

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held at St Michael's and All Angels Church, Stoke Prior on the 5th July 2021.

Present: Councillors John Ellis (Vice Chairman)(In the Chair), Sue Abel, Alan Bayliss, Diane Brown, Liz Eden, Jill Howe, Jean Jackson, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson, Liz Miller and Paul Pittaway.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

097/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Williams, Cty/Cllr Kyle Daisley, D/Cllr Harrison Rone-Clarke and Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman).

098/21 Declarations of Interest

Sue Abel, John Ellis and Jill Howe declared a personal interest in Agenda item 13.

099/21 Requests for Dispensation

None.

100/21 Planning & Enforcement Issues – Question & Answer Session with Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning, Regeneration & Leisure Services, Bromsgrove District Council

This item was deferred to the Parish Council's September 2021 meeting.

101/21 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time

- 1) Members of the Public**
- 2) County Councillor Kyle Daisley**
- 3) District Councillors Malcolm Glass and Harrison Rone-Clarke**

There were no members of the public who wished to make any comments. There were no Councillors present at the meeting.

102/21 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 June 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

103/21 Planning Applications

- 1) 21/00350/FUL – Springfield Cottage, Woodgate Road, Stoke Prior – Front porch, two storey side/rear extension, single storey rear extension**

After a brief discussion, the Parish Council agreed to fully supported this application.

- 2) 21/00909/FUL – 8 Granary Road, Bromsgrove – Single storey side and rear extension and conversion of garage.**

The Parish Council supported this application as a good extension to a family home.

104/21 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting

None.

105/21 Finance

- (1) Invoices for Payment for June 2021**

The payments totalling £6,569.45 were unanimously agreed as follows:-

	Cost £	Payment Method
Direct Debits		
Cartridge World – Copier Rental	23.79	-
Sub total	23.79	-
Payments made since the last Parish Council Meeting		
Peter Williams	700.00	Via online banking
Clerk's net salary for June 2021	XXXX	Via online banking
Assistant Clerk's net salary for June 2021	XXXX	Via online banking
Sub total	2125.96	
Cheques/Payments authorised at the Parish Council Meeting		
HM Revenue & Customs – Tax on Clerks' salary plus NI & Asst Clerk's salary for June 2021	454.89	Cheque No.1183
Clerk's Expenses and other Parish Council Expenditure for June 2021	208.53	Via online banking
PCC Stoke Prior, Wychbold & Upton Warren	10.00	Via online banking
Bromsgrove District Housing Trust	10.00	Via online banking
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	440.08	Via online banking
Bromsgrove Printing Co	520.00	Via online banking
Earth Anchors Ltd	878.40	Via online banking
IDG Garden Services	720.00	Via online banking
Chris Cooke	1177.80	Via online banking
Sub Total	4419.70	-
Total Value of Payments for June 2021	6569.45	-

(2) Financial Management Statement for June 2021

This was noted.

106/21 Grant Applications by the Parish Council

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an application under the District Council's Community Grant Scheme for £5,000 towards the cost of essential works at the Stoke Heath Recreation Area. He was now looking at the possibility of submitting a grant application under the National Lottery Community Fund for the renovation of Shaw Lane Recreation Area which was in need of improvement.

Sue Abel asked what was happening with the S106 monies towards the cost of refurbishing the Shaw Lane site from the development of the Stoke Works Pumping Station site. She understood

that a number of plots had already been sold. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

107/21 Film Night 4 September 2021/Salt Fest 3-5 September 2021

With regard to the Film Night, the Chairman confirmed that the original version of Top Gun had been booked. Volunteers would be needed to help on the evening. It was still proposed to look at the possibility of having an ice cream van and a fish and chip van on site.

With regard to Salt Fest, the Clerk stated that he had been trying to get in touch with the organisers but so far had had no response. He would contact all Councillors as soon as he had more details.

108/21 Front Gardens Competition 2021

It was agreed to hold a Front Gardens Competition for 2021 with a prize of £30 for each winning garden. Alyson Jewson and Jean Jackson agreed to judge the gardens in Stoke Heath and Howe and Liz Miller agreed to do likewise for Stoke Prior.

109/21 St Michaels & All Angels – Interpretation Plan – Request for Financial Support

Jill Howe and Sue Abel explained that a requirement of the National Lottery funding that the Church had received for the renovation work was to produce an Interpretation Plan for the benefit of the whole parish. The intention of the plan was to involve all members of the parish whether they are individuals or groups in the history and environment of the area.

After a general discussion during which a number of issues were highlighted, it was agreed that a specific bid including the amount of funding requested should be submitted to the Council's September 2021 meeting. The Clerk reported the following:-

110/21 Correspondence

Although there were no items of correspondence to report, the Clerk informed Councillors that, under the requirements of GDPR, it would be necessary to set up individual email addresses for all councillors as well as the Clerk and Assistant Clerk. The Assistant Clerk was in the process of organising this and would be contacting Councillors in due course.

The Clerk also mentioned proposals were being brought forward to build up to 200 homes on the Chateau Impney site which may have an impact of the John Corbett Way which passes away through the site.

111/21 Councillors Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

Alyson Jewson and Paul Pittaway reported on the first meeting with a supplier regarding the installation of CCTV at Stoke Heath Recreation Area. The clerk added that the quote received had been for the installation of a pole and dummy camera. A discussion then ensued on the various options for CCTV at this site. It was agreed to await further quotes before any decision was made on the way forward.

Jill Howe asked what was happening regarding the murals in the 2 bus shelters. The Clerk replied that this was being dealt with by Peter Williams and he would check the position. The Clerk added that there appeared to be some dispute as to owned the bus shelter in Shaw Lane (close to the old police house) and he was checking the position.

Liz Miller reported that the walking basketball sessions at Ryefields Road Recreation Area were going well and it was proposed to also include wheelchair basketball. She did request that the Council look at providing more benches at the site. The Clerk agreed to look into this.

Liz Miller pointed out that the footpath along the Hanbury Road between the Ewe & Lamb and Shaw Lane was becoming dangerous and needed clearing to allow safe walking.

Alan Bayliss queried whether using the church for meetings was preventing people of other faiths from attending meetings. It was pointed out that the church was only a temporary venue as no other suitable venues were available as a result of the Covid restrictions.

Alan Bayliss questioned how the allowance given to the Chairman was used.

Sue Abel reported that the gullies in Foley Gardens were blocked again. The Clerk agreed to report the problem to highways.

Sue Abel thanked Chris Jewson and John Ellis for reproducing the John Corbett Way leaflet which had now been widely circulated.

112/21 Dates of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 6 September 2021 commencing at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman