

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held in The Hall Annexe at Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 6th February 2017.

Present: Councillors Peter Williams (Chairman), John Ellis (Vice Chairman), Sue Abel, Liz Eden, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson, Liz Miller, Keith Shakespeare and Dean Smith.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) plus four members of the public.

020/17 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Diane Brown, Paul Eden and Jill Howe.

021/17 Declarations of Interest

None.

022/17 Requests for Dispensation

None.

023/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

024/17 Finance

(1) Invoices for Payment

The Clerk pointed out that a late invoice had been received from IDG Garden Services in the sum of £265.00 which he asked to be included in the list of payments for consideration. This was agreed.

It was then unanimously agreed to approve the payments as set out on the list circulated at the meeting and as amended above.

(2) Financial Management Statement for January 2017

This was noted.

(3) 2017/18 Budget and Precept

The Chairman, seconded by John Ellis, moved:-

That the Parish Council –

- (i) approves the proposed budget for 2017/18 as set out in the Clerk's report.
- (ii) approves a precept for 2017/18 of £53,097.00.

Dean Smith, seconded by the Chairman, moved:-

That the Parish precept for 2017/18 be reduced by 3%.

The amendment was then put to a vote and was lost by 7 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

The original motion was then put a vote and was carried by 7 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

025/17 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 6 March 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at the Annexe, Avoncroft Arts Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Chairman