

## **STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

**A meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held in The Hall Annexe at Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**Present:** Councillors Peter Williams (Chairman), John Ellis (Vice Chairman), Sue Abel, Diane Brown, Jill Howe, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson, Liz Miller, Penny Power and Dean Smith.

**In attendance:** Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) and Stan Petrovic (Assistant Clerk).

### **001/19 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Keith Shakespeare and Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman).

### **002/19 Declarations of Interest**

John Ellis declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8(1).

### **003/19 Requests for Dispensation**

None.

### **004/19 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time**

#### **1) Members of the Public**

#### **2) County Councillor Chris Bloore and District Councillors Malcolm Glass and Mike Thompson**

There were no members of the public or County and District Councillors present.

### **005/19 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3 December 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **006/19 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting**

The Chairman referred to the recent death of Thelma Roll and stated that he had asked the Clerk to liaise with her family regarding the provision of a commemorative bench to be sited in the village. The Clerk confirmed that he would be contacting the family shortly.

### **007/19 Planning Applications**

#### **1) 18/01438/FUL – 25 Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior – Detached dwelling with integral garage and parking area.**

The Parish Council agreed that they had no comment to make on this application.

#### **2) 18/01466/CPE – Fir View, Moorgate Road, Harbours Hill, Bromsgrove – The use of the building known as 'Fir View Lodge' as an independent dwellinghouse.**

After discussion, the Parish Council agreed that the property had been used for residential purposes for a number of years although they understood that the property had originally received planning permission for an alternative purpose.

## **008/19 Finance**

### **(1) Invoices for Payment – December 2018**

It was unanimously agreed to approve the list of payments circulated at the meeting.

### **(2) Financial Management Statement for December 2018**

This was noted.

### **(3) Budget and Precept for 2019/20**

John Ellis, seconded by Diane Browns, moved and it was unanimously agreed:-

That the Parish Council –

- (i) approves the proposed budget for 2019/20 as set out in the Clerk's report.
- (ii) approves a precept for 2019/20 of £53,097.00.

## **009/19 Replacement/Repair of Fencing & Gate at Stoke Heath Recreation Area**

The Clerk reported that he had received 2 quotes for this work as follows:-

Quote 1 - £1260 (metal gate) and £1410 (wooden gate).

Quote 2 - £2250 (metal gate) and £2300 (wooden gate).

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the first quote.

## **010/19 Action Summary**

After the Clerk had updated the Council on the progress on items included in the summary, it was agreed to note the summary.

## **011/19 Diary Commitments**

None.

## **012/19 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that planning permission had now been granted for the residential development of the former Brine Pump Cottage, Westonhall Road, Stoke Prior. The permission had been granted subject to the developer agreeing to enter into a Section 106 agreement which included a financial contribution to the improvement of the Shaw Lane Recreation Area. The Clerk added that he was liaising with the District Council for further details.

## **013/19 Councillors' Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings**

The Assistant Clerk updated the Council on the further development of the website and the work ongoing to improve its content.

The Chairman commented that the Christmas Lights competition had taken place and that the winners would be notified shortly.

In response to a question by Sue Abel, it was agreed to look at possible options for providing

fitness events during the year.

**014/19 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 4 February 2019 commencing at 7.30pm at the Hall Annexe, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman