

## **STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 5th December 2022.**

**Present:** Councillors Alyson Jewson (In the Chair) Sue Abel, Diane Brown, Malcolm Gulliver, Jill Howe, Jean Jackson, Chris Jewson, Liz Miller and Paul Pittaway.

**In attendance:** Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) and Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman).

### **167/22 Election of Chairman for the Meeting**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that Alyson Jewson should chair the meeting.

### **168/22 Apologies**

Apologies were received from John Ellis and Peter Williams.

### **169/22 Declarations of Interest**

### **170/22 Requests for Dispensation**

None.

### **171/22 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time**

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

There were no members of the public present.

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

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

There were no County or District Councillors present.

### **172/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7 November 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 November 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **173/22 Planning Applications**

#### **1) 22/01454 - 6 Jubilee Terrace, Shaw Lane, Stoke Heath - First floor side extension**

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

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the planning appeal in respect of the proposed 90 static park homes at the Corbett Business Parks would be heard on Tuesday 20 December 2022 at Redditch Town Hall. Peter Williams had indicated that he might be able to attend but it was agreed that it was important for the Parish Council to be represented at the appeal.

Questions were also raised about further developments at the former Sugarbrook Nurseries site. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the District Council's Planning Officers.

### **174/22 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting**

None.

## 175/22 Finance

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

The payments totalling £7,855.23 were unanimously agreed as follows:-

	Cost £	Method
<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>		
Post Office	8.25	Online
Clerk's net salary for October 2022	XXXX	Online
Assistant Clerk's net salary for October 2022	XXXX	Online
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1406.65</b>	-
<b>Cheques/Payments to be authorised at the Parish Council Meeting</b>		
Clerk's Expenses & other Parish Council Expenditure for October 2022	144	Online
HM Revenue & Customs – Tax/NI on Clerks & Asst Clerks salary – October 2022	461.72	Chq No.1206
British Legion	100	Chq No. 1207
C. Jewson	29.59	Online
Worcestershire County Council	542.82	Online
Worcestershire County Council	1377.86	Online
IDG Garden Services	3297.50.	Online
Chris Cooke	471.30.	Online
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6424.79</b>	-
<b>Total Value of Payments for October 2022</b>	<b>7855.23</b>	-

### (2) Financial Management Statement for November 2022

The Parish Council noted the report.

### (3) Mid Year Budget Report for 2022/23

The Parish Council noted the report.

## 176/22 Film Night 2023

It was unanimously agreed that the next Film Night should be held on Saturday 2 September 2023. Details of the film to be shown to be agreed at a later date.

## 177/22 Parish Council Elections

The briefing paper prepared by the Clerk was noted.

## 178/22 Waste/Dog Bin in Moorgate Road

After discussion, it was agreed not to install a waste/dog bin in Moorgate Road, Stoke Prior.

## 179/22 Parish Lengthsman's Report

Chris Cooke reported the following issues:-

- There were still a number of highways issues outstanding and he was also awaiting progress on the possible installation of HGV signage.
- He had been asked by Meadow Park Football Club to provide some temporary signs for

pedestrian safety on match days. He was not happy about doing so as any liability would fall back on the person providing the signage. He had referred the matter to County Highways to resolve.

### **180/22 Correspondence**

None.

### **181/22 Councillors Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings**

Jill Howe asked what was the position regarding the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk replied that the main problem in producing further Newsletters was the lack of content available. He added that a better option would be to include a monthly update in the Community Link magazine. After further discussion it was agreed that Sue Abel would talk to the team looking after the Link magazine to see if there was any possibility of combining the 2 publications.

Christmas Lights Competition - it was agreed that Alyson Jewson and Jean Jackson would judge Stoke Heath and Jill Howe and Liz Miller would do Stoke Prior.

### **182/22 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 9 January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.