

STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2020

This meeting was held virtually due to the coronavirus quarantine measures in place at the time.

Cllr Mr Bob Battey (BB) – Chair
Cllr Tom Richardson (TR)
Cllr Paul Cresswell (PC)
Cllr Mrs June Sparrow (JS)
Cllr Mrs Tracey Mee (TM)
Clerk Karen Giddens (KG)

Apologies for Absence – None

Declarations of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10.03.2020.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10.03.2020 were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman (remotely).

Parishioners Time – No parishioner comments received

018/20 Planning – Trees in Churchyard

Planning application ref: 20/00534/TCA has been refused and H.D.C. have placed an initial Tree Preservation Order on the Trees for an initial temporary period of 6 months.

(Cllr TR) Proposes that Stoughton Parish Council write to HDC re: temporary TPO on Church Trees, acknowledging their action, but urging them to make a quick and equitable decision as the scheme is one of Health and Safety and is becoming an ongoing nightmare for Church Warden and DCC.

Agreed by All

Dhada Motors Application - 20/00547/CLU

Cllr (TR) cannot see how the Parish Council can object to someone repairing and making safe his own property. The intentions of the owner are currently unknown.

Chair (BB) stated that, an application would have to be made to apply for Change of Use of the building if the usage of the building was not for agricultural purposes. He stated that the owner may also need to consider security if the building was to be used for storage purposes in such a quiet rural location. The parish Council cannot object to the owner repairing and making safe of the building.

Agreed by All

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19/01921/FUL Paddock adjacent to White House, Gaulby Lane, Stoughton

Cllr (TR) felt that Stoughton Parish Council should object in the strongest possible terms to the above proposal on the following grounds that the site is registered as Local Green Space (LGS/STO/1) and this was ratified by Harborough Local Plan (2011 – 2031) only one year ago. He also stated that he believes the land is within the Thurnby/ Leicester/Oadby Green Wedge (as is all land outside the existing building footprint of Stoughton.)

A recent test case (APP/F2415/W/15/3014897) ruled that, without any public transport/outlets/facilities, no more building in Stoughton is sustainable. Cllr (TR) also commented that the position of the site is described as 'close to public transport routes' when this is not so, as any connection with public transport involves a drive to Oadby, Evington or Thurnby.

Objection made via online planning portal.

Agreed by All

Cllr (TR) and Cllr (JR) support Andersons' application to trim Cedar Tree.

Agreed by All

019/20 Cadent – Access to Stoughton Recreation Area

Cllr (TR)

Cadent have erected a rustic fence/barrier next to the brook. No damage done and visually acceptable. Unsure if they propose further works.

Cllr (TM) They will contact Cllr TM when they are ready to carry out work on the pipe.

020/20 NoiseApp - Helping combat noise nuisance.

Should residents be affected by noise nuisance, they should complete an [online noise nuisance report form](#). Upon submitting the form, the resident will receive an auto-acknowledgment via email providing information and guidance on how to proceed with their complaint and how to download the app. Alternatively, residents can call the contact centre on 01858 82 82 82 and the advisor will be able to assist them in making a formal noise nuisance complaint.

If you require more information, please email environmentteam@harborough.gov.uk alternatively residents can still report noise nuisance via the telephone with H.D.C. Contact Centre as above.

021/20 23 Gaulby Lane

Cllr (Chair (BB)) Proposed that Stoughton Parish Council contact the enforcement officer at H.D.C. and ask if the prosecution of the owners has taken place? What was the outcome and if nothing has happened why not? Cllr (JS) stated that it is 7/8 years since the current owners acquired the property and every year the condition has got worse.

Agreed by All

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022/20 Correspondence with County Council – Highways Enquiry Response

The reply has been sent to L.C.C. to request funding for Dragons Teeth and 20mph roundel road when entering the village. No response yet just an acknowledgement that they have received the request.

023/20 BHIB Insurance Renewal

Renewal is due 01.06.2020 last year's renewal was £425.43

This year's quote is £432.32

Agree by All

024/20 Permissive Footpaths

Stoughton Parish Council have received an enquiry from a Parishioner about the future of the Permissive Footpath scheme on the Stoughton Estate when the EU funding expires this year.

Cllr (TR) stated that for his part he has have greatly appreciated the Permissive Footpath system which came about nearly 10 years ago. He believes they have been respectfully used and have never seen any sign of abuse or littering. They have been a blessing recently in this COVID time, allowing parishioners to walk and take exercise in splendid isolation and beautiful surroundings.

Cllr (JS) has circulated maps of permissive footpaths.

Following the enquiry Clerk (KG) has contacted LRALC for advice.

LRALC have responded saying there is no legal topic note which covers this area.

Cllr (PC) said the Parish Council should take up the Parishioners points as a lot of people use the permissive footpath by the lake and would also like to include the Lady Walk. He suggested that the Parish Council should obtain some advice as there are anomalies at present particularly with the entrance from Stoughton Lane and the Lady Walk.

Cllr (TR) suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Parishioner for bringing this matter to the attention of the Parish Council.

Chairman (BB) proposed that the item be put onto the agenda for the meeting in July.

Agreed by All

Action - Clerk to send letter to Parishioner.

025/20 The Coppice – 20 Stoughton Lane

It seems that the developers currently building the new house are excavating a deep cellar or basement behind the garages which does not feature on the approved plans and therefore seems to be unpermitted development.

Cllr (TR) letter emailed to the appropriate officer at H.D.C. 13.05.2020.

Copy emailed to all Councillors 13.05.2020. As no reply has been received from H.D.C. and excavations are still ongoing on the site, proposal that H.D.C is contacted again.

Agreed by All

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026/20 Playground Inspection

Annual unaccompanied inspection £45.00 per play area.

Accompanied Annual inspection £71.00 per play area.

Chair (BB) has proposed we have an unaccompanied inspection

Cllr (TM) agrees and is prepared to go along if made aware of date and time of inspection.

Agreed by all

027/20 – The wooden 20mph sign at top of Stoughton lane junction with church lane/Thurnby Lane, has been knocked down.

This has been reported to L.C.C. 13.05.2020.

No further action required.

028/20

Approval of AGAR 19/20

Section 2 of AGAR has been sent off to LRALC auditor as requested.

Closing balance of accounts prior to Audit £7434.25

Deadline for Audit extended to September 2020.

Invoice for Audit £170.00

Agreed by All

A request for payment for a Garden Hose for the Community Gardens has been received to the value of £29.99

Chair approved plotters buying a new Hose Reel, and this has now been purchased and is in use.

Cllr (TR) also confirmed it is in use.

Agreed by All**029/20 Approval of Accounts and Payments**

| PAYEE | DETAILS | NET | VAT | GROSS |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| DM Payroll Services Ltd | Payroll | £204.00 | £0.00 | £204.00 |
| Steve Brown | Speed Camera | £100.00 | £0.00 | £100.00 |
| Michael Ellis | Standpipe Repair | £36.00 | £0.00 | £36.00 |
| LRALC Audit | Audit | £170.00 | £0.00 | £170.00 |
| M & BG Ltd | Grass Cutting | £183.74 | £36.75 | £220.49 |
| Toni Evans | Hose Reel | £25.00 | £4.99 | £29.99 |

Date of next meeting 07.07.2020

Closing Comments

Chair (BB) very much appreciates the support and co-operation of all his fellow Councillors and Karen, our clerk. He is of the opinion that this has resulted in a very thorough set of minutes now put on our web site.

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