

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 410th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Attendance: Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), S Beale, C Pegg, A McLean, A Clover, Parish Clerk Theresa Case.

410/1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllrs N Smith, R fisher, County Councillor Ivan Ould, Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett.

410/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that all Councillors declared a pecuniary interest in item 410/17 and 410/18. A dispensation was previously **AGREED** for all Councillors to participate in any discussion and vote in relation to the budget and setting of the precept for a period of four years.

410/3 To receive reports by County and Borough Councillors

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

410/4 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that there were no comments.

410/5 To confirm the minutes of the 409th meeting of the Parish Council:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th December 2019 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 409th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

410/6 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council not covered by the agenda:

Updates:

- Wykin Lane Cemetery pathways – it was **NOTED** that work was still pending due to ground conditions.
- Circular bench – it was **NOTED** that installation was not possible due to damage and therefore **ACTION** MS to dispose.
- Churchyard wall – it was **NOTED** that the remaining work has been completed and EIP funding requested.
- Bosworth 1485 Sculpture Trail – comments from Zurich were **NOTED**.

410/7 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 2019 was **NOTED** at £1,647.00.
- Expenditure for the month of December 2019 was **VERIFIED** at £4,913.34.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of December was **NOTED**.

b) Playground inspection:

Monthly report:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- The safety inspection report was **NOTED** and the roundabout was stiff and difficult to turn.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to contact the supplier.

c) Ground Maintenance Report

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the new trees at Hinckley Road Cemetery were planted.

d) Crime Report

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- Crime figures for October 2019 – the following figures were **NOTED** from the police.uk website.
- 1 violence or sexual offence near Greenwood Road – unable to prosecute.
- 1 criminal damage and arson near Whitemoors Close – under investigation.

- 1 vehicle crime near Church Walks – under investigation.

e) Report by Clerk on other matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

f) Reports of Councillors on meetings they have attended relating to the work of the Parish Council

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

410/8 Planning Application Matters:

Planning applications were considered and any comments resolved as follows:

a) New Applications:

- 15 Arnold Road, SG – single and two storey rear extension.
No concerns.
- 12 Station Road, SG – crown reduction and reshape of holly tree by 3 meters.
No concerns.
- Land at Wykin Lane, SG – residential development of up to 55 dwellings (outline-access only).

RESOLVED COMMENT:

- The Parish Council is aware that this is phase one of a larger development.
- The Parish Council considers this to be overdevelopment on an inappropriate, greenfield site.
- Stoke Golding has already exceeded the housing allocation set out in the current Core Strategy.
- The public consultation for the emerging Neighbourhood Plan highlighted that any future development should be on a brownfield site.
- This development will be located on a single-track rural lane which is inappropriate for the increase in traffic to and from this site.
- The proposed development will put unacceptable pressure on existing village services such as schools and the doctors' surgery.
- The Parish Council requests that further comments can be made following any response to the Leicestershire County Council Highway Report.
- Should this application be called to Planning Committee, the Parish Council would wish to attend and state its objection.

b) Amended:

None

c) Permissions approved:

- Laburnum Cottage, High Street, SG – conversion of existing barn to living accommodation, two storey and single storey extensions at rear.

d) Refusals:

None.

e) Appeals:

None.

f) Withdrawn:

None.

(g) Declined to Make:

None.

410/9 To receive the minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meetings and consider any recommendations

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 9th and 23rd December were **NOTED**.
- A report by Cllr Beale was **NOTED**.
- The draft plan was **AGREED**.
- An information event was **AGREED**, subject to HBBC approval.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with printing of postcards, at a cost of £90.

410/10 To receive an update on Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Clover will consult further with the architect.

410/11 To update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that memorial safety work at Hinckley Road Cemetery was still in progress.

- It was **NOTED** that the PCC will meet on 22nd January and will consider the proposed faculty application for railings removal at the churchyard.
- It was **NOTED** that the faculty application will be submitted once PCC approval is confirmed.

410/12 To consider proposals for play equipment for 12-18 year olds

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

410/13 To consider works to the recreation field pathways

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

410/14 To consider Hinckley Road Cemetery boundary matter

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council was still trying to contact a local solicitor for further advice, on a fixed fee basis to be confirmed.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to update the resident.

410/15 To consider the date and procedure for the Annual Parish Meeting

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held prior to the May PC Meeting on the 6th May 2020 in the Methodist Church Hall.
- It was **AGREED** that the meeting should be informal.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to prepare the Annual Parish Report for distribution prior to that date.

410/16 To consider the location and dates of meetings of Council and committees for 12 months from May 2020

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that all parish meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall.
- Dates for NPAC meetings until May 2020 were **NOTED** and **AGREED**.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Fisher to publish meeting dates on the village website.

410/17 To consider precept and parish element of Council Tax

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the tax base figure for 2020/21 has increased from 775.1 to 801.4.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Band D figure should increase from £58.47 to £65.63 which will give a precept of £52,595.00 to cover the cost of a pro-active budget and medium-term planning requirements.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to inform HBBC of the Parish Council's precept requirements.

410/18 To consider the quarterly budget comparison and adopt the budget for the next financial year commencing April 2020

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to adopt the budget for the next financial year commencing 1st April 2020.
- The quarterly budget comparison was **NOTED**.

410/19 To initiate the annual appraisal for the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** Cllr Terheege to carry out an annual appraisal and report in writing prior to the March 2020 parish council meeting.

410/20 To initiate the annual tree inspection for March 2020

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to book the tree inspection for March 2020.

410/21 To initiate the annual review of performance for the ground maintenance contract

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** Cllr Pegg to carry out an annual review of performance and report to the March 2020 parish council meeting.

410/22 To consider the ground maintenance contract renewal for April 2021

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Advice from LRALC legal consultant on procurement was **NOTED**.

410/23 To consider cemetery matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- A discretionary discount due to proven, long term, continued association of the deceased with the village of Stoke Golding was **AGREED**, for plots A32 and A33 at Wykin Lane Cemetery.
- Drainage issues at Wykin Lane cemetery were discussed and it was **NOTED** that information from HBBC was still pending.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Pegg to contact PG regarding land drains.
- Issues regarding the replacement of the tap at Hinckley Road Cemetery were discussed and **NOTED**.

410/24 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 2019: BT Payphones Receivables – village phone kiosk £360.00 and January 2020: pavilion electricity £18.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £719.29, HBBC trade waste for village hall/pavilion £87.75, HBBC litter/dog waste collection £602.78, churchyard wall renovation £600.00, ground maintenance – contract £1,617.73, additional work to trees £456.00.

410/25 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Written

- Rural Conference invitation was **NOTED**. Cllrs Terheege and Beale to attend.
- HBBC Heritage Forum invitation was **NOTED**. Cllr Terheege to attend.
- S106 Contributions Report was **NOTED**.
- Concerns regarding state of verges in Roseway were **NOTED** and to **ACTION** the Clerk to contact LCC Highways.

Verbal

- Concerns regarding horses on pavements were **NOTED** and to **ACTION** Cllr Clover to refer resident to LCC Highways.

410/26 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None

410/27 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To consider quotes for the renewal of PC insurance.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Next meeting:- Methodist Hall, Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.00pm