

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A virtual meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held via Zoom on the 15th July 2020.

Present: Councillors Peter Williams (Chair), John Ellis (Vice Chairman), Sue Abel, Alan Bayliss, Diane Brown, Liz Eden, Jean Jackson, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson, Liz Miller and Rory Shannon.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), D/Cllr Malcolm Glass and Alyson Keane (Chair of Dodderhill Parish Council).

072/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Jill Howe and Cty/Cllr Kyle Daisley.

073/20 Declarations of Interest

074/20 Requests for Dispensation

None.

075/20 Planning Application – 20/00643/FUL – Corbett Business Park, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior– Use of land for the stationing of 90 static residential park homes with associated parking, internal service roads and landscaping & acoustic fence to the north, east and west boundaries

After opening comments by the Chairman, the Parish Council discussed the planning application in detail and a range of issues and objections were put forward. At the conclusion of the debate, the Clerk was asked to draft a response to Bromsgrove District Council based on the outcome of the discussions and to circulate it to all Councillors for comment. It would then be submitted to the District Council. A copy of the final response is attached to these minutes.

076/20 Finance – Updated Position Statement – June 2020

The updated position statement was noted.

077/20 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the street lighting column outside Astwood Close had been removed by the County Council as it was structurally unsafe. This was one of the 29 lighting columns for which the Parish Council was responsible. The Parish Council had been asked whether they wanted the column replaced at a cost of approximately £1250. This issue had been highlighted as the County Council were testing all the columns in the parish and there was a likelihood of further columns requiring replacement or repair. This left the possibility of the Parish Council facing significant costs dependent upon the outcome of the tests.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to seek further information on costs and alternative lighting from the County Council and to report back to the Council's September 2020 meeting.

The Clerk that the VAS attached to the lighting column which had been removed was in storage with the County Council's contractors.

Date of Next Meeting – The Parish Council's next meeting was scheduled to be held on

Monday 7 September 2020 commencing at 7.30pm. This would either be a zoom meeting or held at Stoke Prior Village Hall on that date or on Wednesday 9 September 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman