

STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 18th May at 7.00pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs Lewis, Mr Whitehurst, Mr Callaghan and Mr Robinson.
In Attendance Ms Shields (Clerk), three parishioners, CSO A Fogwill, Bob Adams (County Cllr) and Paul Middleborough (District Cllr).

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Due to the sudden death of the Chairman Cllr Nick Lee, Cllr Whitehurst thanked everyone for coming and voiced the council's appreciation of the work that Cllr Lee had undertaken during his time on the council, especially that involving flooding. Cllr Lee had been a valued member of the council and would be greatly missed.

The floor was opened for questions. The main concern is the speeding through the village, the clerk was asked to report the following items to relevant bodies:- speeding through the village, new bus stop in wrong position in Claverton and the non stopping of a bus at Windmill Hill.

CSO A Fogwell reported 55 incidents and 6 crimes in the parish in the last 6 months, 2 being burglaries. Please do not hesitate to report any vehicle or people that may be suspicious and Smartwater is available for local neighbourhood watch.

1. To Elect A Chairman.

As no one came forward to be Chairman Cllr Whitehurst volunteered to chair the meeting.

2. To Elect A Vice Chairman.

No one elected.

3. Apologies

4. Declaration Of Interests.

5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 2nd March 2009.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

6. To Assess Risk Assessment And Insurance.

It was agreed there was no need for changes. Cllr Robinson voiced a concern regarding the culvert in Claverton, and the possible implications to the council. Cllr Whitehurst will investigate.

7. To Consider Any Amendments To The Financial Regulations And/Or Standing Orders.

It was agreed there was no need for changes

8. To Approve the Accounts for Year Ending March 2009.

See item 15.

9. To Appoint Representatives to The Following Working Parties.

- a) Village Hall Committee – Cllr's Lewis, Callaghan and Whitehurst.
- b) Footpath Officer – Mr Hartnell.
- c) Playing Field Officer – Cllr Whitehurst.
- d) Flood Warden – Cllr's Lewis and Robinson
- e) The News Letter – Cllr Lewis.
- f) Local Council Association (CALC) – Cllr Whitehurst.
- g) Planning Working Party – Cllr Lewis, Robinson, Callaghan and Whitehurst.
- h) Financial Officer – Cllr Callaghan.
- i) PACT – Cllr Robinson.
- j) Co Mingled Plant at Norton – Cllr Callaghan.

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10. Planning.

Consultation

W/09/00960/CU 2 Breach Cottage, Egdon Lane, WR7 4QW. Change of use to domestic to facilitate new driveway and erection of double garage. Approved.

W/09/00671/PP 1 Breach Cottage, Egdon Lane, WR7 4QW Two storey side extension and single story rear extension. Approved.

Refused by Wychavon

W/09/0017/CU Land off Windmill Lane Stoulton. Use of land to station mobile home

Approval Notice

w/03285/PN Stoulton Manor, Mucknell Lane, Stoulton, Worcester, WR7 4RB, Demolition of existing farmhouse and change of use to monastery.

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

Letter received from Mr A Courtney - Cllr Middleborough is having a meeting with Mr A Courtney regarding 'scarf' on the 19th May and will report to the council at the next meeting.

The council agreed not to donate to the 'Bobby Club'.

The council agreed to donate £100.00 to Wychavon CAB.

Cllr Robinson will attend the Wychavon Civic Service.

Clerk to contact Mr T Jones re flood Grant with Cllr Lewis details.

12. Invoices to Be Paid.

HMRC £61.80, New Farms Grounds Maintenance £137.43, TD Hemming £160.00, Lengthsman £320.00, Lengthsman £132.00, Allianz £603.60, N Power £35.16, ROSPA £72.45, Wychavon .25p, New Farms Grounds Maintenance £412.28 and W CALC £179.38.

13. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

b) Footpaths Officer.

c) Playing Field Officer/ ROSPA.

ROSPA report had been received; Clerk to order 5 Bags of bark for play area to be delivered to site.

d) Flood Warden.

Clerk to order 1 x bag of sand for bins to be delivered to Cllr Robinson.

e) Finance Officer.

f) Village Hall Management Committee.

g) County Councillor.

Cllr Adams expressed sadness at the loss of Cllr Lee.

The County is working with the Districts to advice people and businesses in the present economic climate and to promote Worcestershire as a tourist attraction.

The budgets were kept as low as possible with an increase 2.94%, 15 million is to go to road improvement and class 2 and 3 footways. 2 million is to be spent on flood mitigation.

Concern was expressed at the proposal of the West Midlands Spatial Strategy to build 25,000 more houses in Worcestershire, some of which will be by the M5 at Worcester, there would be a short fall of 150 million to build the associated infrastructure, ie roads, school shops etc.

Parkway Station is once again being muted.

The 40mph speed limit has been enforced a Woodbury Lane at the turning for the Co Mingled Plant.

The Cllr has grants available for youth and health related projects in the parish.

Cllr Adams thanked Cllr Middleborough for his diligence at Wychavon and for working with him on many issues.

Cllr Adams thanked the council and the clerk for their input during the year.

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h) District Councillor.

Wychavon had increased the precept by 2.5%, however the economic climate is effecting its revenue, car park charges have been capped for the next two years, interest on investments have decreased, 4% had been invested in Icelandic banks but 95% is expected to be returned, there will however be redundancies at Wychavon.

The introduction of wheelie bins has seen an increase in recycling from 24% to 47%.

The garage site at Stoulton goes to planning on the 25th June and if successful, two houses will be given to a Housing association.

Wychavon is suggesting that if the county has to build more homes then it would prefer smaller units in the villages rather than large conurbations.

Within the last year, sadly Stoulton has lost three Cllr's that have impacted on the parish, Cllr N Lee, Mr T Wilkes ex chairman and parish councillor for 30 years and long term District and County Cllr Mr J Smith. Cllr Middleborough praised Cllr Adams as he has a difficult job with 9 parishes consisting of 20 communities.

i) Co Mingled Plant at Norton.

j) Lengthsman.

Reported fly tipping at Hawbridge bus shelter, Clerk to notify Wychavon.

14. To Consider The Future Of The Village Hall.

The recent meeting had elected three new people to the committee; Cllr Callaghan had agreed to remain as Chairman for the time being.

15. To Approve Accounts For Year 2008-2009.

The accounts were approved and the Chairman signed the audit. The council agreed to pay £50.00 for the audit.

16. Update of Notice Board at Windmill Hill.

Clerk to apply for planning permission.

17. Items for Future Agenda.

Notice for co option of Cllr's at the next meeting, dependant on the response the future of the council will be discussed.

18. Date of Next Meeting.

July 6th.