

**Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council**

Minutes of the 386th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

**Attendance:** Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), S Beale, C Pegg, P Goodsell, R Mitchell and N Smith, Parish Clerk Theresa Case, Borough Councillor Reg Ward.

**386/1 Apologies for Absence** Cllr R Fisher and County Cllr Ivan Ould.

**386/2 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:** None.

A report by County Cllr Ivan Ould was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Borough Councillor Reg Ward reported on the following issues:

1. Homelessness – directive from government with funding to identify and house.
2. Strategic Growth Plan – local/county council partnership to look at industry/homes/roads and more.
3. Housing needs – HBBC on target for 5-year housing supply targets.
4. Heritage survey – to identify and protect.
5. Salary rise for HBBC councillors – 20% over next 3years. HBBC councillors will still be below others in the Leicestershire area.

Cllr Goodsell discussed the possible use of the iron gates from the Convent which are currently in storage.

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to check where gates are currently stored.

**386/3 Confirmation of 385th meeting minutes:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2017 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 385th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

**386/4 Matters arising:**

Crime Report for October 2017– the following figures were obtained from the police.uk website:

8 crimes reported:

- 1 burglary near Whitemoors Road – under investigation
- 1 anti-social behaviour near Greenwood Road – no information
- 1 violence/sexual offence near Thornfield Avenue – under investigation
- 1 robbery near Church walks – under investigation
- 1 burglary and 1 other theft near Station Road – under investigation
- 2 anti-social behaviour near Tithe Close – no information

**386/5 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:**

**a) Financial Progress Report**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The Financial Report was unanimously **AGREED** and it was signed by the Chairman.
- Income for the month of December 2017 was **NOTED** at £9,780.00.
- Expenditure for the month of December 2017 was **VERIFIED** at £15,711.59.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of December 2017 was **NOTED**.

**b) Reports of Council representatives and Clerk:**

The following was **NOTED**:

Cllr Goodsell reported on the completion of the traffic Survey.

The Clerk reported that the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation are looking for a new trustee following the resignation of Ann Jones.

**RESOLVED ACTION:** Cllr Mitchell to follow up on possible candidates and liaise with the charity secretary.

**c) Playground inspection:**

Monthly report: **NOTED**.

**RESOLVED ACTION:** None.

**386/6 Planning Application Matters:**

Planning application procedures were discussed and reviewed as follows:

**a) New Applications:**

21 Andrew Close, SG – ash tree topping and lopping.

High View, 4 Church Close, SG – reduce radial spread of canopy to ash tree.

St Martins Catholic Academy, SG – erection of singular mobile classroom (retrospective).

**b) Amended:** None.

**c) Permissions approved:**

34 Wykin Lane, SG – T1Yew-cut back to 1M over garage. T2 Beech – fell.

**d) Refusals:** None.

**e) Appeals:** None.

**f) Withdrawn:** None.

### **386/7 Neighbourhood Plan**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the dates of future meetings will be finalised at the next NPAC meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### **386/8 Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** that a meeting of the SISG committee should be arranged for February.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to forward a copy of members contact details, previous minutes and constitution to Cllrs Terheege, Pegg, Beale, Fisher and Smith.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Beale to make meeting arrangements.

### **386/9 To resolve upon the date for the Annual Parish Meeting**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Annual Parish Meeting should take place on 19<sup>th</sup> April at the Methodist Hall.

### **386/10 To resolve upon location and dates of meetings of Council and of committees for 12 months from May 2018**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that all Parish meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month, except for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. Dates for NPAC meetings are still to be confirmed.

### **386/11 To resolve upon precept and parish element of Council Tax**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that the precept should increase by 2% each year. For 2018/19 an increase of 2% from the current council tax level of £50.70 to £51.71, would provide a precept of £38,482.00 at the parish's current tax base of 744.2.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to inform HBBC of the Parish Council's precept requirements.

### **386/12 Ground maintenance contract – to initiate annual review of performance**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr Pegg should carry out the review and report back at the Parish Council meeting in March.

### **386/13 Laburnum Cottage community land**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a maintenance budget of £12,000 has now been **AGREED** by both parties.

### **386/14 Works at Hinckley Road Cemetery**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

#### Boundary

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the planting of a mixed native hedge, at a cost of £1100 + £100 for stakes.
- It was **NOTED** that the cost of preparing the hedge line and removal of any existing overgrown plants was still to be confirmed.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to ask JG if some evergreen holly could be included and to inform adjoining resident of proposed work.

### **386/15 Play equipment**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the removal of the existing roundabout, at a cost of £350.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to claim the appropriate S106 funds, as soon as the Tesco Bags of Help funding is confirmed by Cllr Smith.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Smith to arrange installation of the new roundabout for March.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** that the ground maintenance budget freed up by the S106 maintenance monies should be ring-fenced for 'maintenance of recreational facilities'.
- It was **NOTED** that the proposed plan, that resulted from the consultation between the PC and HAGS, for the Morris Homes play area has been approved by the developer.

### **386/16 Pitch hire**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the decision taken in October 2017, to return to the

HBBC pitch hire fee structure for the 2018/19 season.

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to send out requests to all sports clubs for pitch hire requirements for the 2018/19 season, to be considered at the March PC meeting.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to revise the pitch hire agreement for approval at the March PC meeting.

#### **386/17 PC noticeboard**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the purchase of a noticeboard, at a cost of £344.00.

#### **386/18 Vehicle Activated Sign**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to continue to maintain the Vehicle Activated Signs and proceed with the purchase of a battery at the cost of £62.59.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Mitchell to proceed with purchase.
- The resignation and comments by Alan White were **NOTED**.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** that a ANPR system was not necessary at this current time, but this should be reviewed in the event of any increased traffic in the future.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Mitchell to build up the team of volunteers and prepare a detailed proposal for the hardware/software required for data to be downloaded via an Android smartphone.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to write to thank Alan White for his service.

#### **386/19 CCTV**

The feasibility of CCTV in the centre of the village was discussed.

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** Cllr Mitchell to prepare a detailed proposal for CCTV in the centre of the village.

#### **386/20 Recreation field boundary trees**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Comments from residents whose properties are adjacent to the boundary hedge were **NOTED**.
- Based on this feedback, it was unanimously **AGREED** that the hedge height should remain unchanged.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to write to residents to thank them for their input and update them on the decision.

#### **386/21 Grit bins**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The cost of checking and topping up of PC grit bins and supply of grit was unanimously **AGREED** at a cost of £90.00.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to thank public spirited residents in the Stoker

#### **386/22 To resolve upon the monthly schedule of payments**

It was **RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments was unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the schedule. The Parish Council to proceed with payments as follows: December 2017 – The Community Heartbeat Trust – defib pads, Stoke Golding Methodist Church – donation for defib electricity, The Charity of Thomas Barton – repayment of bus stop donation, Harry Shaw Business Computers – PC laptop/software and January 2018 - electricity to pavilion £38.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £594.08, HBBC trade waste, litter/dog waste £56.88 and £565.34, pavilion shower repairs £1,260.00, ground maintenance – contract £1,253.67, additional work – grit bins £90.00.

#### **386/23 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chairman of the council**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

##### **Written**

GBa&e - request for meeting with the Parish Council.

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to draft a reply to decline the request and forward to all councillors for approval.

LRALC – consultation on becoming a limited company.

- Information was **NOTED**, no action required.

##### **Verbal**

None

#### **386/24 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention**

None

#### **386/25 Any Other Business**

Cllr Goodsell commented on the lovely carol singing around the new Xmas tree.

Play area safety at Convent Drive was discussed.

##### **RESOLVED ACTION:**

Clerk to ask HBBC Planning Enforcement for an update and suggest a further padlock at the bottom of the fence.

Storage of building supplies on Church Walks was discussed.

**RESOLVED ACTION:**

Clerk to ask HBBC Planning Enforcement for an update.

MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED - There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Next meeting:- Methodist Hall, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm**

