

The MINUTES of the meeting of
held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.00pm
at Stoughton Village Hall

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

63/21 Welcome and introductions and Chairs opening remarks.
Chair BB welcome all to the meeting.

64/21 Apologies for absence
None received.

65/21 Declarations of Members Interests.
There were no declarations of Interest.

66/21 Parishioners Comments
No comments made. No parishioners.

67/21 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11.05.2021.
Approved.

68/21 To review any actions from the minutes of the meeting on 11.05.2021.

a 23 Gaulby Lane

There have been problems on both sides of the property reported. Cllr (TR) Tom stated that there are four main issues:

- i)The wall has not been replaced as per enforcement order.
- ii) It has been reported to the Parish Council that the commonly owned joists have been sawn through resulting in cracks that have appeared in the walls of No 21.
- iii)Large rats have been sighted in the garden frightening neighbours.
- iiii) One neighbour has reported damp appearing on the adjoining wall.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the enforcement officer at H.D.C. to ask why nothing is being done about the issues at this property and post copy of the letter through the door of No 23. Clerk to write a separate letter and post through the door of No 23 to invite owners to the next Parish Council meeting.

b Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Tree

Cllr (TR) has volunteered to order the tree which will be planted in the autumn. Cllr (TR) also has 2 trees to be planted in the autumn.

c Fence at 12 Gaulby Lane

. Has not been repaired.

Resolved: Clerk to send a reminder letter highlighting health and safety concerns.

d Trees at 14 Gaulby Lane

Removed.

e Branches on the bank by Sandybank Cottage

Resolved: Clerk to contact CC giving Cllr (TR) details for contact if any issues.

f Refurbishment of benches, tables and play equipment.

Cllr (JS) is awaiting quote for the benches for sanding and preserving.

69/21 Financial Matters

- a. To approve payments detailed in expenditure.

Resolved: Approved.

- b. To approve Bank Reconciliation to 05.07.2021

Resolved: Approved.

70/21 To review and adopt Financial Risk Assessment

Resolved: To Approve.

71/21 Paddock next to the White House.

This has become very overgrown.

Resolved: Clerk to complete the online form on the land registry website in order to contact the owner and make them aware.

72/21 Playground monthly visual inspection report

No issues to report.

73/21 To note any Planning matters.

21/00914/PCD – 9 Church Lane Stoughton Leicestershire LE2 2FJ Discharge of Condition 5 (Bat survey, mitigation and licence) of 19/01692/FUL. - **No action required.**

21/00282/COUS Unicorn House – Removal of trees and Vehicles on land Under investigation.

Resolved: Clerk to write to enforcement officer asking for the timescale of this investigation as this is a profoundly serious matter. Stoughton Parish Council want to ask what the case is and would like details of what is being investigated.

74/21 Airport NoiseA meeting has been arranged with the Aeroclub on Thursday 15.07.2021. @ 13:00pm.

Response to be made at next meeting.

75/21 Stoughton Recreation Area.

Following the approach from Savills Stoughton Parish Council welcome the opportunity to have a discussion as soon as possible to discuss without prejudice.

Resolved: To arrange a Wednesday afternoon meeting as soon as possible.

76/21 Stoughton Pond Amenity License.

- i) To approve the Amenity License and take stewardship of the pond.

Resolved – To approve.

- ii) Clerk to notify BHIB that the Pond License criteria is met.

Resolved – Approved.

77/21 Wildflower Verge.

- a. H.D.C. has been notified of the location of the Wildflower Verge and not to cut.
- b. (Cllr TR) to liaise with Parishioners to ensure paths are not cut in the wildflower verge.
- c. **Resolved** - Declined offer of funding for dedicated section for Parish on Naturespot website.

78/21 Village Hall Request

Resolved: Contact details for booking the Village Hall to go onto website.

Referred to the village hall committee for details with regard to the narrow car park entrance.

79/21 Grass Cutting Contract

The contract has been with M & BG since Autumn 2017. It was a 2 year contract with a plus 2 years clause which comes to an end at the end of this season. Legally it must go out to tender before spring 2022.

Resolved: to send out invitations to tender by October 2021 with a deadline of quotations to be received by December 2021. Invitations to go to M & BG, Burnt Oak H.D.C. and Turneys.

80/21 Gate to recreation field

Resolved Steve Brown to repair.

Approved - £42.60 for cost of post Cllr (TR)

81/21 Condition of wall on Gaulby Lane

The wall belonging to 19 Old Charity Farm, which acts as a boundary with the pavement of Gaulby Lane has recently been pressure washed which has resulted in the loss of a considerable amount of mortar between the bricks. The Parish Council believe that this loss of mortar could eventually lead to a possible collapse of the wall, and as such would be a risk to pedestrians.

Resolved: Clerk to send letter to resident highlighting the health and safety issue.

Any other matters arising for discussion only

The path on Church Lane has become virtually inaccessible. It was reported following the last meeting. Also, Gaulby Lane from Byways along Church Lane and also Thurnby lane from 15 Church Lane to Corbar Cottage Thurnby Lane is very overgrown.

The drain outside church gate and the drain outside the Byways is blocked.

Resolved: Clerk to report to CC

82/21 Date of next meeting – 14th September 2021.

Meeting Closed at 20:40