**STOKE & HURLESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of Meeting held on 5th October 2022 @ 7.15pm

**Nantwich Vets, Hurleston .**

**Councillors Present**: Christine Bowen (**CB**) (Chair)**,** Stuart Field (**SF**) (Vice Chair), Mrs Helen Exley (**The Clerk**) Robert Darlington (**RD**)

Sarah Pochin (**SP**)

| **Point** | **Agenda point** | **Raised By** | **Action** | **Due Date** |
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| 1. | **Apologies: -** none | Chair | Clerk | 05/10/22 |
| 2. | **Declaration of Councillors Interests:**-  There were no declarations registered from any Cllrs present. | Clerk | Clerk | 05/10/22 |
| 3. | **Matters arising from previous Minutes & Approval:** -  The Minutes of 16/05/22 quarterly parish meeting, Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting. Proposed as correct by **SF** and **RD** seconded.  Matter arising :- none. | Chair | Clerk | 05/10/22 |
| 4. | **Councillor Vacancies:-**  Iain Menzies (**IM**) was co opted onto the Parish Council.  2 vacancies are still to be filled. | Chair | Clerk | 05/10/22 |
| 5. | **Open Forum:-**  No members of the public were present. | General Public | Clerk | 05/10/22 |
| 6. | **Borough Councillor:-**  **SP** update.   * CEC having financial issues. Inflationary pressures meaning that the budget is not balancing. Adult care & children needs are taking 60% of the budget. Trying to get verges, drains and foliage cut back is near impossible – you need to continually push CEC Highways. * The Councillors highlighted several issues – blocked grids, verges not cut and hedges need to be cut back. Needs to be reported on “Fix my Street” by individuals, then **SP** can follow up once there is a reference number. * £28M section 106 money is with CEC. **SP** has traced it back to 2009. There is a meeting on 18/10/22 to discuss the use of the 106 money. Decisions will start to be taken on its expenditure. Money still allocated for the speed matrix signs on the A41 through the village. * **SP** looking at variable speed signs all through the borough on the A41. Possible changes on what the 106 money is to be spent on as crossings cannot now be out in where there were suggested on the A41. Landowner & developer happy with this. * Cemetery review being conducted in CEC. Cemeteries are full in CEC! * Planning review being undertaken in CEC – a huge backlog. * Conducting a 10 year strategy to review of tips within the Borough. * HS2 update – phase 2b coming upto Crewe. | Clerk | SP | 05/10/22 |
| 7. | **Highways Update**: -   * **Update on CEC outstanding issues –** no update from Highways. * **Update on speed cameras & s106 monies –** see **SP** report. **IM** to attend 106 monies meeting on the 18/10 * **Tree at Stoke Manor** – This has now been cut down & removed. * **Parking issues within the parish**- leaflets have been distributed. Some residents have objected to them. **CB** highlighted that emergency vehicles would struggle to get past double parked cars and the PC are only highlighting this issue. Parking issues are still the same. * **Footpath maintenance from Barbridge to Wardle –** now completed and cleared by Wardle PC. Drains need to be reported as blocked at the top end of Old Chester Road. “Fix my Street”. * **Dog Fouling & Enforcement fines –** no better. Bags are now not being replaced as they are not being used in the bins. | Chair | Chair  Clerk | ongoing |
| 8. | **Lengthsman duties:-**  Nothing to report. | Clerk | Clerk | ongoing |
| 9. | **Parish Council Noticeboard:-**  Still to be erected. Location now to be by the bench at the end of the Barbridge Inn Carpark or triangle of land by the bridge. | Chair | Chair | ongoing |
| 10. | **Clerk’s report:-**  Recent e mails sent onto Cllrs.  Community Governance review email to be forwarded. | Clerk | Clerk | 05/10/22 |
| 11. | **Defibrillator training:-**  **CB** has had 1 response. Demand not required, so training not being scheduled. New pads have now been delivered for the Defib. | Chair | Chair | June |
| 12. | **Local Community Champion Recognition:-**  It was proposed by CB that the former Chair should be recognised for all her hard work whilst in post. **SF** seconded. Letter to be sent. | Chair | Chair. | ongoing |
| 13. | **Planning Matters :-**  Current:-  *22/1872N – 3 Canal Cottages, Old Chester Road CW5 6BA – 2 storey Extension - refused*  *22/2068N – Bank Farm Burland CW5 8LT- Agricultutal building to replace milking parlour*  *Past:-*  *22/1158N – Brook Cottage, Chester Rd, CW5 6BU - demolition of existing site & erection of replacement dwelling with change to Vehicle access.*  *21/6473N – HollyTree Cottage, Mill Pool Lane, CW5 6AU – Kitchen Extension & New Garage – no decision*  *21/6359N – Stoke Hall Farm, Stoke Hall Lane, CW5 6AS – Demolition of Barns and conversion of Agricultural buildings to create 7 new dwellings*  *21/0580N – Park Farm, Chester Road Hurleston. Use of existing goods access as overflow for vehicle exit. – undecided - Clerk to E mail this to* ***SP*** *due to safety issue with traffic.* | Chair | Chair/clerk | ongoing |
| 14. | **Payment of accounts:-**  Cheques issued:-   * Peter Wilson (571) £450.00 * Helen Exley (fees) (573) £930.16 * Helen Exley (expenses) (568) £61.75 * Wel Med defib pads £95.88 * Nantwich vets room hire (572) £60.00 * John Edwards Accounting fees (574) £120.00 * ICO annual fees – direct debit £ 35.00   **Bank Mandate** – it was agreed that the Natwest account be kept and the new clerk sort the new signatories. | Clerk | Clerk/Chair | 05/10/22 |
| 15. | **Clerk’s Vacancy:-**  Update on the candidates who are to be interviewed. Closing date is the 7th October. HE will organise a handover to the successful candidate. Last working day is the 17th Oct. | Chair | Chair | 07/10/22 |
| 16. | **Items for next agenda:-**  Christmas Tree to be purchased before the next meeting. | Chair | Chair  Clerk      CB  The Clerk | 05/12/22 |
| 17. | **Dates for 2022 meetings :-**  **5th December – 7.30pm** | Clerk | Clerk | 05/10/22 |

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed @8.30 pm

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