

Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm

At Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Burgess Adams; Peter Basford; Jessica Middleton; Oliver Turner; Terry Powell; Chris Rodgers; Daniel Phillips; Brian Farmer; Andrew Yarnold; Charles Rea; Michael Bowdler.

In attendance: County Councillor Ken Pollock.

1. Apologies: Cllr Jane Williams; District Councillor Phillip Grove.

Absent: District Councillor Tony Penn.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. A report was given from County-

Worcestershire County Council passed the 2017/18 budget in February including the increase of 2.94%. A third of the increase will actually go on normal local services whilst the remainder will go on covering the increasing demands of the aging population.

A full business case for the New Carrington Bridge and causeway to Powick roundabout was submitted last month and it is hopeful of a positive response by the summer. The plan then is to start work in two years' time and have the bridge and dual carriageway open in the spring of 2021.

A £12 million programme of highway repairs is underway under the "Driving Home" banner including a couple of roads in Stoke Bliss. Also this week the link road between the Bromyard Road, the B4214 and the Rochford road, the B4204, passed Sutton Park, is closed for major resurfacing.

The £6 million work on pavements is also progressing, largely in urban estates. In addition, £5 million has been allocated for small congestion hot spots, where relatively minor works may be expected to have a large benefit on relieving congestion.

Tesco's have announced that their new store in Tenbury will open on April 27th 2017. This replaces earlier plans to open after strong representations were made from various organisations and individuals, including Cllr Pollock. Tesco have honoured their commitments to their many new employees and that they are working in other stores in the run up to the new opening date.

The new overflow car park in Palmer's Meadow should be completed in the near future, and this will help relieve the extreme parking problems in the town.

The steel beams for the new Eastham Bridge were installed last weekend, when the A443 was closed for the weekend. A huge crane was able to lift the two pairs of beams into position, as the wind had dropped sufficiently to make it safe. We are looking forward to the bridge being open to traffic around the end of next month. Local Members felt it may be appropriate to fix priority signs for traffic on the bridge.

No report from Malvern Hills District Council.

4. Minutes from the last meeting of the 3rd December were read and agreed by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Burgess Adams (Chair) as a true record.
5. No matters arising from the minutes.
6. Planning Matters:

Pensons Barns: nothing further to report.
Cllr Chris Rodgers to contact M.H.D.C. Planning.

Sallens Poultry Houses: Hopefully going forward for approval in April.

Hedgerows, Bockleton Rd, Bockleton approved.

7. Finance:

Bank Balance £1425.96 as of 26.1.17 (plus two payments owing from Worcestershire County Council £236 and £118.00)

Invoices to Pay:

Mr Jeremy Moore £118.00 dated 03/03/17
Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall £20 dated 06/03/17

Payments Made:

Village Hall £15.00;
Jeremy Moore £236.00;
Jeremy Moore £118.00;
Herefordshire and Worcestershire First Responders £500;
(Jeremy Moore's payment has been reclaimed from Worcestershire County Council).

8. Defibrillator Project:

Defibrillator received for Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall. It is the "Open Box" kind. No phone required. Sue Watkins to be notified when fitted. Still no code received for Bockleton Village Hall.

Cllr Jessica Middleton has requested that the defibrillator be fitted by 2nd Thursday in April.

Cllr's have asked for more information about spares for the defibrillators and it was suggested that spares be kept in stock.

9. Parish Clerk Post.

Carole Hirst has been appointed as Park Clerk from March 6th 2017 meeting. Cllr Adams has supplied Carole with a Job Description and is in discussions re the local government pension scheme. Cllr Adams has agreed mileage expenses of 45p per mile (HMRC Rate) + any out of pocket expenses for phone, stationery etc.

10. Correspondence:

Western Power have written to the Council to outline their services.

Malvern Hills District Council have written to the Council notifying them of service improvement changes to their planning procedures, Parish and Town Councils will now receive an email notifying them of any planning applications received in their area. Examples were sent).

Malvern Hills District Council also wrote to confirm that decision notice procedures will remain unchanged and the Parish Council will still receive a copy of the decision notice.

Planning Application 15/01472 Animal Rescue Centre, Stoke Bliss – Planning Permission was refused. Cllr Chris Rodgers reported that planning reference 15/01472 has now been passed through to Malvern Hills District Council's Planning Enforcement Officer to deal with as the applicant has a caravan etc still on the site without permission. The Planning Enforcement Officer is obtaining a court order to get these removed from the site.

11. Any Other Business.

Cllr Burgess reported that under the pension regulations the Parish Council have until 1/5/2017 to reply to the Worcestershire County Council pension scheme.

Telephone Boxes – M.H.D.C. are requesting that Parish Council adopts their local Telephone Boxes. Hyde Lane would like to adopt their Phone Box. Cllr Peter Clifton voiced concerns regarding adopting Phone Boxes as the Parish Council would need to take out Public Liability Insurance and any future maintenance.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 5th June at 7.30pm. (A.G.M.)

JBA Adams 5-6-17.