

STONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Stone Parish Council Meeting held in Stone Parish Rooms on **Tuesday 7th November 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.**

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk & District Cllr Williams.

Apologies: Mr R Hobson, Diane Bird & Cllr Hart.

087 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th September 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

088 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.

089 Public Speakers:

There was no member of the public present who wished to address council.

090 County & District Councillor's Report

It was noted Councillor Hart had sent a written report. Councillor Williams reported Green Street Depot creating new office accommodation to move the Hub from the Town Hall in Kidderminster into Green Street. The refurbishment would also provide 8 Industrial Units for renting. Several Members questioned the wisdom to this move as the Hub was will used in the centre of Kidderminster by people who did not have car access. A member questioned if the Green Street site was on a Bus route but Cllr Williams was unable to answer.

091 Planning Applications

The Council considered Planning Application No 17/0664 for the felling of a Cypress Tree at Willow Cottage. It was agreed to support the application provided a mature replacement was planted.

092 Correspondence & Progress Reports

The Clerk reported an appeal had been made from the owners of Sparum Farm in Stanklyn Lane.

093 Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2017

The Chairman reported he would be attending the Remembrance Service at St Marys Church on Sunday 12th November and be laying a poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council he encouraged other members to attend if available.

094 CALC AGM on 15th November 2017

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were unable to attend the CALC AGM on 15th November 2017. No members present were able to attend and apologies would be sent to CALC.

095 Finance Working Group

It was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Pauline Hill as Chairman of the Finance Working Group with Cllrs Jordan, Higgs and Pauline Hart members for recommending next year's precept for 2018/19.

096 Dates for 2018-19 Meetings

It was RESOLVED to hold the dates for next year's meetings as follows;

Tuesday 9 th January	7.00 pm	Parish Room, Stone
Tuesday 13 th March	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Meeting Followed by Council Meeting Parish Room, Stone
Wednesday 9 th May	7.30 pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Parish Room, Stone
Tuesday 10 th July	7.30 pm	Parish Room, Stone
Tuesday 11 th September	7.30 pm	Parish Room, Stone
Tuesday 13 th November	7.30 pm	Parish Room, Stone

097 Finances

- a) It was noted the Bank Balance currently stands at £17,720.98
- b) Accounts amounting to £1,761.42 made retrospectively were approved.
- c) The Council noted the Income & Expenditure Spreadsheets circulated with the agenda.
- d) The revised Asset Register presented by the Clerk dated 19th September 2017 was approved.
- e) It was noted our Annual Audit for 2016-17 off Messrs Grant Thornton had finally been received with an unqualified audit.

098 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.15pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th January 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. The earlier time being tested for the first time. The Chairman thanked everybody for their time and wished them a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Chairman.....9th January 2018