

STOKE LACY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN STOKE LACY VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JULY 2021 COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs Janet Ivison, Anne Reece, Bill Morgan, James Wilson.

In attendance: Cllr Jonathan Lester (Ward Councillor)
Mr John Thompson (Footpaths Officer)
Mr Paul Hayden (Clerk).

Public: Three

13/21 APOLOGIES

Cllr Helen Bufton sent her apologies and explained that she has decided to resign as a member of Stoke Lacy Parish Council.

14/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & WRITTEN DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None declared or requested.

15/21 PUBLIC SESSION

15.1/21 Cllr Lester presented his report. Key points included:

- Herefordshire Council held its AGM in May.
- New Chief Executive appointed - Mr Paul walker. Hugely experienced.
- Government issued Childrens' Services with an improvement notice following the recent High Court case.
- A new interim director of Childrens' Service has been appointed and an extra £5.5 million to be spent on addressing the shortcomings in the service, which must include addressing staff practises.
- Phosphate issue for Rivers Wye and Lugg. Planning approval has slowed drastically while trying to deal with phosphate issue. Developers are challenging Herefordshire Council over its risk adverse approach.
- Waste collection contract up for renewal. Looking to improve recycling. Favoured system is a three bin system involving two green bins and one black bin operating on a three week emptying cycle. Current plan is to empty the black bin every three weeks. Cllr Lester is challenging this as he feels strongly this will not work for families, particularly those with younger children.
- Road safety. 97 injuries and 5 fatalities on Herefordshire roads last year. Traffic slowing measures trialled in Edwin Ralph and Weston under Penyard where the white line has been removed and this has slowed traffic using these roads.
- £150k to be spent on increasing cycle and walking routes.
- Exploring ways of linking A465 and A49.
- £400k to be spent on the feasibility of an eastern crossing.

A parishioner has raised the issue of a local resident using a farm gate as a vehicular access to their property off the A465 and causing traffic to be held up whilst they opened and closed the gate. **RESOLVED:** To monitor and see if any further complaints are received.

Rain washed off Skyrmes Field raised as a serious hazard for highway traffic.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Ivison and Reece will have a conversation with the owner of the field to explore causes and identify a solution.

16/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th May 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/21 PLANNING

P212224/FH Cowarne Cottage, Stoke Lacy, Bromyard, HR7 4RB proposed replacement of conservatory with two storey extension. Proposed porch canopy roof over the front door.

RESOLVED: Property on the parish border. Cllrs Ivison, Morgan and Reece had no objections. Cllr Wilson will view the property and pass his views onto the Clerk. Subject to Cllr Wilson, the Clerk will respond accordingly.

18/21 NEW DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

Cllr Lester had sent a reply to the Clerk which had not been received due to Email server problem. This matter to be raised with Herefordshire Council in forthcoming meeting re NDP.

19/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

19.1/21 **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on the 30th June 2021 were accepted.

19.2/21 Cllrs Morgan and Wilson gave an update on NDP progress. Key points included:

- Groundworks grant approved.
- Cllr Morgan met with Lynda Wilcox of HALC regarding Reg 14 document and parish meeting preparation. Meetings will be held on the evening of Wednesday 15th September 2021 7 to 9pm, and the afternoon of Saturday 18th September 2021 2 to 4pm.
- The Steering Group's next meeting is on the 27th July 2021.
- Steering Group are seeking definitive answers from Herefordshire Council Planning on areas such as their expectations, definitive number of houses required, drainage requirements re phosphate issue.
- There has been a late entry to the call for sites.

20/21 FINANCE

20.1/21 The bank reconciliation and expenditure reports were accepted from the RFO. Members raised a query on NDP spending versus budget. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Morgan to discuss with RFO.

20.2/21 The members **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

Kirkwells inv. 1000 for draft plan additional work £490 plus VAT.

21/21 FOOTPATHS REPORT

Mr Thompson presented his report. Key points:

- SL2 footbridge still not repaired; closed since April 2019.
- Stiles generally in good condition.
- No major path negotiation issues.
- Preparing a report with recommendations on more negotiable gates.

22/21 BUS SHELTER

Repainted and cleaned. **RESOLVED:** To remove item from agenda.

23/21 SECTION 106 MONIES, SID & VILLAGE GATES

No reply received from the responsible Herefordshire Council officer to multiple correspondence from both the chairman and ward councillor which all felt was unacceptable.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ivison and ward councillor Cllr Lester to continue pursuing.

24/21 SID & VILLAGE GATES

Included in Section 106 monies agenda item.

25/21 STOKES HILL DRIVEWAY ENFORCEMENT

Members discussed the email reply from Herefordshire Council Planning Enforcement. Members are very concerned about highway safety and the danger this access onto the A465 poses to the occupiers, the occupiers of the house immediately opposite the access and other road users due to the completed access not meeting road safety requirements. Cllr Lester gave a full and useful answer to members questions on planning enforcement and the retrospective planning process.

RESOLVED: Cllr Lester will speak to the enforcement officer and report back to the next meeting.

26/21 RAIL & BUS VISION

Members discussed the vision document sent by Mr Pearson.

RESOLVED: No action required. Item removed from agenda.

27/21 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER

In this initiative West Mercia Police and Stoke Lacy Parish Council agree up to three community issues and the police will report progress on addressing these concerns on a monthly basis in an emailed report and will attend parish council meetings on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will inform the SNT that the key community issue for Stoke Lacy is highway safety, in particular road safety measures and enforcement.

28/21 WEBSITE, EMAIL AND SOFTWARE ISSUES

Members discussed the current parish website and it was agreed that it required development. The Clerk explained to members the reasons for the recent problem experienced with the parish email and presented HALC's advice to change to a Dot Gov domain and email address. Estimated costs were discussed and Cllr Wilson volunteered to look at registering a Stoke Lacy Parish Council DOT GOV domain and building a template website and gather feedback from parish council members. Councillors having a dedicated parish council email address was agreed. The need to use a third party hosting service was discussed.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to give Cllr Wilson a budget of £80 to register domains and build a template and he will present his website template at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: Clerk given a budget of £120 to purchase current Microsoft Office software.

29/21 MATTERS FOR NEXT MEETING

NDP update - Cllr Morgan.

Proposed new drainage requirements – Cllr Lester

Herefordshire Council decision on Section 106 monies, SID and village gates – Cllr Ivison and Cllr Lester

Footpaths report – Mr Thompson.

Stokes Hill driveway enforcement – Clerk.

Rain washed off Skyrmes Field – Cllrs Ivison and Reece.

SNT – PCSO Sue Berrett.

Website and email options – Cllr Wilson.

It was RESOLVED to hold the next scheduled meeting of the parish council on Wednesday 11th August 2021 at 7pm in Stoke Lacy Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Minutes approved at meeting held 30th July 2021