

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Group Parish Council.

Minutes.

Clerk: Carole Hirst – 07903 377066 – stokeblissgroupclerk@gmail.com

Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

Present: Cllr's J.B.Adams (Chair) ; B. Farmer; A Yarnold, M. Bowdler; T.Powell; P.Basford; D.Phillips.

Absent: Cllr's C. Rea, J Middleton.

**1/02/18 Apologies for Absence: District Cllr's P. Grove and T. Penn,
Parish Councillors, O.Turner, J. Williams.**

2/02/18 Declarations of Interest – None

**3/02/18 To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to
Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) - None**

**4/02/18 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of the 14th August 2017 were
duly approved and signed as a true record by Cllr Adams.**

**5/02/18 Matters arising from the minutes – Stoke Bliss Animal Rescue
Centre. An update on planning matters was discussed.**

6/02/18 (a) Cllr Ken Pollock – Worcestershire County Council

Tenbury Public Realm – This work is nearing completion. The new red tarmac on the raised tables is scheduled to be laid on the 5th March onwards, overnight, but please note that the work is starting at 19.00 and will continue throughout the night until 6am. It should not take more than 2 or 3 nights to complete.

SWDP revisions- Following its publication in 2016, the SWDP has been the basis for deciding the pattern of house building across south Worcestershire. Recently, the three councils involved have been considering revising the plan in the light of the impending publication of the second National Planning Policy Framework.

While this concerns the County Council more from the infrastructure viewpoint, Cllr Pollock has been keen to take part in the discussions. His impression is that while organic small scale growth of communities is desirable, it could be that larger new settlements may be necessary. Should one or two “new towns” of around 5,000 dwellings be required, the location of such developments is crucial. Any strong feelings on such plans would be welcome by your local district councillor and the planning departments.

Recently Tenbury Town Council considered an application to build 72 houses off Oldwood road opposite the high school. Cllr Pollock suggested that it would be advantageous to the school to have more young families in its catchment area. In

addition, it is unrealistic to suppose that homes should only be allowed close to where there is an unmet need for employees. Minimising travel distance to work is desirable, but often unrealistic, and could be seen as a reason for allowing rural areas to become depopulated.

Road improvements- There are two planned closures in the spring to deal with poor road surfaces. Between the 14th April and the 18th May, the C2088 in Bockleton will be closed for two days. Between the 30th April and the 31st May, the C2097 in Kyre will be closed for four days. Cllr Pollock stated that he trusted this will result in decent long lasting road surfaces in some difficult places in the parishes.

Velo Cycle Event - CSM Active have announced that they will not be seeking road closures for another cycle event like Velo Birmingham in 2017 for later this year. They are working on a similar event to take place in the spring of 2109, on a route as yet to be determined.

Divisional Fund- Cllr Pollock still has a reasonable sum in his Divisional Fund and would be pleased to allocate it to good causes. If anyone knows of deserving enterprises that could benefit for a small sum, up to around £1,000, he would be pleased to talk to them about whether he could help.

Resolution: **Cllr Adams thanked Cllr Pollock for his report and the report was approved.**

(b) District Councillor Report from Cllr T. Penn and Cllr P. Grove.

Waste Changes

Letters concerning the changes were sent to all households in January. They stated whether the properties were considered suitable for individual black bins, communal bins or remaining on sacks. These have generated a considerable number of enquiries. Most are households requiring larger bins. To date, 650 requests have been accepted and these were received before the deadline, Wednesday 31st January. Homes who missed this date and who meet the criteria will have the opportunity to request a larger bin after 2nd April.

Extension of Mandatory Licensing

Subject to both Houses of Parliament approving the measures, mandatory licensing will be extended in April 2018. This will be for all HMOs occupied by more than five of more persons, in two or more separate households regardless of the number of storeys. There will also be mandatory conditions on room sizes used for sleeping, refuse disposal and storage facilities together with a licence discount for private providers of purpose-built student accommodation.

Visit www.gov.uk/government/consultations/houses-in-multiple-occupation-and-residential-property-licensing-reforms for more information.

7/02/18 Finance: -

- (a) Approval of the payment of Accounts- The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payment Schedule 12th February 2018

Payee	Description	TOTAL	Cheque
		£	Number
J Moore	Lengthsman Dec 17	£ 236.00	442
Carole Hirst	Clerk Salary Nov 17, Dec, January 18	£ 388.35	443
Carole Hirst	Clerk Expenses Nov, Dec Jan 18	£ 60.10	444
HMRC	Clerk Income Tax	£ 20.80	445
J Moore	Lengthsman Jan 2018	£ 118.00	446

TOTALS

£ 823.25

All payments were duly approved and authorised by Cllr Burgess Adams.

- (b) **Bank reconciliation as at 12th February 2018 – The Bank Reconciliation below was approved by the parish council and was reconciled to the Bank Statement.**

**2017/18 Reconciliation to 12th Feb
2018**

opening balances at 01/04/2017	£ 1,405.96
	£
add receipts	6,521.00
	£
less payments to date	5,562.52
Payments total	
<u>Reconciliation to statement</u>	£ 2,364.44
	£
Actual cash to bank	<u>2,364.44</u>

The bank reconciliation update was proposed by Cllr Adams and Seconded by Cllr Powell. Reconciliation approved.

- (c) April 1st 2018 Clerk Salary increased increment rise in line with JCC pay guidelines. Clerk salary to rise to spinal column point 20 and then annually on 1st April thereafter. This making an increase on 2017 rates creating a salary increase of £120.62 on basic hours of 14 hours per month (168 hours per year). Clerk has budgeted for this in the precept. This would take annual salary to £1,696.46. Hours increased from 3 hours per week to 3.5 hours per week when new website was set up to cater for extra work. A monthly sum of £3 has been charged of £3 to cover phone costs which remain the same for 2018/19. **Report proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Powell - unanimously approved.**

9/02/18 Planning Matters:

17/01673/FUL-Unit 3 Birchley Farm Court, Bockleton Rd, Oldwood – Conversion of redundant trad farm buildings to 4 open market dwellings – Consultation period now lapsed- for information

17/01661/LB Assoc. Reference(17/01648/HP)-Demolition of existing single storey and erect 2 storey extension- Comments submitted to planning – Recommend Approval with amendments

17/00526/HP Birchley Farm Court-Extension to existing buildings 2 new windows to front and rear. New porch, removal of exist chimney and garage. REFUSED

17/01903/FUL Pensons Farm, Stoke Bliss-Conversion of an agricultural barn complex into mixed commercial. – Consultation period lapsed- for information

14/00814/FUL Sallings Farm, Bockleton-Erection Of 4 broiler rearing buildings – WITHDRAWN

18/00033/OL Overhead power lines Bockleton-Update single phase to 3 phase line – Consultation period lapsed – for information

Report Proposed by Cllr B. Adams seconded by Cllr Powell – unanimously approved

10/02/18: Correspondence –

- a Malvern Hills D.C. Great British Spring Clean – Members noted for information but decided not to take up this scheme.
- b Damage to bridge on Bannals Lane. Reported to WCC Ref. No. 436152 – Members noted the concerns of the correspondent.

11/02/18: Items of business for future consideration –

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – *Action: Cllr Adams to obtain previous annual meeting records.*

Cllr Yarnold reported that there were a number of trees causing obstructions to the highways within the parish. *Action: Cllr Yarnold to obtain specific locations and facts to enable a decision to be taken on any remedial action that may be necessary.*

12/02/18: Date of next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday May 14th 2018 at 7pm at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm

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