

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st December, 2014

At Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Andrew Yarnold (Chair), Burgess Adams, Peter Basford, Adam Berry, Dave Clarke, Brian Farmer, Jessica Middleton, Terry Powell, Chris Rodgers

In attendance: County Cllr Ken Pollock, District Cllr Phil Grove, Louise Gibbs (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Oliver Turner, Jayne Williams. Cllrs Michael Bowdler and Charlie Rea were absent without apology.
2. **Declarations of interest:** there were none
3. **Reports from County and District Councillors:**

County Cllr Ken Pollock's report is appended, and other discussion points included; the Tesco project is still an unknown; broadband – 95% coverage is the aim by 2017; apprenticeships – Cllr Farmer asked if there was Government incentive for companies to run apprenticeship schemes. Cllr Pollock replied in the affirmative. Regarding the planning at Sallings Farm, Cllr Pollock said that Tenbury Town Council were told that there would be fewer truck movements, not more; websites – Cllr Pollock suggested that rather than build a website for the Parish Council, that the Clerk could update the P.C. pages on the County Council website, and take a look at the Clifton P.C. pages. Cllr Rodgers commented that only part of the pothole work had been completed in Bannals Lane and on Stoke Hill. Cllr Pollock suggested that 'bigger' jobs would be scheduled by Ringway. Cllr Berry mentioned the weight limit on Tenbury Bridge – it was confirmed that there would be a 7.5t limit whilst the Public Realm work is carried out in early 2015. Cllr Powell mentioned some Highways workmen he had seen and would send the details to Cllr Pollock.

District Cllr Grove reported:

MHDC strategic review included austerity measures but would protect front-line services.

The role of the Chief Executive has been diminishing and having successfully applied for a grant, the role will be shared with Wychavon District Council for an annual saving of £65k. The new incumbent is Jack Hegarty.

The recycling site move is still yet to happen.

West Mercia police have put out a call for more Special Constables.

The plan for Sallings Farm – Herefordshire and Worcestershire County Councils' Highways Depts have no objections to the plans. The planning meeting will not be until the beginning of January.

South Worcestershire Development Plan – the original 70 houses is now 150 and there will therefore be extra pressures on the local infrastructure.

Cllr Yarnold asked about the conversion of agricultural buildings to dwellings – is planning permission necessary? Cllr Grove couldn't answer, but will let the Clerk know.

Cllr Yarnold also asked about the spend per capita in Tenbury Wells vs the spend in Malvern. Cllr Grove will let the Clerk know.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting** on Monday 1st September, 2014 were agreed and signed.

5. **Matters arising therefrom:**

Cllr Middleton has a spinner for the road grit for Cllr Basford to use when needed.

6. **Planning matters:**

- a) 14/00814/FUL, Sallings Farm, Bockleton – the consultation process had been extended, following the publication of a further transport report. It was noted that it would be impossible to impose a one-way system for trucks in and out of the site.
- b) 89/554/LBC, Hall Farm, Stoke Bliss – removal of condition 4, 'not to be sold separately from Hall Farm'. Cllr Yarnold commented that the removal would have no effect on other properties or residents. Cllrs unanimously recommended approval.

7. **Finances:**

- a) Bank balance: at 31st October, 2014, the current bank account balance was £717.48
- b) Payments since the last meeting – lengthsman £118, £236. Payments for consideration – HMRC £55, the Clerk £225, the lengthsman, £118, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall £30 (hall hire for two meetings)
- c) Precept – the annual precept was discussed, in conjunction with the cash-flow forecast. The precept has been £2100 for the two previous years (2012/2013 and 2013/2014). Cllr Adams proposed an increase of £300, this was seconded by Cllr Powell and agreed by all. The Clerk would inform MHDC.

8. **Parish Plan update:** Cllr Rodgers reported a meeting that he and the Clerk had with Jennifer Fish of Activ Web Design from Burford regarding the building of a website for the Parish Council. The cost was £300 for a 3-page site, and £500 for a comprehensive brochure site. The Clerk looked at various funding and grant schemes but none were viable. Jennifer had not yet been able to produce a draft for Cllrs to look at. It was suggested that Cllr Rodgers talked to Kim Gallimore who had designed the website for the Village Hall (*subsequently – it is a Facebook page*).

9. **Clerk's update :** despite asking for a follow-up, there had been no update from MHDC Enforcement Officer regarding the site clear-up at The Fulhams. The Clerk will chase again.

10. **Correspondence** – there was none

11. **Any other business** – Cllr Middleton raised the matter of brown tourist signs to the churches in our villages. It was noted that in the conclusion of the Parish Plan, the majority of respondents preferred nothing to change, and that included not ‘advertising’ local attractions. Replacing stiles with kissing gates was also discussed. The overhanging trees at Bank Street, Stoke Bliss, need further cutting back. Wigley Bank need the tarmac laying completing – Cllr Pollock offered to pass on the message.

12. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 2nd March, 2015