

## Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014

at Bockleton Parish Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Andrew Yarnold (Chair), Peter Basford (Vice Chair), Burgess Adams, Adam Berry, Michael Bowdler, Brian Farmer, Jessica Middleton, Terry Powell, Charlie Rea, Chris Rodgers, Oliver Turner, Jayne Williams.

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

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr Phil Grove. Cllr Dave Clarke was absent without apology

2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

3. **Report from District Council:** In his absence, a report was circulated from Cllr Phil Grove – see appendix.

**Report from County Council:** Cllr Ken Pollock commented that although there was plenty of standing water in our three parishes, the area hadn't suffered as much as other regions in the recent flooding, apart from the resultant poor road surfaces.

- 850 pothole repairs had been carried out by Worcs CC in the last few weeks
- Tenbury Flood Committee had stated that it is almost impossible to protect the town without destroying its character. Better to protect individual properties.
- There is no word yet on a start date for the Tesco development.
- County bus services – the aim is to make savings of £100 million over the next 4 years, by reducing subsidies etc.
- Clare Marchant is the new Chief Executive of Worcs CC. She was previously the Deputy C.E.
- Cuts are also being made to the Fire Service. It is likely that Tenbury will lose one fire engine from June, but will maintain the same number of retained firefighters.
- Discussion followed about various road surface problems in the three parishes. It was resolved that the Clerk would collect a list of particular problems from Councillors and pass it on to Cllr Pollock.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013** – were agreed as a true record and were signed accordingly.

5. **Matters arising therefrom:** The Clerk had spoken to several potential new Councillors but none were interested in being recruited.

6. **Planning matters:**

- the Clerk commented that it's been difficult to measure if the new MHDC regime regarding new plans has improved as there have been no new plans in recent weeks.
- The Fulhams, Sutton. Notice had been served on Mr Mumford to restore the land to its former state. Neighbours had commented that although some clearing up had taken place, there appeared to still be plenty to do. Cllr Middleton reported

that she had visited the site to check but left after encountering Mr Mumford's hostile attitude.

**7. Projection equipment :** the Clerk had not been able to proceed with the purchase of the equipment as an invoice had been received from Gordon Macintosh for the repairs to the Sweet Green bus shelter and therefore there were not sufficient funds. The purchase will be deferred until the precept payment is received at the end of April. Storage of the equipment was discussed and it was resolved that it would be stored by the Chairman.

**8. Finances:**

- a) Bank balance as at the end of January : £692.29
- b) Payments since the last meeting: Lengthsman £236 and £118. Payments for consideration: Gordon Macintosh £163, Clerk £220, HMRC (PAYE) £55, Lengthsman £118. An invoice for £350 had been received from Cllr Clarke for printing the Parish Plans.
- c) The Clerk had processed a VAT reclaim and HMRC will be paying £131 shortly.

**9. Parish Plan update and actions:**

Cllr Clarke will be printing 20 more Plans to enable the completion of the deliveries. On looking at the actions in the Plan, it would appear that many relate to setting up a website for the Parish Council. It was suggested that it could be linked from the new site that Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall would set up as part of the requirement from the lottery funding. A committee is to meet soon and Cllr Yarnold will pass on the suggestion. Also noted was the quantity of roadside litter on the main road by Stoke Bliss and Kyre. The Clerk would report this to Worcs CC. It was noted that there were currently 26 children of school age in the parishes and there might therefore be sufficient interest in classes and activities at the Village Halls. The Clerk will approach Bockleton Parish Hall committee and Bockleton Study Centre, and Cllr Yarnold will raise the matter with Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall committee. The Clerk will set up a spreadsheet to monitor actions. All feedback from parishioners will be recorded as well. The Plan will be reprinted in 2 years' time.

**10. Winter Gritting :** Two bags of grit had been delivered to Cllr Basford but the Clerk had not yet received the invoice from Worcs CC. Cllr Middleton offered the use of a spreader.

**11. Clerk's Update:**

- Ordnance Survey licence – George Jarvis, Bockleton, would be taking over the licence as Bockleton Parish Hall would like to make use of it for a project.
- Crime figures had recently been circulated to Councillors.
- An update from George Jarvis had been circulated following a quarterly meeting with Airband.
- Updated electoral rolls had been received from MHDC. Cllr Middleton requested a copy.

**12. Correspondence:** there was none

**13. Any Other Business:**

- Cllr Yarnold suggested that mapping of all the drains and ditches on the by roads in the three parishes would help identify any problems. Could this be done digitally/ by GPS? It was suggested that this be completed within 2 years. The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman for his input. All ideas to be brought to the next meeting.
- Cllr Berry asked if it was too late to have hedges cut. It was thought that cutting hedges until April is fine.

- 14. Date of next meeting:** this will be the Annual Meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.  
It was decided that meetings will now be held at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Hall and Cllr Yarnold confirmed that the room hire will remain the same as the Bockleton Hall's charge of £15 for an evening.  
The Clerk will cancel all meetings already booked this year at Bockleton.

The meeting closed at 9pm