr D Cintas (after minute 52.21)

**Clerk:** Mr G Bould.

**Shropshire Council:** Councillor Paul Gill

One Parishioner (part, prior to minute 52.21)

**50.21. Welcome and Public Session.**

The Chairman opened the meeting outside the front of the building because of the humid temperature of the evening. In doing so welcomed the newly elected Shropshire Councillor for the Hodnet Division Councillor Paul Gill, congratulating him on his success in the recent elections. Councillor Gill in his introduction to the Parish Council explained that he'd had a number of years as a Parish Councillor and wanted to improve communications, understand local needs and issues to be able to work better at a local level. Councillor Gill had already met with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk for a briefing on local issues and like so many other Parish Councils the top two concerns are communications and highways. The new Leader had heard these calls from across Shropshire during the elections and has committed the new administration to spend better and more on the roads, a programme of work has already started in the North working through to the South of the County. Councillor Gill indicated that at the end of the four year period those seeking election would be held to account on these improvements. Part of doing the job better was the introduction of 'fix my street' which all Parishioners are encouraged to use to report problems related to pot holes for example. The Councillor then touched upon the local campaign to keep the name of the Wrekin for the creation of the new parliamentary seat created by the Boundary Commission which would include the Parish of Stoke upon Tern within the Hodnet Division. There being no other partners or Parishioners present the Chairman thanked Councillor Gill for his presentation and his positive comments and actions so far; then moved onto the next item of business.

**51.21. Apologies for absence.**

RAF Shawbury: Flight Sergeant Danny Wood (annual leave), West Mercia Police: PC Alan Ambrose (prior engagement). Members agreed the apologies of Cllr R Wright (prior engagement), Cllr K Beardmore (holidays) and Cllr Mrs L Bearman (over run hospital appointment).

**52.21. To consider any nominations for co-options to the Parish Council.**

Members agreed to co-opt David Cintas to the Parish Council vacancy for the Stoke on Tern Ward.

**53.21. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest.** None.

**54.21. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Cllr K Newby proposed and Cllr Mrs S Bartram seconded the minutes of the 19/05/21 and were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

**55.21. Clerk Report.**

The Clerk highlighted a number of items for guidance from members. The first two were Maurice Chandler Sports and Leisure Centre and the Glebe Field, members agreed to await any contact from the Centre and the Church about support/development at each of the sites. Members also agreed to suspend the committee structure, the exception being to retain the Planning Committee as a face to face meeting allowing public access. That a Highways Working Group be established though zoom and that Cllrs Wright, Beardmore and

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Butters be approached to serve on the group looking at the highway issues across the Parish they have previously raised. Members further agreed to re-establish the Audit Working Group with the original membership of Cllrs Wright, Bartram and Bearman to meet once a year via zoom during September. Any cemetery management issues would continue to be placed before the Parish Council until the cemetery becomes fully functional and burials/cremated remains are interned at the site. At that point consideration would be given to how the Parish Council would operate its governance role. That the newsletter group be asked for a 'third party' view on the Parish Councils communications and to advise accordingly if willing to undertake the task.

#### **56.21. Parliamentary Boundary Changes.**

Members had received the new proposed Parliamentary Map for the Newport and Wellington County Constituency which would join the Cheswardine and Hodnet Electoral Divisions to the existing Wrekin Parliamentary Seat. The North and South of the initial proposals have five of the twenty two wards from the Shropshire Council area. In discussing the merits of the proposal the Parish Council focused on the proposed name of the new constituency. The name focused only on two market towns within the boundary of the whole area and members felt that the historic landmark name of the Wrekin would better unite communities together. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support the campaign to retain the Wrekin as the name of any new Parliamentary Constituency and agreed to produce a leaflet informing Parishioners how to make their views heard about the changes to the Boundary Commission. Members also agreed that the lead member developing the leaflet would be Cllr Mrs S Bartram.

#### **57.21. Dutton Close Street Lighting update.**

A request had been made to refocus the Dutton Close Street Lighting project onto the main route into and out of the new development site with its access through the old social club/number 18 Dutton Close. The amendments to the location map had to be completed at very short notice with the accompanying argument that ten new lamps are required on the circular route in and out of the new development because of narrow roads and on street parking. The additional point has also been highlighted that all old columns need to be removed in order to re-connect to the sub-station. A further point has also been made that three columns on the first phase development site remain the responsibility of the developer to resolve as they are in their ownership and are refusing to communicate with anyone. Updates on the progress of the Expression of Interest (EOI) will be made available for members once received. If successful Parishioners will need to be re-consulted about the new positioning/replacements package of the street lights in view of the funding criteria.

#### **58.21. Community led Housing Development Group.**

The first informal zoom meeting of the wider Community led Housing Development Group is set for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 at 4pm. This is the first time that the Parishioners recruited for the project have met with Parish Councillors and Shropshire Housing Officers in order to start mapping the way forward for the project. A regular update will be given on progress as part of the Parish Councils formal agenda.

#### **59.21. Ollerton Pound.**

Cllr K Newby updated the Parish Council on the progress being made on the 'pound project'. The clearance works should be completed by the end of August 2021 ready for a hand over via Shropshire Council to be completed. It will be important to keep a watching brief on the site in order to control the ivy infestation thereby holding the owner of the listed building to account.

#### **60.21. Old Tip at Wistanswick.**

An article has been produced for inclusion in the newsletter as to the potential future use of the site asking Parishioners for feedback on any ideas. This is being supplemented by a bespoke Wistanswick postal survey undertaken by the Community Champions for the area. The two pieces of community research will then be used to submit an Awards for All Lottery application later in the year funding the suggested improvements. If the application is unsuccessful members will be asked to consider the use of CIL Neighbourhood funding as the site is highlighted within the Parish Councils Place Plan. This could also be matched to a possible smaller Tesco application for the improvements. The potential management and maintenance of the site will then be discussed with the Community Champions, the Prison Service and Social Care for medium to long term involvement in the site.

#### **61.21. Old Pump House Wistanswick.**

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A site visit has been undertaken and response received from Severn Trent's property management since the last Parish Council meeting. Severn Trent have indicated that they need to undertake some clearance works at the site to establish if any structures are beneath the ground. Once that exercise has been concluded and made safe if required, Severn Trent will auction off the site for sale on the open market. Shropshire Council have been informed of this course of action as they own a third of the original identified site, an apron of land that sits on the highway side. The site will therefore need taking out of the Parish Council's Place Plan as a potential amenity site within the settlement in view of Severn Trent's statement position of disposal.

#### **62.21. Newsletter**

Cllr Mrs S Bartram indicated that the team have a number of articles already and are looking to complete the copy deadline and distribute during September 2021.

#### **63.21. Task Force update Clive Barracks, Tern Hill.**

There had been no updates in terms of the work of the task force for some time. Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill agreed to follow up internally with Shropshire Council the work programme for the site and consequently follow on scheduled meetings about the site to keep members of the Task Force involved and informed.

#### **64.21. Neighbourhood Plan update.**

A press release had been issued from the Parish Council on the success of the Neighbourhood Plan and some major coverage on the plan had happened since Shropshire Council unanimously agreed the outcomes at their full council meeting earlier in July 2021. Members would need to ensure that Shropshire Council's Development Control Planning Officers took the plan into account in making planning judgements on all planning applications in the future.

#### **65.21. Cemetery Developments.**

Members agreed that Cllr's Waters and Newby spray the area at the entrance to the site around the notice board and remove any weeds so the area remains fallow. The Woodland Trust application for hedge sapling has been successful and the Probation Service would undertake the activity during the autumn of 2021.

#### **66.21. Planning Committee.**

That the agreed sets of minutes for May, June and July 2021 by the Planning Committee would be added to the signed Parish Councils May 2021 set of minutes as a PDF and posted on the web site.

Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill raised the recent Paddocks application for the extension of pitches for travellers and indicated that he has requested that the application be called in for a committee decision. Members supported the action and agreed that the Clerk provide material information as to why the application should be called in and refused to Shropshire Councillor Gill. This would also include attending any future planning committee meetings at which the application would be discussed.

#### **67.21. Highway matters.**

Members had agreed the creation of a highways zoom working group earlier in the meeting and the following areas of work could form the work programme and reporting areas of the groups work:

- Feasibility study.
- Pothole audit.
- Speed poles and digital signage.

Members remained very unhappy with the standard of work carried out on the repairs of potholes in particular, details of any poor work would need to be recorded and fed into the highways review process underway and re-reported via the new reporting system from Shropshire Council's 'fix my street'.

Some of the activity will form part of a renegotiated package of activity with the Community Champions groups for the new highways grant recently approved across the Parish. This will be developed with the



groups when the Clerk meets with them over the coming months, including the publishing of the group's accounts.

A request has also been received from Stoke Primary School about the introduction of a 20 mph zone around the school. This policy development is being researched for all schools across Shropshire by Shropshire Council and the school will be informed of the process of engagement.

Members were reminded about the A41 site meeting between the MP and the Leader of the Council on Thursday 22nd July 2021 12 noon to 1.30pm, meeting at the Pit Stop on the A41 outside the barracks.

#### **68.21. Financial matters**

**Bank reconciliation:** The tabled bank reconciliation agreed with the bank statement as amended waiting for cheque 100729 (£16.99) to be drawn. Members agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman sign off on the document as to the correct amounts as presented.

**Payments:** The payments for approval were tabled and members agreed the amounts for payment set out below.

Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
100737	David Probert (urgent notice board repairs)	£ 55.00
100738	Keith Newby (reimbursement)	£347.19
100739	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£125.98
100740	Reimbursement(cancellation of cheques 712, 713, 714)	£324.00
SWALEC	May 2021	£119.55
SWALEC	June 2021	£127.73

#### **Future Agenda items:**

Communications – report back from the newsletter group  
Report back from outside bodies: Northern Area SALC, Helicopter Liaison Group, A41 Campaign Group, Emergency Planning and Stoke on Tern Parish Hall Committee.  
Invited guests – highway maintenance

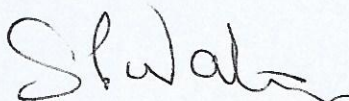
The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Parish Council the first to be held in the open air

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm**

Signed:

**Chairman**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**





# Stoke Upon Tern Parish Council

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## Planning Meeting Minutes

Meeting: - Time: 10.00am

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Attendance: Councillors, K Beardmore - P. Waters - S. Bartram – K. Newby – S. Planton – D. Moore.

Apologies: None

Declaration of Interest: None


Matters of Interest:

1. Application No 21/03818/FUL – Abdo Hill, Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 2LF

### **No Objection**

The Parish Council planning team have reviewed the application online, and reviewed the plan details for Partial demolition and rebuilding of a 'Self Contained Holiday Let'

Having discussed the application, the planning team has agreed unanimously that we have no objection to the submitted plans for the proposed work.

Councillor Kenny Beardmore

Sub Planning Committee Chairman (Interim)

Dated: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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