

STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Stoulton Parish Council held at Stoulton Village Hall on Monday 3rd November at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr's Mr N Lee (Chairman), Anne Aston and Mr R Callaghan.
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr P Middleborough (District Cllr), Abbot Stuart Burns, David Spragg and Camilla Finlay.

Camilla Finlay and David Spragg from Acanthus Clews Architects addressed the council with regard to the development of Mucknal Farm. Anglican Benedictine Monks led by Abbot Stuart Burns have acquired the site and would like to develop the site for their community. They are aiming to be self sufficient and enhance the landscape. The blue print of original buildings will not change apart from the construction of the oratory in the middle, the farm house will be rebuilt to their specific requirements and it is hoped to re use most of the material on the site. Solar panels will be on the south facing roof of the main building and a bio mass boiler is also proposed.

1. Apologies.

Mrs V Lewis, Mr M Whitehurst and Mr R Adams (County Cllr).

2. Declaration of Interests.

None received.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On the 1st September 2008.

The minutes were signed as a true record.

4. To Consider The Precept For The Next Financial Year.

It was agreed to keep the precept at £6,000.00 for the year 2009/10.

5. Planning.

W/08/02430/LB Campanile, Church Lane, Stoulton. Replace windows and timber sole plate, remove rendering and repair, replace front door, paint pebbledash on front and part side elevation. Recommended.

W/08/01487/CU land adjacent Conifers Evesham Road Egdon.

The council has been advised that this will go before the Planning Committee on the 13th October; Mr Lee volunteered to collate comments and speak at the meeting.

6. Correspondence For Information. (Listed On The Clerk's Report.)

The Chairman has submitted comments on the South Worcs Joint Core Strategy, on behalf of the parish council. The Playground Committee has transferred the playground equipment to the parish council along with monies left in the account; this will be added to the councils asset register. PC Fell has moved to CID and her place has been taken by PC Dene Storr. It was agreed for the clerk to write to Mr M Careless to ask if the 30mph speed limit could be extended into Woodbury Lane.

7. Invoices to Be Paid.

Clement Keys £141.00, T D Hemmings £250.00, Lengthsman £400.00 and N Power £31.21.

8. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

b) Footpaths Officer.

Action Chairman ask Mr Hartnell to provide a report for the council.

c) Playing Field Officer/ROSPA report.

It was agreed to put the grass cutting out to tender, Action Clerk to advertise in Worcs News.

d) Flood Warden.

The flood damage at Hawbridge has been repaired.

e) Finance Officer.

f) Village Hall Management Committee.

Anne Aston volunteered to go on the committee; Mr Callaghan has concerns for the future of the committee and the hall itself.

g) County Councillor.

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h) District Councillor.

The waste/recycling system has been going for one month and apart from a few teething problems is proving to be efficient. Wychavon is working on a five year plan to reduce its costs by 12.5%, however the current economic climate is reducing its revenue, planning applications are down by approx 20% and car park takings by 5%. The 1.5 million on deposit in Icelandic Bank (which is still trading) is only 4% of the total revenue. The government is trying to increase the number of houses to be built in area. The old Station Site, Network Rail is pursuing the owners as they are damaging the railway bank.

i) Co Mingled Plant at Norton.

The steel work is up and there will be a Liaison Group site visit in January.

j) Lengthsman

9. To Discuss The Flood Grant.

It was agreed to buy and site three sand bins, sand and sand bags, the chairman will investigate the settings further.

10. To Discuss the Cutting of the Grass at the Churchyard.

It was agreed to give £300.00 toward the cutting of the churchyard with a view to perhaps incorporating it in with the playground tender, Mr Hartnell to contact the church warden.

11. Items for Future Agenda.

12. Date Of Next meeting.

Monday 12th January 2009

Monday 2nd March 2009