

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th June, 2016

At Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Burgess Adams (Chairman), Peter Basford, Michael Bowdler, Brian Farmer, Jessica Middleton, Terry Powell, Chris Rodgers, Oliver Turner, Jayne Williams.

In attendance: District Councillor Tony Penn, County Councillor Ken Pollock, Mr Daniel Phillips, Mrs Louise Gibbs (Clerk).

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Yarnold and District Councillor Phil Grove. Cllr Charles Rea was absent without apology.
2. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting on 1st June, 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr Adams. There were no matters arising.
3. Mr Daniel Phillips introduced himself. Cllr Basford proposed that Daniel be co-opted to the Parish Council, to represent Bockleton. This was seconded by Cllr Powell. There were no objections.
4. **Parish Charities:**
 - Dykes Trust – nothing to report.
 - Kyre Hospital Trust – all five cottages are occupied and a programme of works this year includes painting the rear of the cottages
 - Henry Morris Charity – Cllr Adams reported that the charity rolls along, and distributes fund to the elderly of the parish at Christmas.
5. **Annual Accounts 2015/16:** the Clerk presented a summary of the annual accounts and the bank reconciliation for the year ending 31st March, 2016. There being no queries, the Chairman signed the audit form (sections 1 & 2) and the Clerk was asked to submit the form to the nominated external auditors, Grant Thornton. This was proposed by Cllr Powell and seconded by Cllr Rodgers.

QUARTERLY MEETING

1. **Apologies for absence:** as above
2. **Declarations of interest:** Daniel Phillips regarding the planning application at Sallings Farm (item 7)
3. **Reports from County and District Councillors:**
 - a) District Council reports are appended – annual MHDC report and June report. Cllr Penn gave the Chairman a copy of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. The Sallings Farm plans will be considered at the July MHDC Planning Meeting. Some discussion ensued about the David Wilson Homes site opposite Tenbury High School. It was noted that there is a big ‘basin’ at the rear and bottom of the site, which although in place for flood prevention purposes, was considered a hazard for children.

The Clerk had heard nothing from the Enforcement Officer at MHDC regarding the land adjacent to Rose Cottage in Stoke Bliss. Cllr Penn would pursue the matter. Councillors commented that the site was becoming more permanent, with mains power being installed recently.
 - b) County Councillor Pollock reported that the final ‘snagging’ for the Public Realm work in Tenbury Wells is complete.

Tesco have been in touch with Worcs. C.C. and the project moves on slowly. Eastham Bridge collapse – a temporary crossing will be arranged whilst repair works are carried out after the final bridge span is taken down. An investigation will take place as regards the collapse.

Cllr Williams mentioned the road on Romers Common which has taken 6/7 weeks to repair and was then not done well. Drains at Grafton and on Kyre Bank had been tarmacked over which had exacerbated the water damage to the lanes on both sites.

The matter of drainage on Kyre Bank was discussed. Gerry Brienza from Highways Dept at Worcs CC had visited the site with Cllrs Middleton and Adams and had promised various actions. It was suggested that a drain to the South side of the bottom of Kyre Bank would help the situation and prevent water from flowing into Kyre Pools. The Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Cllr Pollock mentioned that re-surfacing Kyre Bank is not in the repair budget yet. All surface dressing work had been postponed whilst Eastham Bridge repairs take place. Cllrs again said that jet patching is not durable enough.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting on 2nd March, 2016:** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters arising therefrom:** the Clerk apologise for not having brought copies of the Neighbourhood Planning briefing paper (item 9) but would distribute them with the Minutes of this meeting.
6. **Kyre Bank drainage matter:** see item 3b above.
7. **Planning matters:**
 - a) 16/00079FUL – Weston Farm, Bockleton. Application withdrawn.
 - b) 16/00397/HOU – Bockleton Forge. Glazed link between Forge and annexe and reinstatement of doorway. Cllrs Adams and Williams had visited the site and made observations. Permission granted.
 - c) 15/01472 – Animal Rescue Centre in land adjacent to Rose Cottage in Stoke Bliss – see item 3a above.
 - d) 16/00285/FUL – Little Grafton – extension to workshop. Permission granted.
 - e) 16/00113/FUL Sallings Farm, Bockleton. Erection of broiler units. See item 3a above.
 - f) 16/00461/HOU - Horseshoe Cottage, Stoke Bliss. Two bay garage with enclosed store. Permission granted.
8. **Finance:**
 - a) Bank balance – as at 30th April, the current bank account balance stands at £2090.94. The Clerk commented that this included a recently paid precept payment and the £500 from Cllr Pollock towards the defibrillator project.
 - b) Payments made since the last meeting: £118 and £236 to the Lengthsman, CALC annual fees ££267.84. To be paid: Lengthsman £236, Hall hire £15, Clerk £228.80 plus £16.80 postage.
9. **Parish Plan update:** a discussion centred on the matter of a community website. Many actions from the original Parish Plan in 2013 resulted in it being deemed a good idea to have a website, yet it would be an expensive project. Having come to no conclusion, it was resolved to discuss again at the September meeting.
10. **Defibrillator project:** Cllr Williams had ‘procured’ a defibrillator and cabinet for Bockleton Village Hall and brought it to show Councillors. Cllr Adams would liaise with Bockleton Village Hall regarding its installation and P.R. thereof. Chris Woods (local First Responder) had offered to train parishioners to use the equipment. The Clerk would seek a similar defib. For Kyre and Stoke Bliss Hall and would liaise with the Village Hall regarding installation.
11. **Clerk’s update:**

- a. The Lengthsman had signed a further agreement for 2016/17 at the same hourly rate of £14.75. Funding for the scheme would continue from Worcs C.C.
- b. The Clerk had resigned her position.
- c. Information has been received via CALC regarding funding for the Transparency Code, offering funding for an internet connection. It would be passed on to the new Clerk.
- d. Correspondence: a copy of the MHDC 5-year plan had been received and some information about Health Watch (see District Councillor report).

12. Any Other Business:

The Chairman reported that advertisements in the Tenbury Newsagents and Parish magazines had not yielded any interest in the vacancy. The Clerk was asked to place an advertisement in The Hereford Times.

Airband had been providing a poor internet service in recent weeks and the Clerk was asked to follow the matter up.

Cllr Rodgers offered thanks to the Clerk for her work as Clerk and the Chairman kindly presented her with a gift of wine. Thanks were reciprocated.

13. Date of the next meeting: 5th September, 2016

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm