

STONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Stone Parish Council Meeting held in Stone Parish Rooms on **Tuesday 5th September 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 Cllr Williams, Mrs Hilary Baxter, CSO Becky Rushton & Mr William Waldron Lengthsman.

Apologies: Mr R Hobson & Cllrs Hardiman & Hart.

078 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th July 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

079 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.

080 Public Speakers:

There was no member of the public present who wished to address council. CSO Becky Rushton gave a report of recent events around the parish. It was noted 5 crimes had been reported in the past 6 weeks.

081 County & District Councillor's Report

It was noted Councillor Hart had sent a written report. Councillor Williams reported 86% of the districts investment in Icelandic Banks had been recovered. 2,000 responses had been received to the Local Plan Review Consultation. Cllr Williams stated he would give the Parish a grant of £200.00 towards the Flag Pole Project.

082 Planning Applications

The Council considered Planning Application No 17/0523 for the replacement of the Orangery at Manor View Church Lane. It was RESOLVED to support this application.

083 Progress Reports

The Clerk reported on several matters currently being progressed;

- The Parish Flag Pole had been installed and thanks were expressed to Wilden Garden Services & Bill Waldron for assisting in the work.
- War Memorial – quotations being sought for repairs.
- Notice Boards – several need repairing and a new one required for Kittiwake Drive. A grant request to County Councillor Hart had been applied for.
- Gateways to the Parish – a quotation off Glasdon is being progressed.
- Transparency Fund – an application for funding had been applied for.

084 Worcester Road Traffic Issues

Cllr Wignall reported that there appear to be no changes to the traffic lights on the Worcester Road where they join the new Stourport Road Relief Road through the Silverwoods Site. Traffic was backing up as far as Hoo Brook Industrial estate now and Stanklyn Lane was being used more and more as a shortcut. Cllr Wignall reported the police had been really proactive recently due to the rat running through our parish.

It was stated County Councillor Nathan Desmond had requested the "hashed boxes" that have been installed around the Worcester Road Island to enable traffic to flow more easily together with a request for the Highways Department to reopen the twin track on the Worcester Road from the Island towards the traffic lights to help alleviate the traffic congestion.

085 Accounts for Payment

- a) It was noted the Bank Balance currently stands at £7,813.72.
- b) Accounts amounting to £2,203.79 made retrospectively were approved.
- c) The Council noted the Income & Expenditure Spreadsheets circulated with the agenda.
- d) It was noted our Annual Audit for 2016-17 off Messrs Grant Thornton was still outstanding.

086 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.30m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th November 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....7th November 2017