

# Stowe By Chartley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Stowe by Chartley Parish Council held on 6th March 2018 in Stowe by Chartley Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Meddings Chairman  
Cllr. Mrs. Finney  
Cllr. Mrs. Grimes  
Cllr. Mackellar.

Also in attendance. Mrs. Hurdle, Mr. Welch, 5 other residents and J. Blount. Clerk/RFO

A presentation was given by Angela Garrard, Assistant Director of Commercial Services, from Stafford and Rural Homes about a possible rural exception site in Stowe by Chartley village. Mrs. Garrard said that would like to work with the Parish Council to develop a small site to the north of Stowe by Chartley Village. Any housing provided would be affordable and, if it did go ahead, would take two years to arrange. Mrs. Garrard answered questions from Council members and members of the public.

Cllr. Francis sent his apologies.

**39/18. Apologies.** Apologies were received from Cllr. Tilston.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

**40/18. Declarations of Interest.** Cllr. Meddings declared an interest in item 55/18.

**41/18. Written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011.**

There were no applications.

**42/18. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2017 in Stowe by Chartley Village Hall.**

Resolved to approve the Minutes as a true record.

**43/18. Matters arising from the meeting held on on 31st January 2018 which were not otherwise on the agenda.**

**019/16 Water on road, Stowe Lane.**

The problem had not returned but the Clerk was monitoring the situation and would re-report when the problem returns.

**226/17 Community Paths Initiative grant application.**

Awaiting payment from County Council.

**292/17 Rights of Way Order on airfield.**

Clerk to seek the assistance of Cllr. Francis about providing a copy of the Council's submission.

**299/17 Safety and legislative issues on playing field.**

A response from the Council's solicitor was awaited.

**335/17 Registration of St. Johns Close land.**

A response from the Council's solicitor was awaited.

**331/17 Asset inspection report.**

The weather prevented the bus shelter being painted.

**333/17 Minor Highways Work.**

This had been completed.

**10/16 Best Kept Village Competition.**

Resolved that the Council enter the main BKV competition and the Spirit of BKV competition but not the Children's Competition. Details to be delegated to the Clerk who would work with

Cllr. Mrs. Grimes and Cllr. Welch on the Council's entry. This would include consideration of partnering with the Borough Council in its Fouling Free initiative.

**21/18 Foundation Award Scheme.**

Awaiting news of application.

**27/18 Self certification for audit**

Resolved to discharge this item.

**44/18. Adjourn meeting.**

**45/18. Public participation.**

Members of the public gave reasons why housing should not be built on the site next to their property.

Information was sought on the Rights of Way issue on the airfield. Clerk to provide web site link.

**46/18 Coopting new Members.**

Three people had expressed an interest in the two vacancies that had been advertised. All were well qualified.

Resolved to coopt Mrs. Hurdle and Mr. Welch.

**47/18 Standing Items:**

**Inspection Report.** Holes in surface under picnic bench. There was some confusion about the inspection rota. Clerk to reissue.

Cllr. Meddings would liaise with new Members on the inspection process.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** No reports.

**Hazeldene House Surgery.** No reports.

**48/18 Chairman's announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**49/18 Questions from Councillors.**

Cllr. Mrs. Hurdle sought information about the interaction with Hazeldene House surgery.

**50/18 Planning applications and appeals.**

App. 18/27817/OUT. Clerk had responded pointing out problems with access and missing evidence of need.

**51/18 Bank reconciliation.**

Clerk to email statement and bank reconciliation to Chairman. To be confirmed at next meeting.

Clerk to update bank mandate.

**52/18 Accounts for payment.**

Item	Net	VAT	Gross	
J. Blount. Salary & expenses Jan	262.99	0	262.99	
HMRC. Jan	59.20	0	59.20	
J. Blount. Salary & expenses Feb	254.19	0	254.19	
HMRC Feb	59.00	0	59.00	
SLCC. Practitioners' Conference (1 day)	99.00	19.80	118.80	
TGM Minor Highways Work	405.45	81.09	486.54	
SPCA, Councillor training course	20.00	0	20.00	

Resolved to approve the payments.

**53/18 Grouping order/Community Governance Review.**

Resolved that the Clerk enquire of Hixon Parish Council, Weston with Gayton Parish Council and Milwich with Fradswell Parish Council if they were interested in merging with Stowe by Chartley Parish Council.

**54/18 Civic Amenity visits required.**

Resolved that the Clerk seek prices for 3 x one hour visits and arrange for service.

**56/18 Election of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr. Mrs. Grimes was elected as Vice Chair.

**55/18 Mowing contract.**

Cllr. Meddings left the room during consideration of this item.

Resolved to commission Trent Grounds Maintenance to carry out the work.

**57/18 Data Protection Regulation service offered by Staffordshire County Council.**

Resolved that in principle the Council would ask Staffordshire County Council to provide a service.

**58/18 Appointing an Employment Committee.**

Resolved to appoint Cllr. Meddings, Cllr. Mrs. Finney and Cllr. Mrs. Grimes.

Cllr. Mrs. Finney kindly offered meeting facilities at Amerton Farm. Date and time to be arranged.

**59/18 March Newsletter.**

Resolved to accept the Clerk's draft with the removal of the article about Kate's Cafe and insertion of telephone number for Mr. Stacey. BKV information to be provided.

**60/18 Correspondence.**

**Mr. Beardmore.** Letter of complaint. Clerk to respond that the Council had reacted to the plans as presented by the Borough Council.

**SPCA.** Bulletins. Safeguarding policy. Support for churches.

**SLCC** Briefings

**IIMC** Briefings

**Rural Services Network.** Briefings

**Staffs CC.** Highways updates

**SBC** Members' Digest

**Notice boards online and White Hill Ltd.** Noticeboards.

**KOMPAN, HAGS UK and Produlic** Play equip.

**Wicksteed.** Catalogues and price list.

**Plantscape.** Street furniture

**B&C shelters.** Bus shelters.

**61/18 Date of next meeting.** 3rd April 7.30pm