

STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

The MINUTES of the meeting of

held on Tuesday 09th March 2021 at 7.00pm
via video conference.

Present:

Cllr Tom Richardson (TR) (Acting Chairman)
Cllr Mrs June Sparrow (JS)
Cllr Paul Cresswell (PC)
Cllr Mrs Tracey Mee (TM)
Clerk Karen Giddens (KG)

18/21 Welcome and Introduction and Chairs opening remarks.

Acting Chairman Cllr Tom Richardson (TR) welcomed all to the meeting. He gave a thank you to the Clerk for her support with the Zoom meeting and noted that the next meeting in May will be the A.G.M and the Parish Meeting and hopefully in the village hall.

19/21 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mr Bob Battey (BB) Chairman

20/21 Declarations of interests. There were no declarations of interest.

21/21 Parishioners Time – There were no parishioners present.

22/21 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings held on 12.01.2021.

Resolved: The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting held.

23/21 To review any actions from the minutes of the meeting held on 12.01.2021

a) 23 Gaulby Lane - 044/20

The action on the enforcement case 18/00323/UNTIDS - 23 Gaulby Lane – Stoughton remains outstanding. No further communication has been received from H.D.C. and work has not commenced on the rebuilding of the wall. Stoughton Parish Council have received complaints from neighbours concerned about the derelict condition of the property and requests that this be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Action: The Council resolved that the Clerk (KG) contact H.D.C. planning enforcement again and request a meeting onsite and inside the property as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow with the Parish Council, the Planning Enforcement Officer, and the Owners to assess the current situation at the property.

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b) Speed reduction

A complaint has been received from a Parishioner regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. Leicestershire County Council has already started removing the countdown markers and the next stage will be to add dragons teeth at all four entrances to the village, Gaulby Lane, Stoughton Lane and Thurnby Lane.

Resolution: It was resolved that as the work was imminent the Parish Council would wait and monitor the effect of the dragons teeth on speed reduction.

24/21 Financial Matters

- a. Payments detailed in expenditure where approved.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 05.03.2021 was approved.
- c. Renewal quote for annual BHIB insurance to be approved at meeting 11th May 2021 as renewal date not until 01.06.2021.

25/21 To resolve future method of paying Clerks Salary.

Resolution: It was resolved that a quarterly payroll service would be provided by DCK Accounting Solutions.

Action: Clerk to engage DCK Accounting Solutions.

26/21 Wildflower Verge Scheme and Pond

Resolution: It was resolved that the location of the Wildflower Verge as agreed with L.C.C, total area 150 square metres, 30metre stretch fronting the village pond average 5m depth was acceptable and was agreed by all. The blue hearts have been installed. The next meeting will be with Naturespot in June regarding a survey. All cost is funded by Leicestershire County Council.

27/21 Licencing of apparatus over, along or across a public highway (S178)

Resolution: License application to be completed for the Speed Indicator Device.

28/21 Blossom Trees

It was discussed that Japanese Cherries could look rather suburban for a rural village however they would make a feature around the stone circle or a semi-circle around the oak bench leaving view open to the North. Checks would need to be made as to location of drainage. A second location on the bend on Stoughton Lane could also be considered.

Resolution: It was resolved that as the optimal planting time is from November this item would be added to the 11th of May 2021 agenda for further discussion and consideration.

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29/21 Planning Matters

21/00383/FUL – Rose Cottage Gartree Road Stoughton

Side and rear extension.

Action: Agreed by all no objections.

21/00213/VAC - The Courtyard, Stoughton

An amendment to the planning application has been re-submitted with air heating system machine located on the opposite side of the property.

Action: Agreed by all no further comments required.

20/00335/DEM – Home Farm Barn Gaulby Lane

The Parish Council have no evidence of malpractice and recladding has commenced. Names of onsite contractors are clearly displayed on vans.

Action – Agreed by all no further action required.

21/00325/FUL – Whiteoaks 42 Stoughton Lane

The proposal is now being progressed through the correct planning channels and it has been noted that the Planning Officer has requested further information to be submitted concerning all areas of the application. It was discussed that the ditch should be re-instated as an open channel as it was until recently. Also, it was discussed that the hedge was totally appropriate and a suitable asset. It was noted that a fence in addition to the boundary hedge was to be added but it is not clear from the proposal which side of the hedge the fence is to be located. The Parish Council request that any fence should be positioned on the side of the hedge nearest to the house.

Action: Clerk to send comments to the planning department.

30/21 Playground and Recreation Area

Monthly Visual inspection carried out. The playground seat has been replaced. The roofing on the climbing frame has been repaired. It has been noted that the climbing frame can become slippery when wet. Arrangements to be made to see what can be done to prevent this.

A residential fence around the recreation area has fallen into disrepair and has been cited as a potential health and safety issue to children. Enquiries to be made as to who the fence belongs to.

31/21 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 11th May 2021

The meeting closed at 20:20pm

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