

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 388th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 7th March 2018

Attendance: Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), S Beale, C Pegg, P Goodsell, R Fisher, R Mitchell, Parish Clerk Theresa Case, County Councillor Ivan Ould, Borough Councillor Reg Ward, Jim Hope.

388/1 Apologies for Absence. Cllr N Smith.

388/2 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 and the following issues were discussed:

1. Local Development Framework consultation - concern and objection to option 2 for Midlands Connect proposal for an expressway.

Borough Councillor Reg Ward reported on the following issues:

1. Highways England have failed to prioritise the A5 as a key road and this has led to proposals for an expressway as discussed above.
2. Need for pollution from increased traffic to be addressed by developers.
3. Figures on homelessness previously discussed still to be confirmed, due to Data Protection.
4. Request for salt bins on Crown Hill Close, Stoke Golding.
5. Syrian Resettlement Scheme –provision for 2 social houses each year.
6. Business rates – government backtrack on local authority retaining 100% of revenue collected.
7. Council tax rise- £5 per household, average of 4% per household with other authority increases.
8. Car park fees – more spaces allocated for short stay to increase footfall in town centre.
9. Planning application – cost to increase by 20%.

Non-payment of Council Tax was discussed and planning status for work in Main Street.

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to check planning records and Borough Cllr Ward to follow up.

388/3 Confirmation of 387th meeting minutes:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th February 2018 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 387th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

388/4 Matters arising:

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

There were 9 crimes reported as follows:

- 1 burglary near Station Road – investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- 1 violence and sexual offence near Station Road – investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- 1 violence and sexual offence near Church Walks – unable to prosecute.
- 1 burglary near High Street – investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- 1 vehicle crime near Shenton Close - investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- 1 other crime near Roseway – investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- 1 violence and sexual offence near Roseway – under investigation.
- under investigation.
- 1 other theft near Pine Close – investigation complete, no suspect identified.
- 1 other theft near Hinckley Road – investigation complete, no suspect identified.

Updates:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Flag – The total cost was **AGREED** at £60.78.

PC Noticeboard – Installation of the noticeboard was **AGREED** at a cost of £40.00.

SLCC/ALCC – Membership renewal was **AGREED**, at a cost of £145.00.

Oak tree at the recreation field – It was **NOTED** that previously **AGREED** works are to be carried out, at a cost of £450.00 and to **ACTION** the clerk to inform contractor to proceed with work.

Ground maintenance – Emergency repairs to a street name sign were **AGREED** at a cost of £10.00.

388/5 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 February 2018 was **NOTED** at £5,931.10.
- Expenditure for the month of February 2018 was **VERIFIED** at £6,870.35.

- The bank reconciliation for the month of February 2018 was **NOTED**.
- The actual bank statements were **VERIFIED** by Cllr Beale on the 14th February 2018.

b) Reports of Council representatives and Clerk:

None.

c) Playground inspection:

Monthly report: **NOTED**.

RESOLVED ACTION: To monitor tiles under the slide.

388/6 Planning Application Matters:

Planning application procedures were discussed and reviewed as follows:

a) New Applications:

- 37 Wykin Lane, SG – proposed studio and playroom above approved garage.

RESOLVED COMMENT:

In the context of the surrounding area the Parish Council considers this application to be overdevelopment on an inappropriate site.

- 27 Crown Hill Close, SG – erection of 2-bedroom dwelling with vehicular access and parking.

RESOLVED COMMENT:

The Parish Council has no objection to the design of application, but has some concerns regarding the constant trickle of smaller developments still being permitted, even though Stoke Golding has met its housing requirement as set out in the Core Strategy and Site Allocation Document.

- 22 Station Road, SG – two storey side/rear extension (re-submission of 18/00005/HOU).

b) Amended: None.

c) Permissions approved:

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

d) Refusals: None.

e) Appeals: None.

f) Withdrawn:

- 22 Station Road, SG – two storey side and single storey rear extension.

388/7 Neighbourhood Plan

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 29th January and 26th February were **NOTED**.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** to allocate a further £1000 for Neighbourhood Plan admin.
- The annual report by Cllr Mitchell was **NOTED**.
- Progress with transport and traffic was discussed and **NOTED**.
- The appointment of Barbara (Kate) McCreight to the NPAC was **NOTED**.

388/8 Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a meeting was held on 22nd February.
- Initial plans were viewed and **NOTED**.
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Pegg is liaising with Pro-Help to secure funding for a quantity surveyor and further architect's drawings.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** to transfer a further £2000 of ring-fenced funds to SISG.
- Thanks to Cllr Pegg for his work was **NOTED**.

388/9 To approve what reports will be required for the Annual Parish Meeting

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to request the following reports by 22nd March: Chair, finance, cemetery, planning, neighbourhood plan and village hall.

388/10 To authorise a sum for petty expenditure for year beginning in April

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to allocate the sum of £500 for petty expenditure.

38811 Review internal controls

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Beale and the Clerk carried out the internal review on the 16th January 2018.
- The report was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and the report was **NOTED**.

388/12 Works at Hinckley Road Cemetery

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Boundary

- A letter from the resident and the reply was **NOTED**.
- It was **NOTED** that work can not commence until September.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Pegg to update the resident.

Wall and Gate Damage

- A report on the gate and a separate price for the wall were **NOTED**.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to seek a price from Ironcraft.

388/13 Pitch hire

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to approve the actions and decisions taken at the meeting with the Cricket Club on 13th February 2018.

388/14 Vehicle Activated Sign

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- An ANPR system was **AGREED** in principle, subject to appropriate funding.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Mitchell to investigate further the possibility of a pilot scheme and funding.

388/15 CCTV

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

388/16 Village Hall maintenance

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to increase the size of the trade waste to 1100Ltrs, at an annual increase in cost of £66.30.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** to split the cost of the trade waste and water supply to the recreation field between the village hall and the Parish Council.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to invoice the village hall annually for 50% contribution.

388/17 Storage licence renewal

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to renew the storage license, at a cost of £192.

388/18 Data Protection

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that data protection law will change in May 2018.
- It was **NOTED** that personal data breaches will need to be reported.
- A draft revised Privacy Notice was **NOTED** and will be adopted at the May 2018 Parish Council meeting.
- It was **AGREED** that a copy of the Privacy Notice should be given to members of the NPAC in May.

388/19 To appoint one trustee of The Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation to commence 7th March 2018

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The resignation of Anne Jones was **NOTED**.
- The appointment of Shiona Alston was **AGREED** for a term of four years.

388/20 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: February 2018 – gravedigger £400.00, Flagmakers £72.94, HBBC – storage licence £192.00 and March 2018 - electricity to pavilion £38.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £567.28, Rainbow Copyshop – newsletter printing £191.40, Stoke Golding Methodist Church – hall hire £141.75, SLCC/ALCC membership renewal £145.00, ground maintenance – contract £1,253.67 and playground inspections, noticeboard and sign £70.00.

388/21 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chairman of the council

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Written

- Resident's concerns - ditch at HR Cemetery
RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to reply to resident and advise on outcome of enquiries regarding a more permanent solution to concerns.
- St Margaret's PCC – work to gate
RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to reply to PCC and seek prices from contractors.

Verbal

- Crown Hill – salt bin
RESOLVED ACTION: Concerns were **NOTED**, but no action considered appropriate.
- Main Street – broken bench
RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to ask the Charity of Thomas Barton if they would fund a replacement.
- St Martins School car park congestion
RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to seek update from the school.

- Centenary of WW1
RESOLVED ACTION: It was **NOTED** that WW1 and WW2 benches have been installed at Hinckley Road Cemetery, thanks to a donation by the Charity of Thomas Barton.
- Street light at recreation field.
RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to report to LCC.
- Post Office
RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to seek update, copies to Chief Executive at HBBC/LCC, County Cllr Ould and Borough Cllr Ward.

388/22 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None

388/23 Any Other Business

None

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

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting:- Methodist Hall, TUESDAY 3rd April 2018 at 7pm