

**Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council**

Minutes of the 423rd meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held virtually on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

**Attendance:** Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), C Pegg, N Smith, R Fisher, A McLean, Parish Clerk Theresa Case, County Cllr Ivan Ould, Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett, residents.

**423/1 To receive apologies for absence:**

None.

**423/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that all Councillors have a pecuniary interest in item 423/9.
- A dispensation was previously **AGREED** for all Councillors to participate in any discussion and vote in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan for a period of one year.
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr McLean has declared a pecuniary interest in item 423/11 and a dispensation was previously **AGREED** for any discussion and vote in relation to the Convent Drive Open Space until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Smith has declared a pecuniary interest in item 423/18 and a dispensation was previously **AGREED** for any discussion or vote in relation to the proposed development on Wykin Lane until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The meeting moved to item 423/18.

**423/18 To consider a donation request from Friends of the Community**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The following statement was made by the Chair: Stoke Golding Parish Council has received a request from Friends of the Community for a donation towards a traffic consultant. The Parish Council has carried out the required process of due diligence and has sought advice from Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC). Unfortunately, the Parish Council has been advised that it is not appropriate to fund the activities of independent campaign groups, such as Friends of the Community. As a statutory consultee for planning, the Parish should and will continue to make appropriate representations on planning applications through the designated channels and where appropriate contribute to planning committee meetings and appeal hearings. Therefore, it is proposed that the request for funding is regretfully declined.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** to decline the donation request.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to confirm decision in writing to the Friends of the Community.
- Comments from the Chair of Friends of the Community were **NOTED**.

The meeting returned to item 423/3 on the agenda.

**423/3 To receive reports by County and Borough Councillors**

A report by County Cllr Ivan Ould was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and the following was discussed:

1. Covid vaccinations issues.
2. Neighbourhood Planning issues.

Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett reported on and the following was discussed:

1. HBBC finance uncertainty.
2. Roseway planning application.
3. HBBC Covid measures.
4. St Martins Academy car park proposals.
5. St Margaret's Church PCIF application.
6. Neighbourhood Planning.

**423/4 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

**423/5 To confirm the minutes of the 422<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Parish Council:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 422<sup>nd</sup> meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

**423/6 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council not covered by the agenda:**

**Updates:**

- It was **NOTED** there were none.

**423/7 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:**

**a) Financial Progress Report**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- The Financial Reports for January was unanimously **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.
- Income for the month of January 2021 was **NOTED** at £1,408.00.
- Expenditure for the month of January 2021 was **VERIFIED** at £12,747.94.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of January was **NOTED**.

**b) Playground inspection:**

Monthly report:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- A full safety inspection report was **NOTED** and the condition of the pathways highlighted.

**c) Ground Maintenance Report:**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

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

**d) Crime Report:**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- Crime figures for November 2020 – the following figures were **NOTED** from the police.uk website:
- 3 drugs, 1 anti-social behaviour, 1 criminal damage/arson and 1 other crime.

**e) Report by Clerk on other matters:**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- Update on Brexit – sector implications were **NOTED**.

**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.

**423/7 Planning Application Matters:**

Planning applications were considered and any comments resolved as follows:

**a) New Applications:**

- The White Swan, High Street, SG – proposed development of 6 detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping (re-submission of 19/01244/FUL).
- **RESOLVED COMMENT:** Stoke Golding Parish Council objects to this application due to the following concerns:
  1. The location of the proposed development is in the Conservation Area and has close proximity to Crown Hill which has historic and archaeological importance.
  2. Despite provision of car parking to the rear of the White Swan public house, the Parish Council still has concerns regarding additional street parking on High Street and Roseway.
  3. The Parish Council has concerns regarding the safety implications for the junction of High Street and Roseway.
  4. Following the increased traffic potential due to a previously agreed development at the top of Roseway, this development would further increase the pressure on traffic flow on High Street and Roseway.

**b) Amended:**

None.

**e) Appeals:**

None

**f) Withdrawn:**

None.

**g) Refused:**

None.

**h) Approved:**

- 23 Wykin Lane, SG – proposed single storey front extension and alterations.
- 34 Wykin Lane, SG – felling of silver birch

**i) Declined to Make (the application has not met the criteria for the TPO status therefore permission is no longer required):**

None.

**423/9 To receive the minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meetings and to consider any recommendations**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18th January and 1<sup>st</sup> February were **NOTED**.
- A report on the arrangements for Reg 14 consultation responses by Cllr Terheege was **NOTED**.

**423/10 To receive the minutes of Convent Open Space Committee meetings and update on Convent Open Space**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January were **NOTED**.
- A report by Cllr Pegg was **NOTED**.

**423/11 To update on maintenance of the pavilion**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the underpinning work has been postponed due to the field conditions.
- It was **AGREED** that Cllr Pegg should manage the underpinning work.

**423/12 To update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a flooded grave kerb at Hinckley Road Cemetery has been resolved.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with the third phase of memorial safety repairs in 2021/22, at a cost of £1770.00.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with an application for 50% funding from the Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) for the memorial safety repairs and for cleaning of the war memorial.

**423/13 To update on work to the recreation field pathway**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a site meeting had not been possible due to lockdown and this item could be removed from the agenda and progress reported via matters arising.

**423/14 To update on application for Asset of Community Value status for Baxter Hall**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- A report on continuing discussions with the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE), by Cllr Fisher was **NOTED**.

**423/15 To update on works to recreational field copse**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that JG has started work on tidying the trees and bushes and Cllr Pegg will consult a drainage contractor.

**423/16 To update on Wildflower Verge Scheme**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a land ownership query was still outstanding.
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Fisher would manage this project.

**423/17 To consider tree inspection and works to trees**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with the annual tree inspection on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and to include the Convent site, at a cost of £300.00.
- It was **NOTED** that the core survey on the oak tree at Hinckley Road Cemetery has taken place, a report will follow shortly and the resident will be updated.

**423/19 To consider play equipment matting safety**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to seek a quote from MS for replacing the matting under the slide.

**423/20 To consider electricity payment for the Christmas tree**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with electricity payment , at a cost of £5.00 from S137 expenditure.

**423/21 To consider the replacement of the village flag**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with a replacement flag, at a cost of £51.00 from S137 expenditure.

**423/22 To consider the renewal of SLCC and ALCC membership**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with renewal of SLCC membership, at a cost of £144.00.

**423/23 To consider LCC Parish and Community Fund application**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to decline a request by Leicestershire County Council to seek funding for kissing gates.

**423/24 To consider LRALC Internal Audit Service renewal**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with LRALC Internal Audit Service 2020/21 payment, at a cost of £250.00.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with automatic renewal of this service for future years.

**423/25 To consider PCIF application from St Margaret's PCC**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to support a PCIF application from St Margaret's PCC and the Clerk to sign the form.

**423/26 To resolve upon the Monthly Schedule of Payments**

It was **RESOLVED** that payments have been checked against the invoices and the schedule of payments was unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the schedule. The Parish Council to proceed with payments as follows: February 2021: pavilion electricity £32.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £774.36, ground maintenance – contract £1,639.23, SLCC membership £144.00, LRALC-internal audit service £250.00, Christmas tree electricity £5.00.

**423/27 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

**Written**

- A request for use of the recreation field was **NOTED** and **ACTION** the Clerk to reply.
- HBBC Environmental Improvement Programme 2021/22 applications invitation was **NOTED** and **ACTION** the Clerk to reply.
- Letter from St Martin's Catholic Academy was **NOTED** and to **ACTION** the Clerk to arrange a meeting.
- Comments from the Cemetery Administrator were **NOTED** and to **ACTION** Cllr Pegg to investigate drainage options, Cllr Fisher to clean the gates and JG to clear leaves.
- Comment from a resident regarding grave plot was **NOTED** and **ACTION** the Clerk to reply.
- HBBC Litter Bin Agreement and price increase was **NOTED**.
- Climate Change Survey was **NOTED** and to **ACTION** Cllr Fisher to complete.
- Letters regarding the Hinckley Road boundary matter were **NOTED** and to **ACTION** the Clerk to arrange a virtual meeting with the solicitor to discuss.

**Verbal**

None

**423/28 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention**

None.

**423/29 To consider future agenda items**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the following items should be added to a future agenda:
- To consider a grant policy and budget. (June agenda)

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

**Next meeting:- Virtually on Zoom, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm**