

Draft Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 372nd meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held in the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 2nd November 2016

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

Presentation by Fred Brookes – the Bosworth 1485 Legacy

The international success of the Re-interment of King Richard III in 2015 brought together the communities around the history and the cortege which carried the King's remains from Bosworth to his reburial in Leicester. The Bosworth 1485 Legacy Sub-group has formed specifically to examine the potential for a permanent artistic marking of the Bosworth 1485 legacy.

The project will have three phases. The first phase is to carry out research and development work, to set out a plan, to engage with artists and commission the preparation of proposals. The second phase will be the fundraising programme, and the third phase to conduct the artists' commissions, installations and events.

- The ambition of the project is that there is a permanent 365 day interactive trail;
- The project could establish an annual programme of 3-4 days that we celebrate.

The partnership has commissioned Creative Leicestershire to carry out the research, conduct consultation with the communities involved, the relevant authorities and a range of potential artists.

For further information and updates, please drop a line to the Project Manager, Fred Brookes at fred.brookes@leics.gov.uk. A page on <http://www.goleicestershire.com> will be produced in due course as the project progresses.

The presentation was followed by a discussion and short question and answer session.

372/1 Apologies for Absence None**372/2 Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** There were none.

A report by County Councillor Ivan Ould was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The following issues were discussed: Fair School Funding and parking issues at St Martin's Academy

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported on the following:

1. St Martin's Academy – car park improvements and tennis court repairs.
2. Bogus charity bags – **RESOLVED ACTION:** Clerk to put warning on the Co-op website.
3. Co-operative car park is now Castle car park, use for the building is still being discussed.
4. Parish and Community Initiative Fund and Developing Communities Fund.
5. Drainage works on Hinckley Road.
6. Mar City pumping station – transfer to Severn Trent imminent.
7. Further works at Convent Corner were discussed – need to make good roundabout.
8. Salt – supply still available from Borough Cllr Ward if required.

372/3 Confirmation of 369th meeting minutes:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th October 2016 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 371st meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

372/4 Matters arising:

Crime Report for August 2016 – 1 burglary near Andrew Close – investigation complete, no suspect.

372/5 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 October 2016 was **NOTED** at £3,149.71.
- Expenditure for the month of October 2016 was **VERIFIED** at £7,860.14.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of October 2016 was **NOTED**.

b) Reports of Council representatives and Clerk:

The clerk reported on advice given by LRALC regarding required wording for PC minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that advice should be adopted with immediate effect.

Ground maintenance was discussed.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with extra cuts at the recreation field and Bennett Close, at a cost of £170.

Cllr Pegg reported on progress with extra works at Hinckley Road Cemetery and the boundary issue.

c) Playground inspection:

Monthly report: roundabout matting, matting in front of the football wall and surfaces under the swings will need to be monitored. **NOTED.**

ROSPA Annual Inspection: Low risk issues with swings, pod swing and surface at play area gate, medium risk issue with roundabout and high risk issue with BMX track. **NOTED.**

RESOLVED ACTION: Cllrs Smith and Beale should proceed with investigating options for replacement of the roundabout.

372/6 Planning Application Matters:

Planning application procedures were discussed and reviewed as follows:

a) New Applications:

Cloneen, Ivy Close, SG – approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, boundary treatment) of outline planning permission 15/01204/OUT for erection of two dormer bungalow dwellings. **No comment.**

50 High St, SG – works to silver birch tree. **No comment**

b) Permissions approved:

50 Station Rd, SG – removal of one ash tree, T1, crown reduction of T2 and conifers to be removed.

32 Wykin Lane, SG – fell beech tree T1.

Mill House, Higham Lane, SG – alterations to building including new windows and doors.

Highfield Farm, Wykin Lane, SG – erection of static banks of solar panel arrays.

c) Refusals: None

d) Appeals: None

372/7 To adopt budget for next financial year commencing 1st April

It was **RESOLVED** and unanimously **AGREED** to adopt the budget for the next financial year commencing 1st April 2017.

372/8 To resolve upon the precept and parish element of the council tax

It was **RESOLVED** to postpone this decision January 2017.

372/9 To make arrangements for Christmas tree

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- The timetable of arrangements was **AGREED.**
- It was **AGREED** that the annual budget for the Xmas tree be increased to £500.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with purchase of a tree from R P Stoney and Sons, at a cost of £140.
- It was **AGREED** to proceed with collection, installation and later removal of the tree, at a cost of £120.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to arrange payment of electricity to HBBC.

372/10 Neighbourhood Plan

The Suggestion Events were discussed. The PC would like to thank Dr Jim Hope for his hard work in arranging these events.

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- Total expenditure for the suggestion events was **AGREED**, at a cost of £568.31.
- It was **AGREED** that Dr Jim Hope should arrange events and proceed with the purchase of stationery/sundries, at a cost of £183.31.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Dixie Grammar School for loan of display boards.

372/11 Sport in Stoke Golding (SIGS)

Cllr Pegg reported that the application to Pro-help should be considered in November. Graham Chilvers was looking at Sports Clubs' development plans to give advice on improvements necessary. Developing Communities Fund was discussed.

RESOLVED ACTION: Cllr Terheege to speak to HBBC regarding expression of interest requirements for the Developing Communities Fund and liaise with Cllr Pegg to submit required information.

The review of the pitch hire fees was discussed.

RESOLVED ACTION: Cllrs Pegg and Terheege to proceed with discussions with sports clubs regarding proposed changes to pitch hire fees.

372/12 Bus shelter

The bus shelter licence has been confirmed.

It was **RESOLVED** to unanimously **AGREE** the cost of £50.

372/13 Convent site community land

Cllr Pegg reported on discussions with Mar City: road surfaces have been actioned, Severn Trent to adopt drainage and fence off balancing pond, works to clear open space for the play area have begun and the community land licence agreement.

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **AGREED** that the PC would consider a licence agreement of at least 25 years.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to contact HBBC Planning to check what has been agreed for the play area and if works are been monitored.

372/14 Memorial safety – gravestone repairs

The Charity of Thomas Barton have decided not to fund this project.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with an application to the Environmental Improvement Programme for 50% funding.

372/15 Trees

Harbours are obtaining the necessary permissions to carry out agreed works to trees in St Margaret's Church yard. Information received by Cllr Goodsell, regarding TPOs and village trees, was discussed.

372/16 Planters

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Fisher should proceed with the purchase of plants, at a cost of £104.98, from the allocated budget. Further winter planting was discussed.

372/17 HBBC Bosworth 1485 Legacy

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The information from Fred Brookes was **NOTED**.
- It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would be in favour of this project.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to post information on the co-op website and in the Stoker.

372/18 Pavilion electricity supply renewal

It was **RESOLVED** to **ACTION** the Clerk to discuss dual and single rate options with EON and proceed with the most appropriate tariff.

372/19 Village Hall burglary

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The Parish Council to proceed with a claim to Zurich for malicious damage to doors and frames.
- It was **AGREED** that the Village Hall Management Committee would be responsible for payment of the insurance excess.

372/20 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: October 2016 – printing of NP postcards £78.00, plants for village planters £104.98, outdoor table tennis table £4,374.00, ROSPA annual playground inspection £210.00, ICO registration £35.00, bus shelter licence agreement £50.00 and November 2016 – electricity to pavilion £29.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £484.15, 3 x ground maintenance - contract £1,217.67, extra cut £30.00 and playground inspection and gym sign repair £80.00, Severn Trent Water – village hall supply £204.07, bugler £35.00, NP suggestion events £183.31, Xmas tree £140.00 and printing of NP banners/posters £318.00.

372/21 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chairman of the council **Written**

Citizens Advice Leicestershire – funding request. **NOTED**

Developing Communities Fund expression of interest by 9th December. **NOTED**

Heritage Warden - WL Interpretation board – repair. **NOTED**

Resident's request - recreation field oak tree. **RESOLVED ACTION**: Cllr Pegg to assess, Clerk to reply.

Resident's Thank you – HR Cemetery trees. **NOTED**

Verbal

Cemetery business rates – online notification of increase of rateable value from £210 to £495, which will increase non-domestic business rates charges to HBBC in April 2017. **NOTED**

WL Cemetery water – a request has been received for property ownership information from Severn Trent and an updated bill will follow shortly. **NOTED**

372/22 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None

372/23 Any Other Business

Cllr Fisher discussed a new bench, progress on Thornfield Avenue land, village sign and nettles in the jitty.

RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to contact CTB regarding the bench and village sign and chase LCC regarding the jitty.

Cllrs Smith and Beale reported back on their recommendations for the Morris Homes play area.

RESOLVED ACTION: Clerk to arrange for a meeting with Morris Homes and the play equipment company to discuss recommendations.

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

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Next meeting:- Methodist Hall, Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7pm

