

## STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Stoulton Parish Council held at Stoulton Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Mr Callaghan, Mr Ashton, Mr Wardle, Mr Menhinick and Mr Robinson.  
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr P Middleborough (District Cllr), Mr R Adams (County Cllr) and Mr R Fullee.

Mr R Fullee (Worcestershire County Council - Highways) informed the council that a speed survey had been carried out from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October at Egdon Lane and either end of the 30mph limit through Stoulton. The survey showed that in Egdon Lane the average mean speed was mid 40 where the limit is 60mph and in Stoulton the average mean speed was mid to late 30's. Mr Fullee advised the council to wait until the speed audit is conducted in March 2010.

### 1. Apologies.

Mrs Lewis and PC S Woods.

### 2. Declaration Of Interests

### 3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4. Planning.

For Approval

W/09/02253 Brook House, Hawbridge, Stoulton, Worcester. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling. The parish council supports the application, except if the new house, being higher, obscures the neighbours' outlook.

Approved by Wychavon

- W/09/01833/CU Former Railway Goods yard, Egdon lane, Egdon. Use of former railways goods yard as vehicle and machinery storage and for storage on inert materials.
- W/09/00965/CU Wolverton Farm, Lower Wolverton. Proposed conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to letting accommodation and training room, re-siting and lowering of ridge height of existing concrete framed barn and alterations to highway access to improve highway safety.
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### 5. Correspondence for Information.

Cllr Callaghan will attend the CALC AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Cllr's Callaghan and Wardle will attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Conference on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

The resignation of Cllr Whitehurst had been received, the clerk to notify Wychavon.

### 6. Invoices to Be Paid.

RBL Poppy Appeal £25.00, Clement Keys £138.00. New Farms Grounds Maintenance £274.85 Lengthsman £308.00, N Power £31.26, and Travis Perkins (Sand) £45.43.

### 7. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk.
- b) Footpaths Officer.
- c) Playing Field Officer.
- d) Flood Warden.

It was agreed to buy a further builders bag of sand to fill the hoppers.

- e) Finance Officer.
- f) Village Hall Management Committee.
- g) County Councillor.

The Envirosort is in the process of being commissioned.

The County has to cut 45m from its budget over the next five years and cuts in services will be inevitable. The county is trying to work with partners to reduce costs.

The Cllr would like the parish council support in the reduction of the speed limit on the A44 to 50mph, at a meeting to be held at White Ladies Ashton on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

- h) District Councillor.

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Wychavon is to carry out a Mori Survey on its services with a view to a reduction in services to reflect lower government grants. Over the next two years we expect to cut expenditure by 20%. Wychavon is fortunate that has invested in Pershore Hospital and Waitrose in Droitwich, which has retained an income stream. We expect to see the money invested in Icelandic banks returned.

- i) Lengthsman
- j) PC Sean Woods/PACT

### **8. To Discuss Speeding Within The Parish.**

The council agreed to wait for the result of the speed review taking place in March 2010. Clerk to contact other parishes regarding VAS and Mr D Clee (Road Safety Officer)

### **9. To Consider The Recommendations For Adoption From The Standards Board.**

It was agreed by all to accept the recommendations.

### **10. To Consider the Precept for 2010/2011.**

Cllr Menhinick proposed, Cllr Robinson seconded and it was agreed to raise the precept by 5%.

### **11. Item For Future Agenda.**

Parish Plan.

### **12. Date Of Next Meetings.**

18<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> November.