

Stoke upon Tern Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr S P Waters

Clerk: Mr G Bould

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Chairman: Cllr P Waters

Councillors: Cllr K Newby, Cllr Mrs S Planton, Cllr D Moore, Cllr R Wright, Cllr D Cintas, Cllr P Butters, Cllr K Beardmore and Cllr Mrs L Bearman.

Clerk: Mr G Bould.

Shropshire Council: Councillor Paul Gill.

RAF Shawbury: Flight Sergeant Matthew Fearon.

12 Parishioners

01.22. Welcome and Public Session.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Flight Sergeant Matthew Fearon to present his report from RAF Shawbury. The Flight Sergeant updated the Parish Council on outstanding items in terms of planning applications, hedge cutting and contact with Estate Agents. A Night flying update was also provided covering the next ten weeks including details of the Shawbury 10K run, to be held on 27th February 2022.

The Chairman then invited questions from Parishioners present at the meeting. Three areas were raised by individuals first very strong concerns related the potential destruction of the play area at Dutton Close, the need for a protection order of the group of trees at the edge of Dutton Close and Warrant Road. Members agreed that a group of actions would be taken by the Parish Council to try and help Dutton Close Residents Association in their continued campaign to retain the play park. Secondly, the Parish Council also agreed to make contact with Shropshire Council and reiterate the position already taken to protect the trees at the edge of Dutton Close and Warrant Road. An enquiry was also raised about the replacement street lighting at Dutton Close by a Parishioner. The Clerk indicated that the technical checks are with Shropshire Council for the project and the Parish Council awaits the outcome of the exercise underway.

The next item raised by Parishioners related to the status of the play area at Langley Dale. Members indicated that the site was owned by Shropshire Council and as such had been declared surplus to requirement as the equipment on the site was not fit for purpose. After some debate around the history of the site Parishioners agreed to make contact with Shropshire Councillor Paul Gill in terms of the potential re-use of the site for children supported by their families.

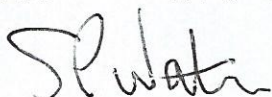
A Parishioner from the Rosehill Road area presented the Parish Council with a Community Speed Check Proposal for the area of Wistanswick, Rosehill Road and Stoke on Tern. The proposal had been researched through a questionnaire to gauge what support there is within the community to undertake such a project. On the basis of the results a potential project looks viable. The next steps are to engage with Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police. Councillor Paul Gill agreed to take the proposal forward with the active support of the Parish Council.

The Chairman invited Councillor Paul Gill to provide an overview of activity at Shropshire Council, the report touched upon the recent by-election, and future meetings on the A41 in discussions with Cllr Rob Gittins. The Financial Settlement has been received this week. There is some extra monies for Local Government but it is a one year deal and the additional money is a one off grant. It means for 22/23 the budget will balance. Although the next few years look extremely challenging. The Country is back at Level 4 for Covid and Omicron is certainly making its presence felt although it has yet to hit Shropshire as hard as it is in the south of England. The area has been tasked with administering 160,000 booster jabs to residents in the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin areas by New Year's Eve. The third Recycling Bin has received a massive take up on website with some 7500. The Chairman then thanked all those present for their contributions and moved onto the next items of business.

02.22. Apologies for absence.

Members agreed the following apologies for Cllr Mrs S Bartram (illness).

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03.22. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest. None.

04.22. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the 17th November 2021.

Cllr D Cintas moved and Cllr Mrs S Planton seconded the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th November 2021 and these were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman in the presence of members.

05.22. Clerk 's Report.

The Clerk highlighted several items for noting with some actions from the report. In particular the dates of Parish Council meetings were agreed for the 18/5/22, 20/7/22, 21/9/22, 23/11/22, 18/1/23, 15/3/23 & 10/5/23. The zoom audit working group meeting would be held at 11am on the 26/9/22. Cllr P Waters agreed to remove the over hang of the collapsed tree at the old tip.

06.22. Shropshire Garden Party 2022.

The Shropshire Garden Party is an event organised by the Lord Lieutenant of the County. Members agreed to email any potential nominations to Clerk.

07.22. Hodnet Highways depot.

Cllr D Moore raised the situation of the recent closure of the Hodnet Highways depot and the distances now travelled from other sites across Shropshire to service the locality. Councillor Paul Gill looked to re-assure the Parish Council that the site had been temporary closed after a vote at Shropshire Council. Several reasons had driven this decision after an internal consultation with road contractors who felt it would be more cost effective to use the existing costs spent on running the site on the roads. Plus the site requires a large amount of capital investment to bring it up to modern safety standards. Councillor Paul Gill indicated that if the site is close permanently the change in the closure status would come back to a full meeting of Shropshire Council for a decision.

08.22. Glebe Field.

Cllr K Newby raised the condition of the Glebe field created as a Millennium Green in 2000 by the Parish Council situated next to St Peters Church in Stoke on Tern, maintained by the Parish Council and leased from Lichfield Diocese. The site needs the fence treating and the trees are in need of some management. There is also a need for a site inventory which could start to form the basics of a site management plan. However, it would appear that the site is more commonly used as a car park. The question was then raised during the discussions about handing the site back. Members agreed to keep the item on the agenda for further consideration at the next meeting.

09.22. Play Areas – Langley Dale and Dutton Close.

Members supported a series of action points in response to the comments raised by the public at the start of the meeting around play in the parish. A letter of support would be drafted for Dutton Close Residents Association indicating the strength of the Parish Councils support for the play park. Cllr D Cintas would research the process and action required in registering of both Langley Dale play area and Dutton Close play park as Community Assets. Cllr K Beardmore would undertake a Health and Safety inspection of Dutton Close play park and provide a report to forward onto the Health & Safety Executive. Parishioners from Langley Dale would contact Councillor Paul Gill the Shropshire Councillor for the Hodnet Division directly about the use and improvement of the play area for children and their families from Langley Dale.

10.22. Facebook Communications.

Cllr Mrs L Bearman updated members on progress around Facebook. Dialogue was suggested with the Parish Hall to move the project forward.

11.22. Local Connection Application – Mr Williams, Rosehill Road, Stoke Heath.

Members received a verbal report about Mr Robert Williams of Whitehall Farm Stoke Heath and his application for support from the Parish Council for a strong local connection to the parish. Members were satisfied by the evidence produced and unanimously support the application.

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12.22. Task Force update Clive Barracks, Tern Hill.

Members agreed that the Clerk make contact with the new Member of Parliament for North Shropshire Helen Morgan to enter into dialogue with project partners about the site and the potential re-starting of the Task Force.

13.22. Cemetery Developments.

Members agreed to hold the cemetery fees at the 21/22 levels for 22/23, the poster advertising the 22/23 fees would be updated and placed in the notice board at the site. The Woodland Trust hedge saplings have arrived and several working parties are underway to clear and under plant the hedge lines.

14.22. Ollerton Pound.

Cllr K Newby indicated that he has been in dialogue with Dr Andy Wigley from Shropshire Council about the Pound, who in turn has been in contact with the landowner. They agreed to revisit the site during March to see the degree of ivy die-back within the mortar beds and verticals. Cllr K. Newby has subsequently expressed the view that some rebuilding may be required in order to remove the deep-seated dead ivy.

15.22. Newsletter

Cllr Mrs S Planton updated the Parish Council on behalf of Cllr Mrs S Bartram in that there are no matters in connection with the newsletter at present.

16.22. Planning Committee.

That the agreed set of signed minutes for January 2022 Planning Committee be added to the signed Parish Councils November 2021 set of minutes as a PDF and posted on the web site.

17.22. Highway matters.

Members received updates on the following areas of highway activity from the Clerk:

1. A41 update: agreed to contact Cllr Rob Gittins as co-ordinator of the campaign group. A41 concerns to still to raise relate to mobile cameras, signage, road works, diversions and blocked gully at Rosehill.
2. Fix my street updates: Nothing more to report.
3. Speed signage update: some progress through liaison with Kier in terms of extended poles although they have a back log of work due to Covid and supply chain problems. The next stage will be to order and have connected the signage possibly through the street lighting term contractor.
4. Feasibility study update: some progress, elements to be included in the Clive Barracks development, a number of items raised are maintenance/operational concerns and will be logged for action, some are traffic safety issues and have been raised with the traffic teams.
5. Invited guests – highways maintenance update: some options other than evening meetings as they are not suitable. Daytime face to face or zoom meetings or forward sets of questions. Members agreed a day time face to face workshop meeting during February 2022 if possible.

18.22. Financial matters

1. Precept 22/23: Members **RESOLVED** unanimously a precept for 22/23 of £20,573.00

2. EMG 22/23: Members agreed to pursue an Environmental Management Grant for 22/23 looking to develop a 'lengthsman' style scheme for flooded ditches and 'meadow' style verges. The activity to be linked to the workshop meeting with highways during February 2022.

3. Grass cutting contract 22/23: Members agreed to continue the grass cutting contract with KG Landscaping for 22/23 at the same rates as 21/22. for the Glebe field and Cemetery.

3. Bank reconciliation: Members received a tabled bank reconciliation update and before any commitments stemming from the meeting the balance stood at £45,330.42. The Chairman and Vice Chairman signed the bank reconciliation and bank statement for audit purposes. Attention was also drawn to an error by the bank in that a correction has taken place in terms of 90 pence on Q3 Clerks Salary.

4. Banking arrangements: The paperwork for the Nat West has been received and Cllrs P Waters, K Newby, P Butters and R Wright agreed to continue as signatures. The Clerk would email the members for information to complete the online forms and to investigate on line banking for the Parish Council.

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5. Payments: The payments for approval were tabled, members agreed the amounts set out below.

Cheque no.	Item and payment	Amount.
100758	KG Landscaping (grass cutting)	£1,128.00
100759	David Probert (A41 footpath)	£310.00
100760	Highline Electrical Ltd (street lights repairs)	£357.60
100761	Clerks expenses (expenses)	£114.45
100762	Newsletter (newsletter)	£229.40
100763	Wistanswick CC (contract)	£672.50
100764	Heathcote CC (contract)	£672.50
100765	Eaton upon Tern (contract)	£672.50
100766	Dutton Close RA (contract)	£672.50
SWALEC	November (2021)	£146.71
SWALEC	December (2021)	£165.48

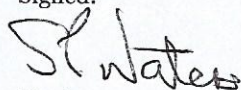
Items for future meetings:

Platinum Jubilee
Bends at Wistanswick
Footpath A41 Wistanswick to Rosehill

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm and thanked everyone for their contributions

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm**

Signed:



Chairman
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Minutes of Meeting held online to Consider Planning Applications in the Parish in early February 2022

1. Attendance online

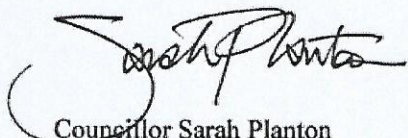
Councillors P Waters, K Newby, S Planton and S Bartram and K Beardmore. D Moore was not in attendance

2. Apologies - None received

3. Declaration of Interest - None received

4. Matters Considered

1. Application No 21/06015/FUL – Land Adjacent to Sunnyside, Rosehill Road – The Planning Committee have examined the submissions in respect of this Application and recognise that the changed location of the property enables the retention of the small paddock adjacent to Rosehill Road, which is considered to be an improvement on the original Application. As such the Parish Council offer **No Objection** to this Application



Councillor Sarah Planton

Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committee

8th February 2022

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