

Stoke Bliss, Ky re and Bockleton Group Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20th May, 2013 at 8pm

At Bockleton Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Burgess Adams, Peter Basford, Adam Berry, Michael Bowdler, Brian Farmer, Charlie Rea, Andrew Yarnold (Chair)

In attendance: PCSO Vanessa Snape, Mr George Jarvis (parishioner), Mrs Louise Gibbs (Clerk)

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Apologies: Cllrs Chris Rodgers (away), Jayne Williams (working), Jessica Middleton (family matters), Oliver Turner (away), Terry Powell (unwell). District Cllrs Phil Grove and Tony Penn (attending other meetings). Cllr David Clarke was absent without apology
2. Re-election of officers: Cllr Basford proposed that Cllr Yarnold be elected for the third year of his four-year term as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Farmer. Cllr Yarnold proposed that Cllr Basford continue as Vice-Chair, seconded by Cllr Adams
3. Minutes of the previous annual meeting on 11th June, 2012 were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.
4. Parish Charities: there had been no updates regarding the Dykes Charity. Cllr Adams stated that he was now a trustee of the Bockleton based Henry Morris charity which was set up for the benefit of the poor in the parish.
5. Annual accounts: The Clerk circulated the bank reconciliation spreadsheet that had been prepared for the annual audit. There being no queries, the Clerk was asked to submit the audit to Grant Thornton, the new auditors.

QUARTERLY MEETING

1. Apologies for absence: as above
2. Declarations of Interest: there were none
3. A report from District Councillors Tony Penn and Phil Grove was read out by the Clerk (attached here). A report from West Mercia Police was given by PCSO Vanessa Snape – In the three parishes, 87 reports had been made to the police, including 6 road traffic incidents, 2 of criminal damage and 5 of theft. Plans to close Tenbury Wells Police Station are going ahead, and thereafter, response officers will be based at a central station in Leominster. A police central desk base may be opened in Tenbury but the site has yet to be determined. PCSO Snape reminded Councillors that 101 is the telephone number to use to report crime, whilst 999 remains for emergencies only.
4. Minutes of the last meeting on 5th March were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

5. Matters arising therefrom: recyclable waste wheelie bins had been delivered in the parishes, but they were missing from Bannals Lane, Stoke Bliss, beyond Hursley Farm. Cllr Adams had already enquired, but The Clerk was also asked to follow this up. Cllr Yarnold said that he hadn't been able to repair the bus shelter yet but the tree had been planted at the end of Bank Street in Stoke Bliss. It was noted that there had been no further correspondence on the planning proposal at The Fulhams in Kyre since the last meeting.
6. Planning: 13/00316/FUL at Mill End, Kyre for Mr & Mrs Pound for the provision of a permanent mobile home to provide dependant relatives' accommodation. Cllrs Yarnold, Berry and Farmer had visited the site and recommended that the plans be approved.

The Clerk had also received copies of plans for Mr I Phillips at Bockleton Farm, Bockleton, for the construction of an agricultural building for the storage and drying of grain. They had been received late because MHDC had not updated the Clerk's change of address. It was agreed that there was no issue with the plans being approved.

7. Finances:
 - a. The bank balance as at 31st March was £1210.12
 - b. Payments since the previous meeting were for the Lengthsman (£118, £118, £236), CALC annual fee (£205.07), HMRC for PAYE (£55), Clerk's salary (£220). Payments for consideration were Parish Hall hire (£30), Lengthsman (£236)

Lloyds TSB bank in Tenbury Wells will be closing later in 2013. The matter of whether to remain with Lloyds at another branch, or to change to Barclays in Tenbury was discussed. It was resolved that the account stays with Lloyds TSB but is moved to the Leominster branch when appropriate.

8. Parish Plan update: there was still no sign of the final version of the plan from Cllr Clarke, although the Clerk had reminded him. Cllr Yarnold will ask again.
9. Clerk's update: Cllr Basford reported that the required photos of the grit storage facility have now been sent to Worcs CC. The Clerk will follow up and ensure everything is in place for next winter.

Drains had still been blocked in Bannals Lane, Stoke Bliss and the roadside was giving way in places. It was suggested that the Parish Council gets the necessary work done and send the invoice to Worcs CC. The Clerk will speak to Cllr Pollock about the next steps. A previous site meeting with Cllr Pollock and Gerry Brienza (County Council) had come to nothing. The Clerk will invite Mr Brienza to the next meeting in September.

The Clerk stated that the insurance policy would be due for renewal in September and that she would 'shop around' for alternatives to Allianz.

10. Correspondence:

A letter from County Cllr Ken Pollock had been received following his recent re-election. He again mentioned the Divisional Fund, whereby £10,000 p.a. can be 'donated' by each County Councillor to be used by various causes within his division.

A letter had been received by Jan Kelly of Stoke Bliss and Kyre Parish Hall, thanking the Parish Council for its recent donation of £100.

11. Any Other Business:

George Jarvis reported on the Airband broadband scheme which was making good progress. Lead time for orders is about 3-4 weeks. Uptake in Bockleton to date is 28 premises, and in

Kyre is 4. For a period of 3 months from 1st June, Airband are offering free installation on a 20mbps service.

Cllr Adams mentioned some spoil that had been laid on a public footpath on Romers Common, behind Mr & Mrs Thomas' property. The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to inspect it and report to Worcs CC as appropriate.

12. The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd September at 8pm at Bockleton Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm