

STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Stoulton Parish Council held at Stoulton Village Hall on Monday 2nd March 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. **Co Option of Councillor.**

It was agreed by all to co opt Mr Maurice Robinson.

4. **To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On the 3rd November 2009.**

The minutes were signed a true record.

5. **Planning.**

W/09/00017/CU Land Off, Windmill lane, Stoulton. We wish to object to the application.

1) This does not relate to "temporary" accommodation. 2) The application is very similar as the recent application at "the Conifers", Egdon, which was rejected. This is a retrospective planning application, so the site is currently being inhabited beyond the scope of current planning applications. There is the potential for extensions to the proposed accommodation. The requirement for the accommodation is not made in the application. The site is suitable for horses (not needing 24 hour care) and not for people on the site. The property is currently for sale and so approval could result in extension to further use by a new owner. The applicant states that he is prepared to agree to conditions and restrictions. If permission were to be granted, it must only be with strict restrictions to limit any further extension or change of use. Even then, there is a significant risk that use could change in the future, storing up problems for the local community.

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

7. **Invoices to Be Paid.**

N Power £31.20, Weir and Carmichael Ltd £155.19, Lengthsman £160.00, T D Hemmings £80.00, Seton £748.47, Clerks Expenses £144.08.

8. **Progress Reports for Information.**

- a) **Clerk.**

- b) **Footpaths Officer.**

Mr Hartnell will provide a yearly report.

- c) **Playing Field Officer/ROSPA report.**

Cllr Lee will order five bags of bark for the play area.

- d) **Flood Warden.**

Wychavon had cleared the brook at Hawbridge. Cllr Lee will site the salt bins and order sand.

- e) **Finance Officer.**

- f) **Village Hall Management Committee.**

Cllr Aston had compiled a questionnaire to be distributed with the Villager, to alert the villagers to the plight of the hall. Cllr Callaghan informed the council that he will be resigning from the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council in May.

- g) **County Councillor.**

Cllr Adams reminded Cllrs of the Forum to be held at Pershore on the 26th March. A questionnaire will be circulated to the villagers regarding transport. An extra £2 million will be spent on flooding mitigation and £3 million on footways in the next year by the County Council. Cllr Adams offered to report the condition of the footway at Windmill Hill to Highways.

- h) **District Councillor.**

Cllr Middleborough advised the 'wrapped dog waste' may be put in litter bins where there are no designated 'dog bins'. A steering group has been formed to consider the future of PACT consisting of Cllr Adams, Middleborough, PC Storr, CSO Fogwill and the Headmaster of Drakes Broughton School, the parish council may wish to have a representative.

- i) **Co Mingled Plant at Norton.**

- j) **Lengthsman**

It was agreed to renew the Lengthsman contract and increase his hourly rate to £11.00,

9. **Update on the Grass Cutting Tender.**

The grass cutting tender was awarded to New Farms Grounds Maintenance.

10. **Update on Notice Board for Windmill Hill.**

In progress.

11. **To Discuss Flood Alleviation Grant Scheme.**

Cllr Lee to discuss with Mr T Jones.

12. **Items for Future Agenda.** Future of the Village Hall.

13. **Date Of Next meeting.** Monday 18th May 2009