

STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Stoulton Parish Council held at Stoulton Village Hall on Monday 12th January 2009 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr's Mr N Lee (Chairman), Anne Aston, Mr R Callaghan. Mrs V Lewis and Mr M Whitehurst.
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr P Middleborough (District Cllr) and Mr R Adams (County Cllr).

1. **Apologies.**
2. **Declaration Of Interests**
3. **To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On the 3rd November 2008.**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. **Planning.**

For Consultation

W/08/03285/PN Stoulton Manor, Mucknell Farm Lane. Stoulton.

In general, we support the application and welcome the proposed development. There was one concern that the replacement of the main building with the new one is far too modern and not in keeping with the local area. This is located on top of the hill overlooking the surrounding area and should be amended.

AB/08/03286/AB Caldwell Lodge, Pershore Road, Stoulton. WR7 4RL

Support the application..

Refusal Planning Notices

W/08/01487/CU Land adjoining, Conifers, Evesham Road, Egdon. Change of use from garden nursery to residential caravan site.

5. **Correspondence for Information.** (Listed on the Clerk's Report.)

6. **Invoices to Be Paid.**

T D Hemming £80.00, HMCf £64.40, Clerks Expenses £60.24, Lengthsman £280.00, W CALC £3.50.

7. **Progress Reports for Information.**

a) Clerk.

b) Footpaths Officer.

Action. Clerk to contact Mr Hartnell to provide a report, **Action** Clerk to report missing footpath sign.

c) Playing Field Officer/ROSPA report.

Action. Cllr Whitehurst will investigate bark for the play area and to advise the Clerk on the value of the play equipment for the Asset register.

d) Flood Warden/Flood Grant Update.

The chairman has ordered 3 grit bins and empty sand bags, once the bins are sited, sand will be ordered.

e) Finance Officer.

Action. Clerk to order two litter bins; Claverton bus stop and bus stop opposite Windmill Hill turning.

f) Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Callaghan expressed his concern of the future viability of the village hall, it has enough funds for three/four years but it is not creating an income! A meeting of interested parties has been arranged Cllr Aston volunteered to carry out a survey of Claverton and Hawbridge. Cllr's were asked to forward any question for the questionnaire to Cllr Aston ASAP.

g) County Councillor.

Pershore Forum had held successful, well attended meetings at Bredon and Drakes Broughton.

The Co Mingle plant at Norton does not have storage facilities for recycled waste. The reduction in the speed limit at B4084 Worcester to Evesham Road is not being supported by the Police and Highways. County Councillor Elections will take place in June this year. Cllr Adams

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has £8,000.00 to spend on health and encouraging a healthy lifestyle, if anyone has any suggestions please contact him.

h) District Councillor.

The county and district councils do not support the extra housing recommended by the Joint Core Strategy, to the south of Worcester. There are two proposals for Industrial development: by Junctions 6 and 7 of the M 5, both have consultation periods, the parish may be advised to seek professional help when commenting!. Enforcement action had been taken on the Old Station site by Wychavon, Network Rail and the Environment Agency. Wychavon intends to raise the precept by 2.5%, the council is experiencing reduced interest in investments and a reduction in planning applications, and they are however trying to reduce costs without a reduction in services. The new system of refuse collection, apart from a few teething problems, seems to be a success.

i) Co Mingled Plant at Norton.

j) Lengthsman.

Action Clerk to report drain needing jetting on B4084 by Froggery Lane.

8. To Discuss the Publication Scheme.

Action. Clerk to formulate a Freedom of Information Policy, to include a charge of £2.50 per document, all minutes will be posted on the County Council Website "My Parish". Councillors were asked to provide a profile by the next meeting.

9. To Discuss the Grass Cutting Tender.

Nine sets of documents were sent out and they will be opened at a meeting to be held on the 2nd February.

10. To Discuss the Wychavon Bursary.

It was agreed to nominate Mrs Ursula Taylor.

11. To Consider Commenting On B4084 Worcester To Evesham Road Proposed Speed Limit Extension At Norton.

The Clerk and Chairman to write to Mr Carless regarding the inaction on the proposed speed limit.

12. Update of Notice Board for Windmill Hill.

Clerk to contact all agencies and to complete planning application.

13. Items for Future Agenda.

14. Date Of Next meeting

2nd March, 18th May, 6th July, 7th September and 2nd November.