

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the **458th** meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held on Wednesday **4th October 2023** at the Methodist Church Hall.

Attendance: (in the chair) Cllr N Smith, Cllr A McLean , Cllr R Fisher, Cllr M Styles , Cllr V Palmer ,Cllr C Pegg, Parish Clerk S Beale R Crowfoot from the NPAC, Cllr M Surtees (Borough Councillor)

458/1 To receive and accept apologies for absence:

The following was RESOLVED:

Cllr M Serednycky, Cllr K Elliott.

458/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

The following was RESOLVED:

- 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 dispensation which was previously AGREED for any discussion and vote in relation to the Convent Open Space until 31st March 2027
- It was NOTED that Cllr Pegg has a dispensation which was previously AGREED for any discussion and vote in relation to the Bosworth Manor Open Space until 31st March 2027
- A dispensation was previously AGREED for all Councillors to participate in any discussions and vote in relation to the budget and setting of the precept for four years.
- It was NOTED that Cllr Smith has declared an interest in the new Wykin Lane housing development.
- It was NOTED that Cllr Styles has declared a dispensation to discuss and vote in relation to the Convent Open Space/Convent Meadow until 31st March 2027.
- It was NOTED that Cllr A McLean declared an interest in a correspondence in agenda item 458/7

458/3 To receive reports by County and Borough Councillors

The following was RESOLVED:

County Cllr Bertie Harrison-Rushton report:

- Fight for fair funding for Leicestershire
- Continued work on the work done to fight Ash dieback.
- Support to increase the Swift population across Leicestershire.

Borough Cllr Miriam Surtess report:

- Parish Initiative Fund now available
- Young people strategy to be updated.
- Local Government boundary commission review to take place 2027.

458/4 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there were none.

458/5 To confirm the minutes of the **457th** meeting of the Parish Council.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the **457th** Parish Council meeting held on **2nd September 2023** were unanimously AGREED.

458/6 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council not covered by the agenda:

The following was RESOLVED:

- There was nothing to report.

458/7 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk.

The following was RESOLVED:

Written:

- Making a difference award ACTION clerk to forward suggestions.
- HBBC TPO confirmation on Oak tree off Hinckley Road NOTED
- Concern over village hall car park was NOTED.
- TEN licence St Martins School was NOTED.
- HBBC rural conference invitation was NOTED.
- Subject access request and further email were NOTED.

- Concern over pond and hedge at the Cora development ACTION Cllr McClean to contact the resident.
- Request regarding countryside code ACTION the clerk to put in noticeboard and reply to the resident.

Verbal:

- Wykin Lane cemetery gates need cleaning ACTION the clerk to arrange for the work to be done and add to quarterly maintenance.
- Tree branches hanging over the lamp post in the rec ACTION clerk to arrange for the work to be done.

458/8 Planning Applications:

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

To receive and consider applications, amendments, permissions, refusals, appeals, and withdrawals received since the meeting **2nd September 2023** and resolve or ratify any comments thereon.

a) New applications

- 23/00842/FUL single storey home, pumping station Station Road
COMMENTS: Neutral - impact on view B of the Neighbourhood Plan requires a visual impact assessment and safe and suitable access to the building.
- 23/00869/HOU 2 storey rear extension, Rose Cottage, High Street
COMMENTS: None.
- 23/00907/TCA Holly tree trim and ivy removal The Hollies, High Street
- COMMENTS: None.

b)Amendments

- 23/00679/HOU loft conversion with dormer to front and rear, internal alterations and rendering to existing walls.

c)Permissions granted.

- 23/00679/HOU loft conversion with dormer to front and rear, internal alterations and rendering to existing walls.

d)Refusals-none

e)Appeals.-none

f)Withdrawals-none

g)Meetings-none

458/9 To receive the minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meetings and to consider any recommendations.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that there was no September meeting.
- It was NOTED that the documents for regulation 15/16 had been submitted to HBBC and an acknowledgement received.

458/10 To resolve upon the Monthly Schedule of Payments

- It was RESOLVED that payments have been checked against the invoices by Cllr McLean and Cllr Pegg and the schedule of payments was unanimously AGREED and Cllr Pegg and Cllr McLean signed the schedule. The Parish Council to proceed with payments as follows **September 2023** :clerks' salary and office expenditure £1503.79 , pavilion electricity £34.29 + £1.71 VAT, ground maintenance – contract £2276.67 additional work £356.30 playground inspections £90 phone £12.50 + £2.50 VAT, water plus £13.36 &£26.32,HBBC litter/dog waste and trade waste £117 &£655.72 + £131.14 VAT,ALCC £50.00,Hall hire £132.00,pavilion cleaning £25,gravedigger £100,IT domain name and hosting £149.99 +£30 VAT, Accounts software £228+£45.60.

458/11 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:

Financial Progress Report

The following was RESOLVED:

a) Financial progress report

- The Financial Report for **September** was unanimously AGREED and signed by the Chair.
- Income for the month **September** was NOTED at £38,002.20 which includes £33,375 precept.
- Expenditure for the month of **September 2023** was VERIFIED at £10,622.82 plus £298.01 VAT to be reclaimed.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of **September** was NOTED.

b) Verify bank statements.

• The bank statements were verified by Cllr McLean £30,991.56Unity trust, £61,091.38 NS&I, £54,149.33 NatWest

c) Playground inspection:

Monthly report:

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the motorcycle rocker has been broken ACTION the clerk to look at repair and replacement.
- It was NOTED that the surface and soil had shrunk around the foundations of some of the play equipment in the rec ACTION wait for ROSPA report,
- It was NOTED that a new base for the bike had been ordered at a cost of 133.10 inc VAT and new caps at a cost of £2.75.
- It was NOTED that the seesaw rubber was worn ACTION wait for ROSPA report.

d) Ground Maintenance Report:

The following was RESOLVED:

- Ground maintenance report was NOTED.
- It was NOTED that a new dog waste bin was needed near the bus stop on Hinckley Road ACTION clerk to contact the ground maintenance contractor.
- Churchyard cut and strim done at an AGREED cost of £64.90.
- Convent playground cut and strim done at an AGREED cost of £31.20.
- Convent pathways cut done at an AGREED cost of £31.20.
- Tree work at Hinckley Road cemetery done at an AGREED cost of £96.
- Pitch training course done at an AGREED cost of £46.
- Convent newgrass areas strimmed done at an AGREED cost of £25.
- Removal of dead tree at the rec done at an AGREED cost of £42.

e) Crime Report:

The following was RESOLVED:

- Crime figures for JULY 2023 – the following figures were NOTED from the police.uk website:
- 2 x violence & sexual offences, 1 x anti-social behaviour

f) Report by Clerk on other matters:

- Clerk has attended the LCC operational meeting.
- Clerk attended the Parish Forum meeting.

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

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/12 To consider next year's budget and allocated reserves.

The following was RESOLVED:

- The budget figures , report and reserves were discussed and **NOTED**.
- The final budget and precept will be agreed at the January 2024 Parish Council meeting.

458/13 To consider this year's half yearly budget.

The following was RESOLVED:

- The half year budget comparison was **NOTED**.

458/14 To consider Remembrance Day arrangements.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the wreath had been ordered at an approximate cost of £20 from S137 expenditure.
- It was NOTED that the bugler had been booked for an approximate cost of £40.from S137 expenditure.
- It was NOTED that an advert for The Stoker had been arranged,
- It was NOTED that the cubs and Scouts will be holding a peace tea after the ceremony in the Village Hall ACTION the clerk to offer a £50 donation from S137 expenditure.

458/15 To consider Christmas tree arrangements and thanks to volunteers.

The following was RESOLVED:

- Cllr R Fisher ACTION to arrange for the tree lights to be installed and switched on.
- It was AGREED to organise a thank you gift for the VAS volunteers and the planter volunteers using the chairman's allowance and ACTION the clerk to look into ideas.

458/16 To consider names for Wykin Lane development.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the clerk has asked Davidsons not to park on the verges outside the cemetery.
- It was NOTED that the clerk had sent road name suggestions to HBBC as Far Meadow , local field name and Beaufort Close, Drive or Way , Elizabeth Beaufort was Henry VII's mother.

458/17 To consider Bosworth Manor Open Space(Public Health Act 1875 s164,Open Space Act 1906,ss9-10)

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the map had been sent back to the solicitor highlighting the areas we wish to take over .

458/18 To consider Cora community strategy.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/19 To consider the new place for the beacon.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the clerk is arranging removal of the beacon from the field at the back of The White Swan.

458/20 To consider traffic and parking issues around the village (Highways Act 1980, s274A)

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was AGREED to look into placing heritage bollards near the corner opposite the George and Dragon and near Crown Close and ACTION the clerk to find out further information.
- LCC highways S106 reply NOTED .
- LCC highways traffic survey reply NOTED.

458/21 To consider training.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/22 To consider, next year's APM.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/23 To receive the minutes of Convent Open Space Committee (Convent Meadow) and update.

The following was RESOLVED:

- The minutes from the September meeting were NOTED.
- It was AGREED to replace the matting in the playground at a cost of £1500 + £300 VAT.
- It was NOTED that the clerk has contacted the Insurance company regarding people climbing over the fence and is waiting for a reply.
- It was AGREED to obtain three quotes for work to the hedges down the boundary with the bridal path.

458/24 To consider the pavilion and new pavilion and pitches(LGA (misc provisions) ACT 1976 s 19).

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/25 To consider Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane cemetery matters to include cemetery report (Open spaces Act 1906 S 9,10, LGA 1972 s214 and burial authorities(misc provision act 1970 s 1)LGA 1972 s214(6)

The following was RESOLVED:

- Cemetery report was NOTED.
- It was AGREED to proceed with a new bin at Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane cemeteries for general waste at an approximate cost of £425 each.
- It was NOTED that The Charity of Thomas Barton had agreed to fund the two benches at Hinckley Road cemetery and ACTION the clerk to contact the residents regarding the plaque from the previous bench.

458/26 To consider works to the recreational ground(LGA 1972 sch 14 para 27.public health act 1875, 1961 open space act 1906)

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the "Happy to chat" sign had been installed on the bench in the recreational ground. Still waiting for the invoice.

458/27 To consider recreational ground car park extension.(Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 s57 (1) (b)

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that we are still waiting for quotes.

458/28 To consider tender for the ground maintenance contract.

The following was RESOLVED:

- The council AGREED to the tender specification and ACTION the clerk to check the process required.

458/29 To consider works to trees.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/30 To consider Members Highway Fund

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was AGREED to ACTION the clerk to look into the repositioning of the bin near Sehmbi stores and check license requirements and design details .

458/31 To consider Parish Initiative Fund.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the fund was now open and ACTION the councillors to consider any ideas that could be applied for.

458/32 To consider Laburnum Gardens (open spaces act 1906 ss 9-10)

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED that the land registry documents have now been received.

458/33 To consider and vote on the LRALC amendment to their articles of association.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was unanimously AGREED to the amendments of the LRALC articles of association and to vote by proxy.

458/34 To consider adoption of the phone box.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was AGREED to ACTION the clerk to look into the ownership of the land the phone box is installed on,

458/35 To consider Village Hall quarterly report.

The following was RESOLVED:

- Village Hall report was NOTED .

458/36 To consider appointing a police liaison representative.

The following was RESOLVED:

- Cllr V Palmer AGREED to become the PLR representative for the council.

458/37 To consider items needed to be brought to the public's attention.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was NOTED there was nothing to report.

458/38 To consider future agenda items.

The following was RESOLVED:

- New Christmas tree .

458/39 To consider entering a confidential session to discuss a legal matter (Public bodies Act 1960)

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was AGREED to go into a confidential session.
- It was NOTED that Cllr A McLean left the meeting.

458/40 To consider the boundary.

The following was RESOLVED:

- It was unanimously AGREED to go ahead with the sale of the land at an AGREED cost of £42,750.00 and the paperwork from the solicitor was approved and signed and ACTION the clerk to send back.

The meeting closed 9.30pm.

Next meeting:- Stoke Golding Methodist Church Hall, Wednesday 1st November at 7pm.