

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 428th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday 7th July 2021

Attendance: Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), Cllr A McLean, Cllr V Palmer, Cllr R Fisher, Cllr K Elliott, Parish Clerk S Beale, Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett, 3 residents.

428/1 To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr Nicola Smith, Cllr C Pegg

428/2 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 428/9.
- 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 428/12 and a dispensation was previously **AGREED** for any discussion and vote in relation to the Convent Drive Open Space until 31st March 2023.
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Pegg has declared a pecuniary interest in item 428/20 and a dispensation was previously **AGREED** for any discussion and vote in relation to the Bosworth Manor Open Space until 31st March 2023.

428/3 To receive reports by County and Borough Councillors

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

1. Broadband issues on Bosworth Manor
2. Concerns over local plan draft
3. Planning application for 70 houses off Wood Lane in Higham on the Hill
4. Objection to development at Stoke Fields Farm
5. Objection to bungalow off Higham Lane (which is outside the settlement boundary)
6. Dog facility is on the agenda for planning committee
7. Concerns over area of separation between Dadlington and Stoke Golding

428/4 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** there was disappointment with the local plan draft and concerns over Stoke Goldings expectation to deliver minimum of 200 new homes between 2020-2039. It was **NOTED** that Cllr Jonathan Collett advised he would support any comments we made.

428/5 To confirm the minutes of the 427th meeting of the Parish Council:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 2021 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 427th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

428/6 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council not covered by the agenda:

Updates:

None.

428/7 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:

a) Financial Progress Report

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The Financial Reports for June was unanimously **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.
- Income for the month of June 2021 was **NOTED** at £ 1530
- Expenditure for the month of June 2021 was **VERIFIED** at £ 2360.06 with £1.52 VAT to be reclaimed.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of June was **NOTED**.

b) Playground inspection:

Monthly report:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- A full safety inspection report was **NOTED**

c) Ground Maintenance Report:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

1. It was **NOTED** that work to the line marking of the senior football pitch has been carried out and was **AGREED** at a cost of £45
2. It was **NOTED** that work to clear ivy at St Margaret's Church has been carried out at an **AGREED** cost of £220
3. It was **NOTED** that work has been carried out to supply and install grass markings at an **AGREED** cost of £165
4. It was **NOTED** that previously agreed work to remove moss and weeds at Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane cemeteries has been carried out at an **AGREED** cost of £350

d) Crime Report:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Crime figures for April 2021 – the following figures were **NOTED** from the police.uk website:
- 1 public order 2 Thefts

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**:

A report from Cllr Rachel Terheege and clerk Sarah Beale from the rural conference was **NOTED**:

- St Margaret's church has benefitted from the Community Initiative fund
- NFU- farmers have had many issues during COVID pandemic with more visitors wandering across their land leaving dog waste and damaging footpaths ,climate change issue has made many farmers rethink how and when they plant their crops.
- Drones have become very useful in fighting crime instead of relying on helicopters ,more PCSO's in the Hinckley and Bosworth area.
- More electric charging stations are being planned throughout the area
- Stoke Goldings war on waste Facebook page is a great success in combating waste and encouraging recycling.

428/8 Planning Application Matters:

Planning applications were considered, and any comments resolved as follows:

a) New Applications:

- Stoke Fields Farm replacement tarmac, access road, gates ,walls and piers (retrospective)
- Stoke Fields Farm Manure storage structure
- Residential development for one dwelling land off Higham Lane
RESOLVED COMMENT: The Parish Council considers this application to be an inappropriate use of a greenfield site in a valuable rural location, with open aspects.
- Single storey extension and dormer to rear, 99 Hinckley Road ,Stoke Golding

b) Amended/Resubmitted

- Land east of Higham Lane Stoke Golding, erection of building and change of use of land to form a dog day care facility (resubmission)
RESOLVED COMMENT: The Parish Council considers this application to be an inappropriate use of a greenfield site in a valuable rural location, with open aspects

e) Appeals:

None

f) Withdrawn:

None.

g) Refused:

None

h) Approved:

- Land East of Roseway Stoke Golding, residential development of up to 65 dwellings including public open space, landscaping and associated infrastructure (Outline- access only)
- Single storey rear and side extension ,57 Arnold Road Stoke Golding.

i) Declined to Make

None.

428/9 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 21st June 2021 were **NOTED**.
A report by Cllr Terheege was **NOTED** and included:
 1. NP draft plan is out for consultation
 2. The NP committee have two examiners to choose from and will discuss further at the next meeting .
 3. The SEA had to be updated due to changes made to the draft plan .
 4. Questions raised due to SEA changes will be discussed at the next meeting
 5. Draft of local plan will be discussed at the next NP meeting
- It was **NOTED** that Rob Crowfoot has joined the NPAC committee.

428/10 To review the quarterly budget comparison

The following was **RESOLVED**:

The quarterly budget comparison and report were **NOTED**

428/11 To review council risk assessment

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The updated council risk assessment was unanimously **AGREED**

428/12 To receive an update on Convent Open Space meeting and update on Convent Open Space (COSC)

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June were **NOTED**
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with flailing down the brambles around the fruit trees area and between driveway and boundary hedge at a cost of £1080. To **ACTION** Cllr Chris Pegg to oversee the work
- To **ACTION** clerk to chase HBBC regarding playground inspection for planning application

428/13 To update on maintenance of the pavilion

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to suspend underpinning works and **ACTION** clerk to contact contractor
- It was **NOTED** that quotes were pending for works.

428/14 To update on works to recreational field ditch area

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that quotes are still pending.

428/15 To update on drainage work at Wykin Lane Cemetery

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

428/16 To consider works to Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane Cemetery

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Pegg has met with ground maintenance contractor to discuss rose bed issues and ask for a re quote for maintaining this area. **ACTION** clerk to contact cemetery administrator for details of plots in the rose bed area and ground maintenance contractor and cemetery administrator regarding suitable memorial shrubs for the rose bed area.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with the removal and disposal of soil from bunkers at Wykin Lane and Hinckley Road Cemeteries at a cost of £520
- It was **NOTED** that replacement of panels in Wykin Lane Cemetery soil bunker would cost of £130
- To **ACTION** clerk to look into a sturdier option for soil enclosures
- To **ACTION** clerk to contact cemetery administrator to find out how many more interments at Hinckley Road possible.

428/17 To update on play equipment matting safety

- It was **NOTED** that quotes still pending
- To **ACTION** Cllr Katie Elliott to source other contractors who can supply and install wet pour.

428/18 To update on a memorial bench

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that Cartwrights have offered to pay for the bench
- To **ACTION** clerk to contact Cartwrights regarding plaque for the bench

428/19 To consider Laburnum Gardens Open Space

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that if the tree to the front corner died that Cartwright Homes will replace and the only area for transfer is the one green area of open space adjacent to Plot 5 and that the hedge behind the permanent hedge will likely be removed.

428/20 To consider Bosworth Manor Open Space

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that G S Solicitors are willing to work on our behalf and other recommended solicitors were discussed.
- To **ACTION** Cllr Rachel Terheege to speak with Cllr Chris Pegg regarding solicitor fees.
- To **ACTION** clerk to find out previous costs paid for land transfers .

428/21 To consider annual tree inspection works to trees

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to proceed with high-risk work at Hinckley Road cemetery and Bennetts Close at an estimated **AGREED** cost of £3130 + VAT
- To **ACTION** clerk to find out more about monitoring of Austrian Pine in St Margaret's churchyard and exact location of tree at Bennetts Close.

428/22 To update on Hinckley Road Cemetery war memorial and memorial wall cleaning

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the claim from Environmental Improvement Programme had been granted for £512.50 and the remaining will be paid for by the Parish Council at an **AGREED** cost of £512.50 for the cleaning of the memorial. **ACTION** the clerk to ask for the work to be carried out in October.
- The cleaning of the memorial wall was **AGREED** at a cost of £100 + VAT **ACTION** the clerk to ask for work to be carried out in October.

428/23 To consider Vehicle Activated Sign

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a new battery would cost of £80 +VAT but was not necessary now.
- It was **NOTED** that Hinckley Road VAS has a new volunteer changing the battery .

428/24 To consider Village Hall matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that quotes for work to fascia and soffits were in progress by the village hall committee and work would take place as soon as possible.

428/25 To consider councillor and clerk training

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that training courses were available . **ACTION** the clerk to circulate dates and choice of courses to the councillors and book places onto them. Also ,obtain further details on courses that could be held specifically for our councillors.

428/26 To update on Facebook

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** that the clerk's email could be used for the administration of the Facebook page.
- It was **AGREED** that the clerk could post general information but was to seek authorisation for any other posts.

428/27 To consider clerk's mobile phone

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** the clerk could research into a Parish Council mobile phone .

428/28 To update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the claim from Environmental Improvement Programme had been granted for £885 towards the next phase of grave repairs. It was **AGREED** the Parish Council will pay the remaining cost of £885. To **ACTION** clerk to instruct contractor to start work.

428/29 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: July 2021: clerk's salary and office expenditure £652.61: pavilion electricity £32.00, ground maintenance – contract £1690.06, additional work £430, play equipment spares £102.60. village planters £533.84. HBBC litter and dog bin waste collection £707.62. HBBC village hall and pavilion waste bins £99.13. Tree Inspection £360. Waterplus village hall and pavilion supply £51.89. Moss and weed removal Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane Cemeteries £350. Gravedigger £600. Playground inspection May and June £50, springy belt tightened and bike new belt fitted £30

428/30 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Written

- A request for a donation for the Stoke Golding Garden show was **NOTED** and **AGREED**, at a cost of £60
- It was **AGREED** not to give details requested by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) for the members highway fund .
- TENS licences **NOTED**
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Pegg will contact resident regarding Convent Drive tree concerns. To **ACTION** clerk to contact the resident with details.
- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Palmer will contact resident regarding the rose bed at Hinckley Road Cemetery .To **ACTION** clerk to contact the resident with details.

Verbal

- It was **NOTED** that Cllr Fisher will contact resident regarding Pine Close Road .
- It was **NOTED** that Dadlington Parish Council had concerns regarding area of separation for a pre submission. It was **AGREED** that no action could be taken at this stage and would be considered if an application were actually submitted.

428/31 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None.

428/32 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- To consider overflowing waste bins

428/33 To consider entering a confidential session to legal matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to enter a confidential session to discuss legal matters regarding boundary issues
- Update regarding solicitor was **NOTED**

The meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting: Stoke Golding Methodist Church Hall, Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 7.00pm