

STOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

The MINUTES of the meeting of

held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.00pm
via video conference.

Present:

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

01/21 Welcome and Introduction and Chairs opening remarks.

Cllr (TR) welcomed all to the third meeting since COVID-19 and noted that this was also the 3rd meeting of the year and despite challenges the Parish Council if it meets again in March 2021 will have met its quota of meetings for the year. He gave thanks to the Clerk (KG) for recent work done following changes in legislation due to the pandemic.

02/21 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mr Bob Battey (BB) Chairman

03/21 Declarations of interests. There were no declarations of interest.

04/21 Parishioners Time – There were no parishioners present.

05/21 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings held on 08.09.20.

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

06/21 To review any actions from the minutes of the meeting held on 08.09.20.

23 Gaulby Lane - 044/20

The last correspondence received from H.D.C on the enforcement case 18/00323/UNTIDS - 23 Gaulby Lane – Stoughton was on 27.10.20. The deadline to rebuild the wall had passed and H.D.C. had issued a notice of intention to prosecute. A response from the owners had been received and a deadline was agreed for the work to be completed but unfortunately the owners have since contacted the Council to advise that because of Covid-19 restrictions they were unable to carry out the work safely or access the necessary materials. It had been agreed that the deadline for the work be extended. The Parish Council have received complaints from Parishioners about the condition of the property which has been uninhabited for many years.

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Action: The Council resolved that the Clerk (KG) contact H.D.C. planning enforcement 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.

Speed reduction entering the village – 022/20

A request was sent to L.C.C. ref FS198677839 to request funding for Dragons Teeth and 20mph roundel road when entering the village.

Action: It was resolved that the Clerk should contact Highways for an update on the current situation.

07/21

A) Bank Reconciliation

Resolution: The bank reconciliation and listed payments were approved.

b) To approve the Budget and Precept requirement for 2021 – 2022

Resolved: No Increase in Precept required The Budget and Precept requirement of £8450 for 2020-2021 was approved.

c) To approve the Budget statement for 2021-2022

Resolution: The Budget statement was approved.

d) To approve the NALC & SLCC agreed clerk salary scales for 2021-2022

Resolution: It was resolved to increase Clerk to salary to pay scale point SCP 20 from 01.04.2021.

e) To resolve future method of paying Clerks Salary due to resignation of current payroll provider.

Current payroll provider is not making salary payments or HMRC payments from 01.04.2020 in relation to Clerk salary.

Resolution: It was resolved that Clerk with guidance from LRALC would look into sourcing another suitable Payroll provider to deal with all elements of Clerks Salary.

08/21 Planning Matters

20/01486/FUL

The Coppice 20 Stoughton Lane Stoughton Leicestershire LE2 2FH – Approved.

Ref. No: 20/01676/FUL

The Uplands 62 Stoughton Lane Stoughton Leicestershire LE2 2FH – Approved.

19 Gaulby Lane Stoughton Leicestershire LE2 2FL

Ref. No: 20/02026/TCA – Pending decision.

Ref. No: 20/01871/FUL

Unicorn House Stoughton Lane Stoughton Leicestershire LE2 2FH – Pending.
Comments can be viewed on H.D.C. planning portal.

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09/21 Playground and Recreation Area

Monthly Visual inspection carried out. Cllrs noted that the Play Area is currently being well used.

Resolution: It was resolved that the COVID-19 signs would remain in place while restrictions are ongoing. Replacement seat for swing should arrive late January. Monthly Inspection Reports to be retained by Clerk.

10/21 Wildflower Verge Scheme

An application for the Wildflower Verge Scheme has been submitted by Cllr Mee. Zoom Meeting attended 10.12.2020 by Cllr Mee and Clerk (KG). The chosen site for the verge will be surveyed in June by L.C.C.

Resolution: It was resolved that Cllr Mee and Clerk would investigate possibility of any funding and if appropriate complete Shire Grant Scheme application for funding for the seed.

11/21 Aero Club

Cllr (PC) gave feedback from communications both he and local MP have had with The Aero Club. All parties are totally committed to retaining the amicable working relationship developed between the Aer Club and the Parish Council.

Resolution: It was resolved that Cllr (PC) would send Cllrs and Clerk a copy of the letter received and review situation at next meeting.

12/21 Houghton Lodge Lane

An enquiry has been received from a Parishioner about the condition of Houghton Lodge Lane and asking if the Parish Council can investigate whether there is the possibility de adoption of the lane and making it for Farm access use only.

Resolution: It was resolved that Clerk would forward Parishioners communication with a covering letter to both Houghton Parish Council and Highways L.C.C. Stoughton Parish Council to remain neutral on this issue.

13/21 Ditch on Stoughton Lane

Stoughton Parish Council raised the concerns made by residents of the blocked ditch on Stoughton Lane to L.C.C. Ref: FS292831961. A reply has been received from L.C.C. highlighting three areas of concern:

- a) A license from the Local Lead Flood Authority has not been applied for and the culvert has been covered without permission and could result in flooding.
- b) The drive access has been widened without permission.
- c) Loose stone is too close to the highway and not within legal requirements.

Resolution: Progress to be reviewed at next meeting.

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14/21 Pond on Gaulby Lane

Cllr (JS) suggested that the Parish Council start a project to do something for the village following the COVID-19 pandemic. The suggestion is to remove the fence from around the Pond on Gaulby Lane and place some benches around the pond making a seating area for Parishioners to enjoy. Historically the pond was not fenced in.

Resolution: It was resolved that Cllr (JS) would research who owns the pond. Cllr (TM) and Clerk (KG) to look at possibility of applying for Shires Grant for funding. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

15/21 Village Wooden Gates

A discussion was held around the condition of the wooden gates at the entrances to Stoughton from Gaulby Lane both direction and Thurnby Lane 5 in total. It had been noted that the gates are looking tired and worn.

Resolution: It was resolved that Councillor (TM) would arrange a team to help with the refurbishment.

16/21 30 mile per hour speed limit

Concerns have been raised that with the building of more homes at Stoughton Park the volume of traffic through the village would increase. As a 20mph speed limit is not enforceable it was discussed whether the limit could be increased to 30mph so that it could be enforceable. A discussion was held around previous communication around speeding in Stoughton and surveys previously done.

Resolution: It was resolved that no further action be taken currently but to monitor the situation regarding volume of traffic.

17/21 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 9th March 2021

The meeting closed at 20.20pm

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