

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 352nd meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th March 2015.

Attendance:

Cllrs R Ward (in the chair), Cllrs R Terheege (Vice-chairman), D Mayes, C Pegg, R Brown, R Fisher, S Beale, Parish Clerk Theresa Case, residents.

Cllr Ward opened the meeting at 7.00pm

352/1 Apologies for Absence: County Cllr Ivan Ould

352/2 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: There were none.

In the absence of County Cllr Ivan Ould the following report was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting:

General Divisional Issues

1. The A5 roadworks continue to generate problems in the villages adjacent to the A5, although Fenny Drayton's problems appear to have eased. This is not the situation in Higham, where in addition to diverted traffic there is also a house building situation to deal with.
2. I have written to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner to express my concerns at the police refusing to collect forensic evidence at some fuel and other intrusions associated with theft of heating oil, fencing panels, outside equipment, etc. As yet I have not received a reply I am very grateful for the support of three of the Parish Councils in taking this matter forward.
3. Richard 111 will be re-interred on 26.03.15 at Leicester Cathedral. I shall be representing the Division on Sunday 22nd March at Bosworth Battlefield, and also at the private ceremony at Fenn Lanes farm that is the official start of the cortege procession. I have been asked to be at the Battlefield Centre from 11.30a.m. onwards until around 3.30p.m., so I will not be able to attend any other events in the Division that day.
4. A meeting took place at Bosworth Battlefield Centre in January regarding the management of the Battlefield site. There are expected to be between 2-3 meetings a year involving local landowners, the County Council, English heritage, and the National Farmers Union. I was asked by local landowners to chair these meetings and have accepted this request.
5. I am still dealing with 3 ambulance incident outcomes and wish to know details of any further instances. Information required is the name of the person for whom the ambulance was called, their address, how long they had to wait, and if an ambulance actually turned up. Discussions about these three cases have already happened at the Health and Wellbeing Board but I've been asked to make referrals more formal.
6. Last month I attended, as the County Council's representative, the Patient Advisory Forum at George Eliot Hospital. I have now held this position for nearly two years and in that period have seen evidence of the Hospital's improvement lead by a very able and determined Board, (I am not a Board Member). This news should prove re-assuring to all users of the Hospital.
7. The County Council has increased council tax for the first time in five years by 1.99% due to the continuing reduction in government grant and the increasing cost of caring for the elderly and children's social care. The latter two budgets have again been increased for the forthcoming financial year.
8. Investigations into historic child sexual abuse are continuing with a joint partnership between the Police and Children's Social care. We have carried out our own investigation over the last 15 years without finding out any issues involving situations where children in Leicestershire have not been listened to. The Police remain very active, with a number of historic and current investigations under way, and we have moved a team of 6 children's social care workers into a partnership agreement to work alongside the Police.
9. As you know, I chair the F40 Group of lowest funded Councils for schools. We have had a successful year culminating in the award of £390M nationally to increase schools funding in England, with £20.5M coming to Leicestershire Schools on the 1st April. However this is currently a one-off payment and I have already had a private meeting on February 20th with the Education Minister, Nicci Morgan, on this subject. This coming Wednesday, 4th March, I am leading a F40 delegation to see Nick Gibb, the Schools Minister, at the Department for Education in London. This will cause me to miss Stoke Golding Parish Council meeting, as I shall not be back from London until after 8.00p.m.
10. I have been involved in supporting, or advocating on behalf of, 38 constituents since the beginning of February on a range of issues.

The meeting moved to item 352/12 on the agenda

352/12 Morris Homes

Residents, L and T, are 100% opposed to the proposed building at the top of Sherwood Road, and very passionate about securing the piece of land adjacent to their bungalow and would appreciate any support that the parish council may be able to offer them. The Parish Council have raised these issues with Morris Homes previously and are sympathetic towards the ladies application to gain adverse possession of the land that they have maintained and cultivated for the last five years.

Cllr Ward reported on a meeting with SA, regarding the increased number of dwellings on the reserved matters application. ACTION: Cllrs Ward and Mayes to draft a letter of objection and circulate to all councillors for further input. Copies to County Councillor Ivan Ould and David Treddinnick MP.

The meeting resumed at item 352/3 on the agenda

352/3 To confirm the minutes of the 351st meeting of the Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2015 were proposed by Cllr Terheege and seconded by Cllr Brown and unanimously AGREED that the Chairman signed the minutes of the 351st meeting as a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

352/4 Matters arising

- **Crime Report** for February-PC Cotton has received a report of speeding cars on Hinckley Road between 9pm and midnight and is looking into this. The police will be in and around the village over the next couple of weeks looking at parking issues, particularly around the school. No crime figures. ACTION: Clerk to seek clarification on provision of crime figures.
- **Parking High Street**-still been investigated by the Traffic Management Team.
- **Household recycling**-the Parish council's concern has been noted, however, residents should not view changes as a backward step, rather a move to remove low grade waste from the disposal waste stream at an earlier stage allowing processing plants to be more efficient and preventing contamination.
- **Heritage Street Name Plates**-order has been processed and plates are currently being manufactured.
- **Exercise bike**-a technical advisor from Wicksteed will liaise with MS directly to ensure the bike is safely adjusted.
- **Roseway verges**- currently being assessed by a Senior Highways Engineer. Resident's comments discussed. ACTION: Clerk to thank resident and pass suggestion on to LCC Highways.
- **Highway suggestions**-these have been assessed by the Accessible Travel and Improvement Team and a detailed response has been circulated to all councillors. In addition the highway records team will do a land registry search to establish ownership of the verge at St Martin's Academy.
- **Hinckley Road Cemetery**-the gate post has been lifted back into place and now needs to be re-pointed. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Seller & Co regarding reimbursement. Clerk to thank MW.
- **Xmas Contribution** – the sum of £50 has been received. This is the last year this will be paid.

352/5 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk.

To receive and consider the following and resolve upon any action or recommendations thereon:

a) Financial Progress Report

The Financial Report was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Terheege and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to approve the report and it was signed by the Chairman.

b) Reports by council representatives and clerk

- c) Playground Inspection Report** – lock on bin damaged, noted previously. Soil needs to be topped up and turfed along the edge of the new tarmac path. ACTION: Clerk to arrange for three quotes.

352/6 Planning Application Matters:

Planning application procedures were discussed and reviewed as follows:

• New applications -

Morris Homes - reserved matters application for 80 dwellings

48 Roseway – proposed dwelling and associated access. ACTION: Cllr Mayes to formulate a comment.

20 Andrew Close - removal of scots pine and works to Acer

Field North West of Cold Farm, Rogues Lane – change of use for 2 gypsy/traveller pitches with associated infrastructure. ACTION: Clerk to resend previous comment.

• Permissions granted –

22 Convent Drive – erection of a summer house

Convent Lodge – removal of oak tree

St Martins Catholic Academy – extension to existing car parking facilities

Lodge Farm – erection of an agricultural building

- **Refusals** – none
- **Withdrawn** – none
- **Amended** – none

24 Pine Close – extensions and alterations to existing garage. ACTION: Clerk to resend previous comment.

352/7 To approve what reports will be required for the Annual Parish Meeting

APM Agenda reports to be in by Friday 13th March 2015. ACTION: Clerk to contact those responsible.

352/8 To authorise a sum of petty expenditure for the year beginning April

A sum of £500 was agreed. PROPOSED: Cllr Pegg. SECONDED: Cllr Terheege.

352/9 To resolve upon acceptance of tenders for maintenance contract

It was resolved that tenders should be contacted and asked to provide more competitive prices, prior to making a decision. ACTION: Clerk to contact and pass subsequent information to all councillors.

352/10 Renewal of Parish Council insurance

Three quotes were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. It was resolved to renew with Zurich for a five year term. PROPOSED: Cllr Terheege. SECONDED Cllr Beale. ACTION: Clerk to make arrangements.

352/11 To appoint one trustee to the Stoke Golding Boy's Charity to commence 1st April 2015

Cllr Ruth Fisher was thanked for her commitment over the last four years and reappointed for a further term.

352/13 Neighbourhood Plan

A public presentation by JP of the Rural Communities Council was well attended and positive feedback was received from residents, with offers of help. A positive discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council should approach Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to begin the process of designating the area for a Neighbourhood Plan. ACTION: Clerk to contact HBBC.

352/14 Bus Stop – Higham Lane

The bus stop, out going towards Nuneaton, is situated on a narrow verge with an overgrown hedge and offers little protection from passing traffic. ACTION: Clerk to contact LCC Highways to highlight the problem and seek a resolution.

352/15 Parking on footpaths

The problem of vehicles parking on footpaths and verges around the village was discussed. ACTION: Cllrs to monitor and collect evidence. Clerk to contact the police and LCC Highways to highlight the issue.

352/16 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chairman of the council

Letter - Victim Support Leicestershire and Rutland
HBBC - Notice of Listing of Stoke Golding War Memorial

352/12 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention - None

352/13 Any other business

Cllr Mayes reported that residents of Sherwood Road would like to thank Cllr Ward for attending to the overgrown elder by St Margaret's School.

Cllr Ward reported on a planning meeting to discuss the 106 agreement for Barwell SUE. It was suggested that all highway concerns were still been ignored. ACTION: Cllr Ward to prepare a letter of concern. Copies to go to all parishes, County Councillor Ivan Ould and David Treddinnick MP

Cllr Ward closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Next meeting:- Village Hall, Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 7pm