

STONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th September 2013 at the Parish Room, Stone

Present: Cllrs. J Arbuthnott (Chairman) Mrs. D Bird, J Jordan
R Hobson, Mrs J Siviter, G Higgs and R Wignall.

In attendance: Ms S P Bamford (Clerk)
Dist. Cllr. S Williams

1. Apologies:

Cllr. Mrs E Hyde was not in attendance. No reason for absence was given.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Progress Reports:

(a) Police Report

There was no Police presence at this meeting. Reports have been circulated.

(b) Lengthsman's Scheme

Heath Lane – side out footway

A448 and Butts Lane – pull ragwort from verges.

A448 Stone to Kidderminster – sideout footway

Podmore Lane – clear 28 grips

Stanklyn Lane – pull ragwort from verges

Heath Lane – clear 16 gully tops

Witch Lane – clear 5 grips and 8 gully tops

Back Lane – clear 8 grips, clean 3 signs

Shenstone Village Lane - clear 10 grips, cleans 2 signs.

Podmore Lane – clear 17 grips, straighten 4 bollards, clear 2 inlets.

(c) Public Footpaths Report

No report.

5. Items requiring decisions

a. **Churchyard Grant**

This Grant is to be phased out, and will cease completely in 2015-2016. A request has been received from St. Mary's Church for the Parish Council to continue supporting the maintenance of the grounds. Clarification is to be sought on the situation.

- b. **Representative for Community Housing Association**
Following Cllr. Gough's resignation the vacancy was discussed.
RESOLVED Cllr. J Arbuthnott was appointed. Cllr. G Higgs was appointed as deputy.
- c. **Hydroline Parking**
The complaint about lorry parking was discussed.
AGREED Dist.Cllr. S. Williams to investigate.

6. Items for Information:

- a. **Bend Activated Sign**
This has been installed. Unfortunately the batteries are only lasting for two days. An investigation is to be carried out and a remedy sought.
- b. **Vehicle Activated Sign Report**
Negotiations are in hand as to where this will be situated throughout the Parish.
- c. **Resignation of Cllr. Malcolm Gough**
Notices advertising the vacancy have been placed on all Parish noticeboards.
- d. **Winter Meetings**
Arrangements have been made for winter meetings to be held at Stone Manor Hotel.

7. District and County Council Matters and CALC
A report was given by Dist.Cllr. S. Williams.

8. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts

(a) Bank Balance	£4,918.67
(b) Accounts for Payment	
RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:-	
Grant Thornton	150.00
S P Bamford – Salary July	300.78
HMRC	9.80
W Waldron – July	218.75
S P Bamford – Salary August	312.42
HMRC	12.40
Worcs. CALC – Charles Baker Edition	63.75
Total cheques:	£ 1,067.12

- (c) **Audit of Accounts**
The External Auditors have completed the audit of the 2012/2013 accounts and given an unqualified opinion.
9. **Road Accident Report** – No accidents were reported.
10. **Planning and Development Control:**
- a. **To note decisions on applications previously considered - *None***
 - b. **To consider any new applications received by the date of meeting:**
None
 - c. **Applications previously considered:**
13/0373/FULL – Paddocks at Cursley Lane, Kidderminster – Change of use to the keeping of horses and construction of stables and tack room – *No objections.*

13/0412/FULL - Erection of cart shed at Well House, Shenstone – *No objections.*
 - d. **Compliance or enforcement issues: *None***
11. **Clerk’s Report** – No report
12. **Councillors Reports and Items for future agendas.**
- (i) Wheelie bins left untidily after emptying by council
 - (ii) Speed checks on Stanklyn Lane requested.
 - (iii) Poor internet reception.
13. **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7.30 pm at Stone Manor Hotel
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed.....

Chairman
12th November 2013