**STOKE & HURLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of Meeting held on 9th December 2019 @ 7.30pm

 **Nantwich Vets Equine meeting room, Hurleston.**

**Councillors Present**:, Mrs Valerie Pickford (**VP**) (Chair) Robert Darlington (**RD**)Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**), Mike Kosh (**MK**) Vice Chair)) Christine Bowen (**CB**), Mr Fred West (**FW**)**,** Mr Ken Hough (**KH**)

**No Members of the public present**

|  **Point**  | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies: -** Cllr Sarah Pochin (**SP**) |  Chair | N/A | 09/12/19 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors Interests**:-There were no declarations registered from any Cllrs present. | The Clerk | The Clerk | 09/12/19 |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous Minutes & Approval:** -The Minutes of 16/09/19 were signed and agreed as accurate by all Councillors present. Proposed by **VP** and 2nded by **RD****Matters arising:-**16/09/19 point 12. Flyer regarding the garden fly tipping issue has been distributed. |  Chair | N/A | 09/12/19 |
| 4. | **Open Forum:-**No members of the public were present.  | General Public | The Clerk | 09/12/19 |
| 5. | **Borough Councillor:-****SP** unable to attend due to election commitments. | Chair | SP | 09/12/19 |
| 6. | **Highways Update**: -* Hedge separating the Old Chester Road & Stoke Hall Lane junction has been reported to CEC Highways because of the height. Awaiting feedback from assessment.
* Stoke Hall Footpath reported as it is overgrown and access is particularly difficult to the bus stop. Reported and waiting for assessment.
* Graffiti on Bridge 100 has been removed.
* More plainings/stones needed on the lead up to bridge 100, on the left -hand side, as the tarmac is severely worn away and the tractors/lorries have to take a swing at the bridge. Photographic evidence is required to present to Highways. **VP** to organise.
* Matrix signs – **MK** reported that the CEC policy is more in favour of fixed signs. Mobile signs have been investigated and Lymm PC have successfully used large mobile signs that are battery operated. Wardle development 106 agreement should release £89K for various traffic measures once the 1st occupation of units takes place. This has been minuted at recent meetings. Councillors agreed that **SP** should push for the funding for SIDs from the agreement money and this should be monitored carefully to ensure that it is implemented.
 | The ClerkRD |  Chair | Ongoing |
|  | 1st occupation should take place within the 1st 3 months of 2020 so it was agreed by all councillors that the purchase of SIDs by the parish council be delayed until the 106 money is made available.  |  |  |  |
| 7. | **Lengthsman duties:-*** Dog waste bin now installed and mounted.

All other duties are in order. | The Clerk | The clerk | 09/12/19 |
| 8. | **Clerk’s report:-*** Setting of precept – it was proposed by **VP** and seconded by **MK** that the Precept stay at the current level of £2617 for the financial year 2020/21.
* Discussion around the lengthsman’s hourly rate and it was proposed by **VP** and seconded by **CB** that the rate is increased to £10/hour from 1st Jan 2020 (cost is covered by the Parish Compact grant of £1150)
* Clerk’s salary review – Clerk to look at the Spinal Column figures issued by CHALC and report back at March meeting.
* Clerk looking at online banking and will forward on the electronic forms to the signatories to complete with current bank, NatWest. This will facilitate easier and quicker banking.
 | The Clerk | The Clerk | 09/03/20 |
| 9. | **Adoption of Model financial Regulations:-**Councillors have received these model regulations for comment and it was agreed to adopt these regulation subject to clarification on point 7.1. The Chair to follow up with CHALC regarding this point.Proposed by **VP** and seconded by **MK** | The clerk | Chair | 09/03/20 |
| 10. | **Planning Matters :-*** Footpath no6 diversion – no comment.
* 19/5015N stables at Bluestones crossing – development into outdoor fitness company.
 | The Clerk | N/A | ongoing |
| 11. | **Payment of accounts:-**Cheques issued:- * Helen Exley Salary (512) £ 300.00
* Broxap Ltd (513) £ 52.80
* Nantwich Vets (Room Hire) (514) £ 50.00
* R Goodyear (515) Xmas tree and graffiti remover £ 150.98

All payments approved by Cllrs present.   | The Clerk | The Clerk  | 09/12/19 |
| 12. | **AOB:-**Invitation from CEC to Holocaust memorial day. March 2020. VP hoping to attend and possibly CB. Confirm with CEC | The Chair | The Chair | Januaru 2020 |
| 13. | **Dates for 2020 meetings :-** **9th March, 18th May (to include AGM) 14th September 7th December** | The Clerk | The Clerk | 09/12/19 |

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed @ 21.00pm

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