

## **STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

**Present:** Councillors Alyson Jewson (In the Chair), Sue Abel, Alan Bayliss, Diane Brown, Liz Eden, Liz Miller and Paul Pittaway.

**In attendance:** Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman) and 2 members of the public.

### **047/22 Election of Chair for the Meeting**

It was unanimously agreed that Alyson Jewson should chair the meeting.

### **048/22 Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Ellis, Jill Howe, Jean Jackson, Chris Jewson and Peter Williams.

### **049/22 Declarations of Interest**

### **050/22 Requests for Dispensation**

None.

### **051/22 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time**

#### **1) Members of the Public**

No issues raised by members of the public.

#### **2) County Councillor Kyle Daisley**

#### **3) District Councillors Malcolm Glass and Harrison Rone-Clarke**

There were no County or District Councillors present.

### **052/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 March 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **053/22 Planning Applications**

**1) 22/00261/ADV – 18 Buntsford Drive, Bromsgrove – Replacement Fascia Signage, Aluminium Composite Back Panels, 3 External Totem Signs, 1 Replacement Pylon Sign**

The Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.

**2) 22/00291/FUL – 71 Avoncroft Road, Bromsgrove – First floor side extension and single storey side and rear extensions following partial demolition of conservatory**

**3) 22/00144/FUL – 237 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove – First floor extension to front with loft conversion including complete new roof with higher ridge height**

The Parish Council supported both of these applications.

#### 4) 22/00226/FUL – Land off Ryefields Road, Stoke Prior – Construction of 3 two bedroom affordable houses together with associated external works, car parking and landscaping

The Parish Council fully supported the need for more affordable housing in the parish but did have reservations about the suitability of the site for three houses with sufficient car parking and landscaping. They were also concerned about the suitability of the narrow access on and off Ryefields Road particularly with regard to the safety of both pedestrians and other road users.

#### 054/22 Proposed Prohibition of Waiting At Any Time and Restriction of Waiting – Ryefields Road, Prior Avenue and Cloverdale, Stoke Prior

The Parish Council discussed the proposals in detail and it was agreed that the following comments should be reported back to Worcestershire County Council:-

- The Parish Council fully supported the introduction of the proposed prohibition of waiting at any time on the corners of Ryefields Road/Prior Avenue/Cloverdale.
- The location of the bus cage on the plan was not in line with the actual location of the new bus shelter thus leaving a gap between the cage and the start of the proposed prohibition of waiting at any time area.
- There was a danger that the proposed No Waiting Area between 7am and 9pm would create a potential opportunity for speeding. Parked vehicles had the effect of slowing down traffic.
- Rather than the proposed No Waiting Area, the Parish Council suggested that parking boxes be introduced in between the access points for properties along that stretch of Ryefields Road.
- The proposal to extend the No Waiting Area to 9pm each day due to the lack that a mobile food outlet being licensed did not seem logical due to the fact that the outlet was only on site one day each week.
- There was a concern that if all the proposed changes were introduced it would have a negative impact on the local shops on Ryefields Road.

#### 055/22 Finance

##### (1) Invoices for Payment for March 2022

The payments totalling £5,304.95 were unanimously agreed as follows:-

	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Method</b>
<b>Direct Debits Payment</b>		
<i>Cartridge World – Copier Rental</i>	23.79	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23.79</b>	-
<b>Payments made since the last Parish Council Meeting</b>		
Chris Cooke	60.00	Online
Savills Ltd	1,346.00	S/O
Clerk's net salary for March 2022	XXXX	Online
Assistant Clerk's net salary for March 2022	XXXX	Online
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,133.85</b>	-

<b>Cheques/Payments to be authorised at the Parish Council Meeting</b>		
Clerk's Expenses & other Parish Council Expenditure for March 2022	144.74	Online
HM Revenue & Customs – Tax/Ni on Clerks & Asst Clerks salary – March 2022	571.07	Cheque No.1194
Seiretto	178.80	Online
BDHT	10.00	Online
IDG Garden Services	691.00	Online
Chris Cooke	551.70	Online
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,147.31</b>	-
<b>Total Value of Payments for March 2022</b>	<b>5,304.95</b>	-

## **(2) Financial Management Statement for March 2022**

The Parish Council noted the report.

### **056/22 Correspondence**

None.

### **057/22 Councillors Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings**

Chris Cooke raised the following items:-

- The number of old tyres being dumped was a growing problem. He added that a system of 'tyre tagging' had been introduced with garages being given a kit to mark tyres for disposal using an invisible but traceable liquid which would allow authorities to trace where the offending tyres had come from.
- Some of the new trees at Ryefields Road Recreation Area had been damaged but the problems had been sorted out.
- The see-saw at Stoke Heath Recreation Area had been broken and taken away for repair.
- Three local businesses had been spoken to about the need to ensure that when waste left their site it was properly secured.
- Westonhall Road would be closed in early May for half a day for surface dressing.
- He had met with an officer from the County Council regarding the issues affecting Needle Mill Lane which had been raised at an earlier meeting. He had also spoken to the same officer regarding the problems with the bridle path from the Ewe and Lamb to Shaw Lane and the officer had agreed to put the necessary repair work out to tender.
- He confirmed that the basketball court at Stoke Heath Recreation Area had been measured out and it would be properly marked out as soon as the weather permitted.
- Dodderhill Parish Council had submitted a planning application for a skate park on their play area. He suggested that it might be in the Parish Council's interest to support that application rather than to go ahead with a similar project themselves. Possible item for the next Parish Council meeting although it was noted that the project had been led by Cllr Kyle Daisley.
- He was concerned about the messages which were appearing on social media encouraging people to pick the flowers which had been planted across the parish. It was suggested that a message be included in the next newsletter discouraging this practice.

Liz Miller asked what had been the decision regarding purchasing commemorative mugs for

the pupils at Stoke Prior First School. The Clerk confirmed that the overall view of Councillors did not support the idea as it was felt that children in Stoke Heath should have been included which would have made the idea too expensive.

Liz Miller thanked Alyson Jewson and Chris Cooke for organising the tree planting at Ryefields Road Recreation Area.

Liz Eden asked what had happened with the identity cards for Councillors. The Clerk admitted that it had slipped his mind but he would get it sorted.

Diane Brown expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians using Buntsford Hill which currently was very narrow and did not have a footpath. The Clerk pointed out that this was a highways matter and suggested that, in the first instance, it should be referred to Cty/Cllr Kyle Daisley.

### **058/22 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting which be held on Wednesday 11 May 2022 commencing at 7.00pm at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman