

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th September, 2015

At Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Burgess Adams (Chairman), Brian Farmer, Jessica Middleton, Charlie Rea, Chris Rodgers, Oliver Turner, Jayne Williams

In attendance: County Cllr Ken Pollock, Mrs Louise Gibbs (Clerk)

Absent without apology: Cllr Michael Bowdler

1. **Apologies:** were received from Cllrs Peter Basford, Terry Powell and Andrew Yarnold and from District Cllrs Tony Penn and Phil Grove.
2. **Declarations of absence:** there were none
3. **Reports from County and District Councillors**

District Council report – was submitted in advance (appended)

County Council report is appended. The Public Realm work had been discussed at the Tenbury Town Council meeting this evening. Larger vehicles struggle to manoeuvre round Crow Corner.

Kyre Bank is scheduled to be resurfaced in the next few months. Work will start on Stokes Hill on 11th September for about 8 days. It will be patched first and then re-surfaced. There will be a long diversion whilst the work is carried out.

Cllr Williams mentioned the Recycling Centre in Tenbury and the unhelpful manner of the staff there. Cllr Pollock has heard the same said before and will mention it to 'the powers that be'. The new centre at the Bromyard Road Business Park will be on 2 levels and much easier to access.

Cllr Pollock left the meeting at 8.20pm.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting on 1st June, 2015:** the Clerk was asked to amend Annual Meeting item 3 to show 'Cllr Basford proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Rodgers, seconded by Cllr Farmer' (rather than by Cllr Rodgers). The Minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters arising therefrom:** there were none

6. Planning Matters:

14/00814/FUL: Sallings Farm, Bockleton – Cllr Williams had attended the last Planning Meeting at MHDC at which the application had been discussed, on 3rd June. The ongoing debate appears to be about transport in the main, and the potential for truck routing. No resolution was made.

Land adjacent to Rose Cottage in Stoke Bliss: the Clerk reported that a MHDC Enforcement Officer had visited the site and that the ‘airstream’ caravan had been removed. Plans for the site have been submitted but are yet to be validated. Cllrs reported that a permanent building has been erected behind screening, along with a greenhouse and alpacas in a field. The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter.

- 7. Flooding onto road at Romers Common:** The constant water on the road is exacerbating the problem of pot holes but both MHDC and Worcs CC deny any problem. The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to visit the site and meet Cllr Williams to see what he thinks – it may be a issue with the culvert across the road.
- 8. First Aid Course/defibrillators:** Cllr Pollock had kindly offered a donation of £500 from the County Councillor fund towards defibrillators at both village halls. Cllr Adams thanked him. Cllr Williams will look at catalogues at the Surgery as there appear to be several specifications of defibrillator to choose from. It would be possible to re-claim VAT from the purchase price. Funding is an issue – fundraising might be an option – from events at the village halls perhaps. The First Aid course would cost £30 per person – Cllr Rodgers will follow up. The course will be offered to Parish Councillors and Village Hall key-holders before being offered more widely. A Saturday would seem the best option.
- 9. Finances:**
- a) The current account bank balance as at 31st July was £680.96
 - b) Payments since the last meeting – Village Hall £15, Lengthsman £236, £236 and £236. Payments for consideration – the Clerk £220, HMRC (for PAYE) £55, annual insurance (AON) £366.63 , Village Hall £15, MHDC for uncontested elections £26.19 x 3 (each parish)
- 10. Parish Plan update:** The matter of a Footpath Officer was discussed and the Clerk was asked to submit a piece to both parish magazines to gauge interest in the ‘vacancy’. It was resolved to contact the original Parish Plan committee in order to get updates done. The Clerk will set up a meeting for October.

11. **Clerk's Update:** Next CALC meeting is on 13th October at County Hall; MHDC had confirmed that all Registers of Interest had been submitted correctly; the next Parish Conference will be on 5th October.

12. **Correspondence:**

Information from MHDC about 'Services for Older People'

Shaw Trust regarding funding opportunities.

Funding availability for the transparency code.

West Mercia Police survey (which was completed at the meeting)

13. **Any Other Business:**

The Clerk was asked to contact the Lengthsman regarding checking the grips in Bannals Lane.

The developers signs for 'Tenbury View' in Stoke Bliss. The Clerk was asked to find out who erects the signs and if it were possible to have them taken down.

A letter had been received from Cllr Powell regarding a piece of land at The Oaks, asking Councillors to act favourably towards any application that he might make to build a property there. The Clerk was asked to reply to say that Councillors could only look at any application once submitted through the usual channels.

14. The next meeting will be on Monday 7th December at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm