

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 415th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held virtually on Wednesday 3rd June 2020

Attendance: Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), S Beale, C Pegg, A Clover, R Fisher, A McLean Parish Clerk Theresa Case, County Councillor Ivan Ould, Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett and two residents.

415/1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr N Smith.

415/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Clover declared an interest in Friends of the Community and requested a dispensation to participate in the discussion and vote regarding correspondence received from the Friends of the community in item 415/24.
- It was unanimously **AGREED** to grant a dispensation.

415/3 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. Proposed development on Wykin Lane – County Cllr Ould expressed his concerns and updated on his actions.
 2. Twycross Zoo – concerns over funds due to closure.
- Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett reported on and the following was discussed:
 1. Proposed development on Wykin Lane – before planning committee on the 16th June 2020.
 2. Four local cases in Stoke Golding.
 3. Concerns regarding lack of HBBC meetings and funding decisions.
 4. Horse Fair in Earl Shilton – concerns raised about travellers in the area, police and council are responding.

415/4 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- Resident's request was **NOTED** that the wildflower patch on Bennett Close be retained and managed by a group of volunteers.

415/5 To confirm the minutes of the 414th meeting of the Parish Council:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2020 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 414th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

415/6 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council not covered by the agenda:

Updates:

- WL pathways – it was **NOTED** that the contractor is currently trying to source supplies and will carry out the work as soon as possible

415/7 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:

a) Financial Progress Report

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- The Financial Reports for May was unanimously **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.
- Income for the month of May 2020 was **NOTED** at £0.00.
- Expenditure for the month of May 2020 was **VERIFIED** at £4,829.21.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of May was **NOTED**.
- It was **NOTED** that the actual bank statements were verified by Cllr Beale on the 11th May 2020.

b) Playground inspection:

Monthly report:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- A visual safety inspection report was **NOTED** and there were no issues.

c) Ground Maintenance Report

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- An update was **NOTED** and hedge maintenance discussed.

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with essential hedge maintenance of the jitty and Church Walks (carrying out appropriate checks for nesting birds) throughout the 2020/21 season, to ensure pathways are accessible, and to carry out hedge maintenance in other areas in late August/September and to review this arrangement in November.
- An update on the cemetery taps was **NOTED** and Clerk to contact MW.
- An update on new trees at Hinckley Road Cemetery was **NOTED**.
- Summer maintenance of the planters has been carried out, at an **AGREED** cost of £473.96.

d) Crime Report

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Crime figures for March 2020 – the following figures were **NOTED** from the police.uk website:
- 2 public order, 2 violence or sexual offence, 2 criminal damage or arson, 2 vehicle crime, 1 bicycle theft and 4 other crime.

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.

415/8 Planning Application Matters:

Planning applications were considered and any comments resolved as follows:

a) New Applications:

- 1 The Courtyard, Higham Lane, SG – pollard 7 limes, crown 1 lime.
- Stoke Lodge, Hinckley Road, SG – one and a half garage extension to side of house.

RESOLVED COMMENTS: No concerns.

b) Amended:

None.

e) Appeals:

None.

f) Withdrawn:

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

None.

415/9 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 18th May and 1st June 2020 were **NOTED**.
- The consultant's budget for 2020/21 was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** to proceed with a grant application, at a cost of £6,648.50.

415/10 To note the dissolution of Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG) committee

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the Village Hall Management Committee has dissolved the Sport in Stoke Golding Sub-committee and unspent monies of £761.00 will be returned to the Parish Council.

415/11 To consider maintenance of the pavilion

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- A report on pavilion maintenance was **NOTED**.
- It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Pegg and Clover will assess the structure of the pavilion due to the cracked wall and report back to the next meeting.

415/12 To update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the application for the Environmental Improvement Programme funding for medium risk repairs at Hinckley Road Cemetery was still pending.
- The Diocesan Notification of Advice regarding the railing removal at St Margaret's Churchyard and provisos were **NOTED**.
- It was **AGREED** that the Public Notice will be displayed from 15th June to 14th July 2020.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with the revised price for the railing removal, at a cost of £650.00.

415/13 To update on proposals for play equipment for 12-18 year olds

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with teenage seating/shelter.
- To **ACTION** Cllrs Fisher and McLean to seek three quotes.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to seek feedback from other parishes through LRALC website.

415/14 To update on work to the recreation field pathway

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that initial proposals from the contractor are still pending.

415/15 To update on Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to contact Highways regarding permission to install slabs and update resident.

415/16 To update on application for Asset of Community Value status for Baxter Hall

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the application was logged on the 14th April and a decision will be made within eight weeks.

415/17 To review fees for football pitches and cricket field hire for 2020/21 season

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Due to Coronavirus disruption, it was **AGREED** to waive fees for the 2020/21 season for cricket and football.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to notify the clubs.

415/18 To consider maintenance of the rose bed at Hinckley Road Cemetery

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with initial rose bed maintenance, at a cost of £100.00.
- It was **NOTED** that soil conditioning and new roses will be assessed later in the season.
- It was **AGREED** to review rose bed maintenance in November.

415/19 To consider the maintenance of the wildflower patch at Hinckley Road Cemetery

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to allow a group of volunteers to maintain the wildflower patch and to monitor progress in November.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with one annual cut by JG, at a cost of £50.00.

415/20 To consider following HBBC ban on the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons from Parish Council land

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** that the Parish Council should follow the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council ban on the use and release of sky lanterns and helium balloons from council owned public open spaces.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to reply to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.
- The new borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order was **NOTED**.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to put up a temporary notice at the recreation field and obtain price for a permanent notice.

415/21 To review the cemetery byelaws and guidelines

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The cemetery byelaws and guidelines were **AGREED** and will be published on the village website.

415/22 To consider the annual tree inspection report

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The annual tree report analysis was **NOTED** and there was no urgent work.
- To **ACTION** JG to assess preventative/amenity work to establish if it is included in the contract or within his capability.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to seek permission from the DAC under section B6((3) for works at Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- It was **NOTED** that HBBC planning permission would be required for work at St Margaret's Churchyard, due to the conservation area.
- It was **NOTED** that work at St Margaret's Churchyard can be carried out under section A8(3), so will not require DAC permission.

415/23 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: May 2020: playground inspection £20.00 and June 2020: pavilion electricity £24.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £697.80, ground maintenance – contract £1,639.23, Stoke Golding Methodist Church - hall hire £57.75, LRALC training £90.00, playground inspections £40.00 and village planters £473.96..

415/24 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Written

- Correspondence from Friends of the Community was **NOTED**, discussed and questions forwarded to LCC Highways.

Verbal

None

415/25 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None

415/26 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there were no new items.

415/27 To consider entering a confidential session to discuss commercially sensitive matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to enter a confidential session and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.

415/28 To consider village open space matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to take legal advice on the inactivity of the developer in relation to Convent Drive open space.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to contact LRALC for advice.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Pegg to consult with HBBC.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Next meeting:- Virtually on Zoom, Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7.00pm