**STOKE & HURLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of Meeting held on 7th March 2022 @ 7.30pm

**Nantwich Vets, Hurleston .**

**Councillors Present**: Mrs Valerie Pickford (**VP**) (Chair), Robert Darlington (**RD**), Christine Bowen (**CB**)**,** John Doherty (**JD**), Mike Kosh (**MK)** (Vice Chair)**,** Stuart Field (**SF**) Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**)

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies: -** Sarah Pochin (**SP**) | Chair | Clerk | 07/03/22 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors Interests:**-  There were no declarations registered from any Cllrs present. | Clerk | Clerk | 07/03/22 |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous Minutes & Approval:** -  The Minutes of 06/12/21 quarterly parish meeting proposed as accurate by **VP** and 2nded by **CB.**  Matter arising :-  point 20 – Insurance on defibrillator – checked and it is in place. | Chair | Clerk | 07/03/22 |
| 4. | **Open Forum:-**  No members of the public were present. | General Public | Clerk | 07/03/22 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor:-**  Not present at the meeting. No report sent. | Clerk | SP | 07/03/22 |
| 6. | **Highways Update**: -   * **Update on CEC outstanding issues –** hedge cutting by sign on the A51 has not been cut back enough. **VP** to e mail **SP** again. * **Meeting with SP/MK.** Representatives from Alpraham, Calverley, Wardle and S&H and CEC highways present. The Section 106 money for Barbridge and Wardle is approx. £98,000.  Given the costs involved of particular crossing types and the requirement to provide both a crossing for Wardle and matrix signs for Barbridge and Wardle further survey work will be carried out by CE Highways with proposals and costing  to be presented at the next meeting with CE Highways on 26th April. * **Hedge at Bridge 100 –** Now cutback and work completed. * **Tree at Stoke Manor** – still outstanding. **MK** reported that a local resident is offering to arrange for the tree to be taken down. It is not clear whether it is on CEC land, so may not be a Parish Council matter. MK to report back to resident and invite him to identify the landowner and seek his/her permission to remove it. It was suggested that the land might be owned by the residents of the farm beyond Stoke Manor. * **Path at the end of the village –** the Path is in the Wardle parish, but **SF** and boat owners often cut it all back. Who should take on the responsibility? The Clerk to get in touch with the Footpath Officer and if in Wardle Parish, ask for them to keep up maintenance. | Chair | MK/SP  VP/Clerk | ongoing |
|  | * **Bus Shelter** - old shelter at the pub end of the village is being used for dumping waste, especially from the boats. |  |  |  |
| 7. | **Lengthsman duties:-**  **Dog bags -**being used quickly, questioned whether dog walkers are using them in the parish. Should we stop using the bags and see if there is any difference in dog poo littering? Check with the litter picker how many are disposed of in the bins and what the proportion is of PC bags V personal bags. It was agreed to use up the current stock of bags and see what the difference is with not providing them.  Offer by a resident to purchase a further dog bin by the road on the Llangollen leg of the canal. It was felt that this was not necessary. | Clerk | Clerk | ongoing |
| 8. | **Parish Council Noticeboard:-**  **MK** has discussed with the noticeboard supplier that they will professionally fit the noticeboard to ensure its secure fixings. The company will come out when they are in the area and erect it. Keep communicating to push for the work to be done. Board to be sited facing the bottom of the village so that viewers are still standing on the grass verge. | Chair | MK | ongoing |
| 9. | **Clerk’s report:-**  No further update on correspondence.  Clerk attending an online training session on Minutes and Agendas. | Clerk | Clerk | 07/03/22 |
| 10. | **Website:-**  **JD** has sent e mail regarding his thoughts on current website. **VP** stated that consideration needs to be given to the size of the parish, number of residents, the purpose of the website, the message that the PC want to achieve.  **CB** & **JD** have looked at the Facebook page idea but have decided that it involves too much effort for the target audience for not a lot of reward.  There are only 255 residents and 136 properties.  **RD** feels that the residents are not interested and therefore it is not worth the effort of renewing the technology.  **MK** feels that the parish won’t give a great response to a change.  **JD** is happy to make the changes to the website – update the photos and wording.  **SF** stated that it would be useful to have content of what the PC are responsible for and what PC mission/key objectives are. Relook at the content and promote local businesses.  It was agreed that **JD** and **SF** would review the content. The Clerk will forward on Intouch details to **JD** to review.  **MK** suggested that Cllrs take responsibility for designated areas that would benefit the PC and community, such as communication, local events, website etc. so that there is progress made between meetings.  **JD** discussed the possibility of using the Jubilee weekend to canvass residents as to what they want from the PC in terms of communication in respect of the Jubilee celebrations. **CB** to speak to Barbridge Inn to see if they are planning anything. The Clerk explained that there was a lot planned within the area, the beacon lighting at Beeston, possible celebrations in Worleston. | Chair | JD/SF | ongoing |
| 11. | **Defibrillator training:-**  Refresher training to be planned for May. All day session on a Saturday. To be advertised on Barbridge FB page and website. Places to be offered to local residents first. Suggested that there is voluntary contribution to the British Heart Foundation to attend. The Clerk to contact the Vets to book the use of the room. **CB** to use information from the BHF. | Chair | CB | May |
| 12. | **Local Community Champion Recognition:-**  **JD** discussed the possibility of a Local Community Champion Recognition scheme for those in the area who go out of their way to help in the parish. Suggestions of asking people to nominate individuals that could get the award.  **SF** stated that recognition of good deeds can be via a letter to individuals. This could then be advertised and would hopefully promote interest.  **VP** agreed to assist **JD** in preparing a draft letter and a draft note about this scheme for the notice board for circulation prior to the next meeting.  **JD** to develop the idea further and report back at the next meeting. | Chair | JD/VP | May |
| 13. | **Planning Matters :-**  Current:-  *21/6473N – HollyTree Cottage, Mill Pool Lane, CW5 6AU – Kitchen Extension & New Garage*  *21/6359N – Stoke Hall Farm, Stoke Hall Lane, CW5 6AS – Demolition of Barns and conversion of Agricultural buildings to create 7 new dwellings*  Past:-  *21/5277N – Dog exercise area, Chester Road, Hurleston*  *21/4643N – 3 Canal Cottages, replace outriggers – undecided.*  *21/0580N – Park Farm, Chester Road Hurleston. Use of existing goods access as overflow for vehicle exit. – undecided.*  **VP** stated that the planning is sent out weekly (when appropriate) and unless the councillors respond, she will assume that there is “no comment”.  Green Lane site – **MK** updated the PC on some individual plans.  **VP** – stated that there had been no response to her communication to Acton PC on a recent application in their parish. | Chair | Chair | 07/03/22 |
| 14. | **Payment of accounts:-**  Cheques issued:-   * Helen Exley (clerks Fees) (554) £549.64 * Helen Exley (Dog bags, xmas tree collection) (555) £64.50 * Nantwich vets room hire (556) £ 50.00 * InTouch (Website costs) (559) £360.00 * Peter Wilson (541 & 564) £580.00   **Bank Mandate** – **MK** has been contacted for a signature. The Clerk is to chase Natwest for an update on the Mandate.  Clerk’s Salary to be reviewed at the next meeting | Clerk | Clerk/Chair | 07/03/22 |
| 15. | **Items for next agenda:-**  N/A | Chair | CB/JD  Clerk  CB  The Clerk | 07/03/22 |
| 16. | **Dates for 2022 meetings :-**  **16th May (to include Annual meetings) 7.30pm**  **5th September – 7.30pm**  **5th December – 7.30pm** | Clerk | Clerk | 07/03/22 |

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed @9.45 pm

-------------------------------------------------------------------------**Chair** ------------------------------------------------------**Date**