**STOKE & HURLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of Meeting held on 7th July 2020 @ 7.30pm

**Virtual meeting Via Zoom .**

**Councillors Present**:, Mrs Valerie Pickford (**VP**) (Chair) Mike Kosh (**MK)** Christine Bowen (**CB**)

Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**),

1 Member of the public present

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies: -**  Mr Fred West (**FW**)**,** Mr Ken Hough (**KH**) Robert Darlington (**RD**)  due to lack of facilities to join the meeting via zoom. Formal apologies were accepted for the Councillors | Chair | N/A | 07/07/20 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors Interests**:-  There were no declarations registered from any Cllrs present. | The Clerk | The Clerk | 07/07/20 |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous Minutes & Approval:** -  The Minutes of 09/03/20 were signed and agreed as accurate by all Councillors present. Proposed by **VP** and 2nded by **CB**  **Matters arising:-** none | Chair | N/A | 07/07/20 |
| 4. | **Open Forum:-**  Member of the public wanted clarity about listing of planning applications on the agenda. The Clerk explained that all applications current and past (since previous meeting) were listed for information purposes.  Member of public acknowledged the recent letter sent by SHPC regarding the Parish noticeboard and will respond in due course. She wished to clarify that the noticeboard now belonged to her. | General Public | The Clerk | 07/07/20 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor:-**  **SP** not in attendance, but sent an e mail covering a wide range of issues including the £70M impact of COVID -19 on CEC finances | Chair | SP | 07/07/20 |
| 6. | **Highways Update**: -   * Hedge separating the Old Chester Road & Stoke Hall Lane junction has been reported to CEC Highways again to chase. Still awaiting feedback even though a recent reminder e mail has been sent. Clerk to investigate further. * Matrix signs – see update e mail in appendix from **MK** on recent meeting. Request from local residents about the need for signs at the top end of the village as speeding has increased. Police should be more involved with targeting speeders. * Turning point into Stoke Hall is again becoming dangerous due to speeding. **MK** has agreed to meet with 2 residents about this, to be. * Wardle development – height of buildings to increase. Road system is inadequate for the volume of traffic. | Chair | Chair/MK | ongoing |
| 7. | **Lengthsman duties:-**   * The Great British Spring Clean is now deferred to September due to the current COVID-19 situation. e mail to be forwarded onto the Cllrs regarding this. | Clerk | Clerk | 07/07/20 |
| 8. | **Clerk’s report:-**  Recent questionnaire has been sent out by CHALC asking for information of what the Parish has done in the COVID-19 crisis to help the community. The Clerk will complete and return. Highlight the leaflet drop, list of volunteers that offered help and the sanitiser obtained through a grant obtained by neighbouring parish. | The Clerk | The Clerk | 07/07/20 |
| 9. | **Signing of Annual Audit:-**  It was proposed by **CB** and seconded by **VP** that the annual audit for 2019/20 financial year is a true record of the Parish finances. The Certificate of exemption can now be forwarded to the Parish Auditors. | Clerk | Clerk | 07/07/20 |
| 10. | **Planning Matters :-**  *Current:-*  *None*  *Past:-*  *20/1889D – Barbridge Methodist Chapel. Planning for 3 bed property on old site of Chapel – Apvd with Conds. The member of public conveyed that the conditions would be satisfied during the build. (See point 4)*  *20/1771N Land at Chester Road, Hurleston. Prior notification for new agricultural building. Refused.* | The Clerk | N/A | ongoing |
| 11. | **Payment of accounts:-**  Cheques issued:-   * Helen Exley Annual Expenses (512) £ 151.76 | The Clerk | The Clerk | 07/07/20 |
| 12. | **AOB:-**   * Letter received from resident in Old Chester Road raising concerns about rumoured planning for a housing development at the bottom end of the village towards Wardle. **VP** has spoken to the resident about her concerns. The Clerk to respond stating that the PC have no knowledge of this – no planning application has been issued. * Report from resident that hardcore being laid on land that has had recent planning refused for agricultural building. * Noticeboard. Clerk has sent a letter on behalf of SHPC to Chapel House owners regarding noticeboard. Decision to be made on purchase of a new board/re-siting of original noticeboard elsewhere in the village. It was agreed that residents will be surveyed as to what methods of communication they want to see – Website updated regularly with current news, noticeboard, flyers through the door? **CB** to close down the Facebook page dedicated for the Parish Council – no longer required. * Land by small pub carpark. Resident has offered to keep this bit of land tidy by the bench. SHPC happy to fund planting & tidying of the area. Clerk to establish who owns this section of land- CEC? |  | The Clerk  CB  The Clerk |  |
| 12. | * Public Space Protection Order & Dog waste enforcement notice recently sent out to Cllrs. A consultation is in process for the renewing of orders and comments are invited via the CEC website. | The Chair | The Chair/Clerk | ongoing |
| 13. | **Dates for 2020 meetings :-**  **14th September - to take place at the Vets, Hurleston. All required safety measures related to Covid will be adhered to.**  **7th December** | The Clerk | The Clerk | 07/07/20 |

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed @ 20.40pm

-------------------------------------------------------------------------**Chairman** ------------------------------------------------------**Date**

**6. Highways – Matrix sign appendix. E Mail from Cllr Mike Kosh**

In the absence of our normal meetings I thought I should update you on some events relevant to the Parish Council.

Through my attendance at the Wardle Airfield Development Stakeholder meetings I have been tracking a number of issues. You might recall that I had discovered way back that a section 106 attachment to the planning agreement required the developer to pay Cheshire East Council sums of money to mitigate the impact of increased traffic associated with the site. The payment timetable was contingent on stages of occupancy. By late January it was confirmed that payment had been made by the developer to CEC to cover the installation of two matrix speed indicator signs for Barbridge and monies for works in Calveley and Alpraham.

I, together with other councillors requested a meeting with CEC Highways to discuss how the monies were to be spent. The developers representatives set up a meeting for 21st May with CEC Highways then along came Covid 19.

Attempts were made to arrange an online meeting but for technical reasons this could not go ahead. I have today spoken with a member of CEC Highways who will attempt to set up a telephone conference. He confirmed the money for the signs is available but another officer will need agree the sites. Like so much else timescales for progress are unknown.

On 3rd of June I took part in an online meeting of the Stakeholder group during which the developers shared some amendments they will be seeking to the existing planning agreement. Primarily this relates to increasing the total floor area for businesses and critically from my point of view the maximum height of buildings. The highest at the back of the site will go from an existing18 metres to 22 metres. One plot nearer the A51 close to the existing buildings will also go to 22 metres. I registered strong opposition to this particular building and was supported by others. Those previously identified as 7 metres max will go to 10 metres and some others previously 10 max will go to 12 or 16.5 metres. The applications will be made to CEC for the amendments on the basis that it appears to be the demand of possible business tenants.

I made the point that I felt the new plans were not what we believed the development would look like and the impact visually on the environment. That is of course only my view and others might see the changes as appropriate to secure business opportunities. I guess representations could be made by Parish Councils. Whether we get notice of the planning applications I'm not sure. Nobody from Wardle PC was involved in the meeting.