

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Group Parish Council

Minutes of meeting Monday 3rd December 2013

At Bockleton Parish Hall

Present : Cllrs. Burgess Adams, Adam Berry, Dave Clarke, Brian Farmer, Jessica Middleton, Terry Powell, Charlie Rea, Chris Rodgers, Jayne Williams, Andrew Yarnold (Chair)

In attendance: Cllr Tony Penn, Mrs Louise Gibbs (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr. Michael Bowdler. Cllr Peter Basford was absent without apology.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** there were none
- 3. Report from District Councillor Tony Penn :** The South Worcestershire Development Plan has not yet been settled and is causing a split within Worcs. C.C. A revised plan for the Tenbury area has resulted in the planned 30 houses (up to 2030) being increased to 70.
A £1million grant has been received to maintain the weekly 'black bag' refuse collection service. Recycling will be collected fortnightly from 2013.
The final letter of approval from MHDC has been sent to Tesco for the project in Tenbury. A project manager will be appointed in January but completion of the store is unlikely before the end of 2013.
Commercial activity was still taking place at Kyre Barn, although the trucks had stopped delivering/collecting – the Clerk had spoken to the Enforcement Office at MHDC.
- 4.** Further to a request from the Clerk, Cllr Penn had been in touch with the Planning Dept regarding the permissions granted at Three Chimneys, Stoke Bliss. Despite the affidavits supplied by SB, K & B Parish Council, the decision has been upheld. The suggestion was made to invite Cllr. Penn to future site meetings where appropriate. Cllr. Penn would relay Councillor's opinions to Duncan Rudge at the Planning Dept. The Public Realm work in Tenbury is planned for 2013, with a 40% of the cost being met by Tesco.
- 5. Minutes of the last meeting** on 3rd September were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 6. Matters arising therefrom:** The Clerk has not been able to contact Cllr Basford regarding the plans for winter gritting.
Broadband update – the funding has been approved and the new service will be rolled out in phases from January 2013 over 20 weeks. Those households signing up early will receive free installation which would otherwise cost £50. Parish meetings

will shortly be set-up. Speeds of 10mbps are assured. The two main masts will be located at Broadheath and Clee Hill.

7. The Clerk circulated forms for signature regarding dispensation to discuss the annual precept, following recent instruction from CALC.
8. **Finance:**
 - a) The current bank balance is £1,899.38. The Clerk had produced a cash-flow forecast for the next 12 months which indicates that there will be an ongoing surplus of approx. £1200.00.
 - b) Payments for consideration: Lengthsman £236.00 and £118.00; Clerk £262.50 (salary plus expenses – incl postage, ink cartridge, replacement tree for Bank Street corner); PAYE £50; Parish hall hire £75.00.
 - c) Set precept for 2013/14. Cllr Yarnold proposed that the precept remains the same at £2100.00, seconded by Cllr Williams. The Clerk had been advised by CALC to delay confirming the precept to MHDC until the Council Tax base figures are published. The publication is expected by 31st December and the submission is to be made by 11th January. Cllr Yarnold proposed that the Clerk be paid an additional £100 p.a., seconded by Cllr Williams. All agreed.
9. **Planning:**

12/01476/FUL – Little Romers, Romers Common, Bockleton; application for the construction of an equestrian ménage. No objections were raised.
10. **Code of Conduct:** it was agreed to adopt the draft Code of Conduct that had previously been circulated.
11. **Term of Office for Chair and Vice Chair:** after discussion, Cllr Williams proposed that the four year term remains, seconded by Cllr Powell. All agreed.
12. **Parish Plan update:** Councillor Clarke had almost completed the final draft, subject to a few inclusions of data from the recently published 2011 Census. It was suggested that the final Plans be circulated to each household with the Parish magazines, or by those who had distributed the questionnaires. Approximately 230 are to be printed. It will be in A5 format and of about 30 pages. Cllrs thanked Cllr Clarke for his work in compiling and producing the Plan.
13. **Clerk's Update:** CALC had recently held a training session on Neighbourhood Planning, but as it was a daytime meeting, it had been suggested that the Council held an evening session instead, perhaps with other local parishes. Richard Levett from CALC had agreed to lead the session. Some dates were suggested and the Clerk will organise at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Parish Hall.

Gerry Brienza, Highways Dept at Worcs C.C. had attended a site meeting at Bannals Lane regarding the poor state of the lane – he had subsequently called Cllr Yarnold about scheduling repairs. He had also seen the lane at Grafton.

14. Correspondence: there was none.

15. Any other business: the Clerk was asked to speak to County Cllr Pollock about 'access only' signs to deter HGVs from unnecessarily driving through the village lanes, i.e. at Stoke Hill.

Gordon McIntosh had reported to Cllr Turner that the bus shelter at Sweet Green is leaking. The shelter at Netherwood has also got some broken boards. Cllr Yarnold agreed to organise the repairs.

The Clerk was asked to ensure the Lengthsman prioritises his work with clearing drains and gullies.

16. Date of next meeting: 4th March 2013.

Meetings for the remainder of 2013: 20th May, 2nd September, 2nd December

The meeting closed at 9.15pm