

## STONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Stone Parish Council Meeting held in Stone the Garden Room Stone Manor Hotel on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Jordan (Chairman), Mrs P Hill, Mrs P Hart, Mrs D Bird, Mr R Wignall & Mr G Higgs

**In attendance:** Mr S Clee Clerk, District Cllrs Williams, Hart & Mr William Waldron Lengthsman together with, Mr & Mrs John Lewer, Ms Julie Moseley Downton, Mrs Chris Oakley, Mr David Law, Mr Richard Felton, Mr & Mrs Tony Smith, Mr & Mrs Dean Lacey, Mr Mike Brettle Mr James Welford, Mr & Mrs Graham Derby.

**Apologies:** Mr R Hobson & Cllr Hardiman

### **072 Confirmation of the Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **066 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;**

a) None declared. b) There were none.

### **073 Public Speakers:**

At 7.38pm the Chairman opened the public session asking members of the public to understand that Stone Parish Council was consultees in the Local Plans Review process being carried out by Wyre Forest District Council. He stated that a series of options were being proposed and that the WFDC has written to seek the Stone Parish Council views on Option A or B.

The Chairman invited comments from members of the Parish but stressed the Parish Council would not be able to answer the detailed questions as these needed to be addressed by Wyre Forest District Council.

A range of concerns from members of the public followed from:

- How can you build on Green Belt
- Is the land at the rear of Spennells Green Belt or Green Fields
- The lack of information about Education provision
- Urban Sprawl when will it stop
- Are the population growth figures correct
- Concern at the state of Kidderminster Town Centre
- Any discussions about Potential Planning Gain with developers
- Is Captains Pool protected
- The proposed Relief Road will it happen
- Lack of local Hospital provision
- Will the development be Social Housing
- Will one option be ruled out dependant on the number of objections to the other

At 20.10pm the Chairman thanked members of the public for presenting all their questions and assured the Public they will be passed on to Wyre Forest District Council for their considerations in this process.

### **074 County & District Councillor's Report**

Councillor Hart gave a detailed report ranging from District Matters to County matters. Regarding the Local Plan Review he stated the District Council were in Listening Mode and would consider all points raised in the consultation process before making a final decision.

## **075 Planning Applications**

The Council considered Planning Application No 17/0408/Tree and RESOLVED to support this application provided a mature replacement tree was planted in its place.

## **076 Wyre Forest District Council - Local Plan Review Consultation**

Following the representations made earlier in the meeting the Council considered the consultation options and RESOLVED unanimously to support Option B. Council wished to make the point that they believed King Charles High School on Chester Road should be closed and the site developed for Housing moving the High School down onto the site adjoining the King Charles Lower School at Borrington Road thus having one large combined Education Establishment.

## **077 West Mercia Police – Fire Authority Consultation**

The Council considered the Police Commissioners Consultation Paper very carefully. It was felt by members that the dedicated Fire Service we have now is the best on offer and Council RESOLVED to support a proposal to leaving the Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Authority and West Mercia Police Authority alone. Council did not want to see operational matters being transferred into the hands of the Police Commissioner. Stone Parish Council supports our dedicated Fire & Rescue Service and the separation it currently has between the West Mercia Police Force.

## **076 Accounts for Payment**

- a) It was noted the Bank Balance currently stands at £9,873.65.
- b) Accounts amounting to £445.24 made retrospectively were approved.
- c) The Council noted the Income & Expenditure Spreadsheets circulated with the agenda.

## **077 Date of the next Meeting**

There being no other business the meeting ended at 21.25m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....5<sup>th</sup> September 2017