

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd June, 2014
At Stoke Bliss & Kyre Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Andrew Yarnold (Chair), Peter Basford, Dave Clarke, Brian Farmer, Jessica Middleton, Terry Powell, Charles Rea, Chris Rodgers, Oliver Turner, Jayne Williams

In attendance: County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock, District Councillor Mr Phil Grove, Mr George Jarvis (parishioner, Bockleton), Louise Gibbs (Clerk)

ANNUAL MEETING:

1. **Apologies** : were received from Cllrs Burgess Adams, Adam Berry, Michael Bowdler, District Cllr Tony Penn
2. **Re-election of officers:** Cllr Chris Rodgers proposed that Cllr Yarnold be elected for the fourth year of his four-year term as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Oliver Turner. Cllr Yarnold proposed that Cllr Peter Basford be elected as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Brian Farmer.
3. **Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting:** on 20th May, 2013, were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.
4. **Parish Charities:** Pitts Cottages are in a healthy state – the second refurbishment is ongoing and the bank balance is positive. Two cottages are vacant at the moment.
5. **Annual accounts:** the Clerk presented a summary of the annual accounts and the bank reconciliation for the year to 31/3/14. There being no queries, the Clerk was asked to submit the audit to Grant Thornton, the auditors.

QUARTERLY MEETING

1. **Apologies for absence:** as above
2. **Declarations of Interest:** there were none
3. **District Council report:**
 - the by-election at Lindridge was won by Chris Dell (Cons) thus 20 of 38 Councillors at MHDC are Conservative and who are therefore in overall control
 - the last 12 months have seen some challenges. One positive is that the recycling rate has increased from 31% to 38%
 - the civil parking enforcement that was introduced in Nov. 2013 has been rated positively by Tenbury business people
 - Tenbury Swimming Pool – a sports & leisure strategy was implemented in 2013 – it has a grant of £65k – the pool is owned by Tenbury Guild but is on Tenbury Town Council land
 - grants have been maintained for the Café 27, the CAB, the Tourist Information Office, the Swimming Pool and the museum;
 - austerity measures have resulted in MHDC and Wychavon Councils working together, possibly with only one CEO by the end of August

Cllr Yarnold asked what the spending per capita is in the Tenbury area within MHDC, in comparison to Malvern itself. Cllr Grove didn't have the information to hand but will send it to the Clerk.

- Cllr Yarnold asked if there might be some funding available to purchase new tables for the Village Hall. Cllr Grove offered £200 towards tables and £100 towards planting.

County Council report:

- The Public Realm work is integrated with the Tesco project. The first phase is expected to start in Autumn 2014, the second phase in Spring 2015. Although Tesco have ear-marked 100 proposed sites where they will not be proceeding, they are committed to Tenbury. It is likely to be 2-3 years before the building starts
- the recycling facilities will be moving from the long-term car park to the Bromyard Road Business Park
- a £3million incinerator contract has been signed for a site at Hartlebury
- Palmers Meadow will be an overflow car park when needed, e.g. when Tesco is being built, and at Christmas, with plastic gridding on grass
- 20% of local bus services need support e.g. the Tenbury to Kidderminster service (291), which will be maintained, but with a revised timetable
- broadband – 23% of Bockleton residents have signed up to the Airband service, 6.5% in Stoke Bliss and 1.7% in Kyre
- road conditions – the flooding problems opposite Thorn Farm have been sorted; Bannals Lane is now in the programme of works – apparently contractors had been looking at old maps and were not aware that they should be working further down the lane
- Tenbury High School recently went into Special Measures and is becoming an Academy Trust.

Cllr Basford asked if Ringway give any guarantees to their work – Cllr Pollock replied that they do. A discussion followed about the poor condition of the road surfaces in the parishes and Cllr Pollock agreed that on occasions the wrong solution is applied to problem areas.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting** on 3rd March, 2014 – were agreed as a true record and were signed accordingly

5. **Matters arising therefrom :**

Cllr Middleton asked if Mr Mumford had restored the land at The Fulhams to its previous condition. It wasn't known, but the Clerk will follow up with the Planning Office. No problems have been reported recently regarding activity there

6. **Projection equipment :**

The Clerk had sourced a projector, screen and stand. It was agreed that the equipment would, for the time being, be stored at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall.

7. **Planning matters:**

14/00344/HOU - since the last meeting, plans had been submitted by Mr & Mrs Parry for a garden room at Rectory Cottage, Kyre. There had been no objections

8. **Finances:**

a) The bank balance at 30th April was £1453.28

b) Payments since the last meeting: £199.97 projection equipment; £118 x 2 for the lengthsman; £15 Bockleton Village Hall (room hire); £80 Worcestershire County Council

for grit salt. Payments for consideration: £350 Reebex for parish plan printing; Clerk £220; PAYE £55; CALC annual fees £220.27

9. **Parish Plan update :**

The Clerk had e-mailed all members of the original committee for input and ideas but received no response except from Rev. Robert Barlow. The Clerk will create a Google spreadsheet of the Parish Plan actions and updates to be shared with Councillors. More plans are needed to complete the delivery – Cllr Clarke will print 20 more. It was agreed that building a website is key to most of the actions in the Plan. Cllr Rodgers has investigated potential costs. Cllr Yarnold suggested that the precept be increased for the next financial year to pay for the website. Cllr Clarke offered to look into building a Parish Council site and will liaise with Cllr Rodgers.

10. **Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall opening:** will be on Saturday 12th July. A Hall committee meeting will soon be held to discuss the details and these will be circulated.

11. **Clerk's update:** the Clerk circulated a Councillors' contact list for updates; CALC training dates had been circulated; one Declaration of Interest was missing from the last round – the Clerk will send a replacement form to Cllr Rea

12. **Correspondence** – a letter from MHDC regarding polling districts; letter from Downing Street regarding new Employment Allowance for businesses (which don't apply to Parish Councils)

13. **Any Other Business** – there was none

14. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 1st September at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall at 8pm

The meeting closed at 9.25pm