

**The MINUTES of the meeting of  
held on Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm  
at Stoughton Village Hall**

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**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)

**103/21 Welcome and introductions and Chairs opening remarks.**

Chair BB welcomed all to the meeting.

**104/21 Apologies for absence**

None received.

**105/21 Declarations of Members Interests.**

There were no declarations of Interest.

**106/21 Parishioners Comments**

No parishioners were present

**107/21 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14.09.2021.**

**Approved.**

**108/21 To review any actions from the minutes of the meeting on 14.09.2021**

**i 23 Gaulby Lane**

The Chairman has emailed the conservation officer at Harborough District Council for support on this matter but to date no reply has been received.

Planning Enforcement have advised that a notice to prosecute will be sent to the owner in the next seven days. The Parish Council have also been advised by the planning department: 'although H.D.C appreciate the Parish Councils concerns around the gradual deterioration of this Grade 2 listed building, but while the building remains watertight there is little the Council can do.'

The Chairman stated that the response from H.D.C. is totally unacceptable, the Grade 2 listed building is in a seriously deteriorated condition and believed to have had internal alterations resulting in potential structural issues and vermin are also present.

The Chairman continued that he is most concerned that the Conservation officer has not been involved at all with this case and has had no input at all despite being contacted on numerous occasions and the late and insufficient reply from H.D.C. received on the day of the meeting is not acceptable.

**It was resolved:** Clerk to send a letter to the Conservation Officer and Senior Planning Development Manager and Planning Team Leader to arrange a meeting at H.D.C. in January to discuss this matter and other current ongoing cases in Stoughton that have not reached a satisfactory conclusion.

## **ii Speeding in Stoughton**

Cllr Mee has spoken with parishioners who have been identified as speeding in the village and has been liaising with L.C.C. regarding the deterioration of the speed humps in the road which she believed to be below the guidelines of the legal limits. A representative of the Council attended an onsite meeting with Cllr Mee who confirmed that the speed hump outside the church was below the legal limit and would be repaired. The others in the village are still within the legal limit.

**It was resolved:** to publish the website address for Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland Community Safety Partnership in the next Stoughton Flyer and on the Parish Facebook page to raise awareness to Parishioners to report incidences of speeding in the village Cllr Mee to add to the Parish Facebook page.

## **iii Grass Cutting 2022 – 2026.**

Invitations to tender where sent by 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## **109/21 Savills – Recreation Area.**

Cllr Richardson has sought legal advice on the tenancy of the recreation area and was able to confirm that the Parish Council are able to continue with the lease on the recreation area for another 108 years even if it is sold. The initial offer made to purchase the land has been rejected by the Co-op. Cllr Richardson confirmed that there is no provision in the lease to increase the rent or for early release.

It was discussed that the Council with the precept as it stands have no funding available without considering the option of borrowing which could potentially be over a period of up to 50 years.

It was proposed by the Chair that no immediate action is taken as the lease on the land is secure for a further 108 years but that the Parish Council continue their conversation with the Co-op as to a way forward.

### **Agreed by all**

## **110/21**

a. To approve payments detailed in expenditure.  
**Approved**

b. To approve Bank Reconciliation to 05.11.2021  
**Approved.**

c. To review Payroll provider.

To give due notice to current payroll provider and re-engage alternative provision from the start of the financial year 2022 – 2023.

**Agreed by all.**

**111/21 Co-op proposal for Glamping Site at Stoughton Grange  
Planning Application 21/00096/FUL**

Cllr Richardson has been contacted by a Parishioner asking if the Parish Council are aware of a current planning application made on land adjoining Stoughton Grange. The proposed application is for 6 timber pods, 5 yurts and one safari tent to include parking and a recreation space. This proposed development sits squarely in the Oadby, Leicester, Thurnby Green Wedge which is designed to protect coalescence of the surrounding built up areas. Stoughton has not been consulted. Cllr Richardson has written to Oadby and Wigston Borough Council asking why Stoughton Parish Council was not invited to comment when this proposal was first registered in August 2021? The green wedge is to preserve the character of the area and the present proposal for a glamping site has implications for Stoughton as it is eroding into the green wedge land that surrounds the village. The Parish Council would most certainly have commented on this application if they had been given the opportunity. Cllr Richardson has contacted District Councillor Simon Galton on this matter. The Parish Council as a matter of urgency also want to establish why H.D.C. have not been advised of this application.

**It was resolved:** Letter to be sent immediately to CEO of Oadby Wigston Borough Council

**112/21 Quote for Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Tree**

A quote for the Prince Phillip memorial tree has been received:  
1 x Prunus serrulata 'Beni-yutaka (Pink Japanese Flowering Cherry) £37.80.  
A notice to go into the flyer. Purchase and wording of plaque to be finalised.

**Resolved to approve**

**113/21 Payments of fees for plots from October to date**

Clerk has received several notifications from Parishioners.  
Awaiting on latest Bank statement to reconcile Community Garden accounts.

**114/21 Annual Playground Inspection Report**

The annual Playground inspection has taken place. Report received.  
Quotes to be obtained.

**It was resolved:** to review quotations at the January meeting.

**115/21 The Paddock in Gaulby Lane**

Previous planning application for single dwelling on this paddock was refused.  
21/01698/PDN/DEL/NWH.

**116/21 To note any Planning matters.**

Application No: 21/01513/FUL – The Coppice, 20 Stoughton Lane, Stoughton LE2 2FH.  
**Enforcement Case opened H.D.C.**

11.10.2021 21/00457/COMS - The Coppice, 20 Stoughton Lane, Stoughton LE2 2FH non-compliance of planning condition 7 of 20/01486/FUL which states: 'The existing hedgerows and trees on site shall be retained and in no way disturbed.' – Under investigation.

**117/21 Complaints Procedure**

To review and adopt complaints procedure.  
**Reviewed and adopted.**

**118/21 Whiteoaks 42 Stoughton Lane**

No further action

**119/21 Overgrown Sycamore Tree 18 Gaulby Lane**

A planning application is going to be made by local resident to reduce the size of the sycamore tree situated in the conservation area.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council would not object subject to Planning permission being granted.

**120/21 Re - Pointing of wall on Gaulby Lane**

The condition of the wall has deteriorated and is becoming a health and safety issue.

**Resolved to approve** – Clerk to send letter

**121/21 Parishioner Complaint**

A complaint from a resident of Charity Farm has been received regarding overgrown verges in Charity Farm. Cllrs have looked at what they consider to be minor issues and can easily be attended to by individuals in the village.

**122/21 Date of next meeting.**

**11.01.2021**

**Matters arising for discussion only**

Chairman (BB) has a meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November with the Young Persons Officer for H.D.C.

**Report back in January**

The commemorative crystal received from the Aerodrome to be located in the Village Hall.

Meeting with Aerodrome TBC 12:30 16:30 Thursday afternoon. Date TBC

Clerk to contact LCC for update on maintenance of road signs in Stoughton.

**Meeting Closed at 09:00 pm**