

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 4th July 2022.

Present: Councillors Peter Williams (Chair), Sue Abel, Diane Brown, Liz Eden, Jill Howe, Jean Jackson, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson and Liz Miller.

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

088/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from John Ellis and Paul Pittaway.

The Chair then informed the meeting that Alan Bayliss had resigned as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect.

089/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8(1).

090/22 Requests for Dispensation

None.

091/22 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.

092/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6 June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 June 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

093/22 Planning Applications

1) 22/00780/FUL – 18 Buntsford Drive, Bromsgrove – Painting of part of existing cladding and shopfront glazing to existing Nissan showroom building

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

094/22 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting

None.

095/22 Finance

(1) Invoices for Payment for June 2022

The payments totalling £9,569.92 were unanimously agreed as follows:-

	Cost £	Method
Direct Debits Payment		
<i>Cartridge World – Copier Rental</i>	23.79	-
Sub total	23.79	-
Payments made since the last Parish Council Meeting		
Peter Williams	233.76	Online
Chris Cooke	5,851.20	Online
Clerk's net salary for June 2022	1219.27	Online
Assistant Clerk's net salary for June 2022	241.47	Online
Sub total	7,545.70	-
Cheques/Payments to be authorised at the Parish Council Meeting		
Clerk's Expenses & other Parish Council Expenditure for June 2022	146.19	Online
HM Revenue & Customs – Tax/Nl on Clerks & Asst Clerks salary – June 2022	475.52	Cheque No.1201
IDG Garden Services	761.00	Online
Chris Cooke	577.72	Online
M Baker	40.00	Online
Sub Total	2,000.43	-
Total Value of Payments for June 2022	9,569.92	-

(2) Financial Management Statement for June 2022

The Parish Council noted the report.

096/21 Adoption of New Code of Conduct

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct.

097/22 Inspection of Play Areas and Outdoor Gym

The Clerk presented the report following which the Chair gave an update on the work done to date and still to be carried out. Most of the required work was of low risk but some more major work was required at Stoke Heath Recreation Area.

With regard to the Outdoor Gym at Stoke Heath Recreation Area, the Clerk reported that the cost of maintenance for all the equipment would be £596.36 plus VAT. The Parish Council agreed that the maintenance should be carried out and asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

098/22 Film Night - 3 September 2022

The Chair confirmed that the flyers and banners were being produced and would be available shortly. Sue Abel and Alyson Jewson agreed to help with the distribution of the flyers. He confirmed that the film this year would be No Time To Die.

He added that tea/coffee, food and ice cream would be available on the evening.

099/22 Parish Lengthsman's Report

Chris Cooke raised the following items:-

- 1) Hannah Davies, the Highways Liaison Officer had left and had been replaced by Keiron Waldron. As a result it would be necessary to revisit all the areas which had been highlighted with the previous Officer.
- 2) The new lines on the basketball courts were still to be done.
- 3) He pointed out that Dodderhill Parish Council had appointed a Projects Officer who had been able to identify significant amounts of funding to help schemes in the parish. The Clerk agreed to contact the Parish Council to see if they would be willing to share some of their funding information.

100/22 Correspondence

The Chair reported that he had received a complaint from a resident of Harrow Close, Stoke Heath as the District Council had turned a grass play area into a bee sanctuary thus preventing it being used by local children. The Clerk reported that he would be meeting with an officer from the District Council the following day to discuss the handover of the Heath Close Play Area and he would also raise this issue with him.

101/22 Councillors Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

The Chair stated that he wanted to resurrect the proposal to install CCTV at Stoke Heath Recreation Area. The proposal he had in mind was to install a camera on one of the lamp post on the school drive and for the wifi unit to be housed at the nearby Cricket Club. Negotiations were ongoing to get the project completed.

The Chair questioned the current position regarding the installation of the boom across the River Salwarpe to catch litter etc. After discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the project and Chris Jewson was asked to check whether the price remained the same as the original quote.

Liz Eden suggested that the Parish Council could look at producing a programme for the Carol in the Park in conjunction with Stoke Prior First School. The schoolchildren could do the artwork and the best designs could be included in the programme.

The Chair reported that he recently had a meeting with the Headmaster of the school during which he had agreed that the school could use Ryefields Road Recreation Area for parking when they had a big event taking place such as Sports Day. The Clerk agreed to check on the insurance position.

Sue Abel asked if the Parish Council had commented on a recent application by a company operating out of Little Intall Fields Farm for a HGV licence. The Parish Council were not aware of it but the Clerk would look into it.

102/22 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 1 August 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman