

Minutes of Stoke Holy Cross Playing Field Committee meeting held remotely on 12th April 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: G Jinkerson (Chair), S Hull, L Cozens, G Baker
A Rose ~ Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence;

There were none.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th December 2020:** these had previously been circulated and were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting.

3. To receive a report from Stoke United Football Club:

The club sent apologies regarding cars parking on the verge areas when training / match days are on. It was noted that children are unable to car share due to covid which has resulted in the pavilion car park being overwhelmed with cars. G Jinkerson suggested that the club could approach the primary school to ask if they can use their car park through these busy times.

The club reported that the goal posts donated to the parish council, are able to go up once the works had been completed to the playing field. It was noted that the parish council will require sockets for the goal posts which can cost a circa amount of £200.00. The location of the goal posts is yet to be agreed, the club will provide the council with some suitable locations.

Pitch works will re-commence on 19th April and the area will be fenced off for up to four weeks. The clerk will laminate some signage (same as last year) for G Jinkerson to distribute and to ask S Collins to add a post to our social media site.

The clerk reported that the mole catcher should be visiting the playing field today to lay some traps.

G Jinkerson informed the club that the parish council had agreed to donate £60.00 towards the additional grass cuttings carried out by their appointed contractor.

SUFC left the meeting.

4. Dog Fouling Signage:

It was noted that the dog fouling signs had been approved by the Parish Council and the clerk will be ordering them tomorrow.

G Jinkerson updated that the Parish Council had agreed to 4 x A2 metal signs for all four corners of the playing field and in addition approved to order x10 "we were watching you" glow in the dark signs.

SNDC environmental officer will be carrying out random dog warden patrols and will provide us with a statement to post on social media sites and magazines. It was noted to encourage all members of the public to report any dog fouling to SNDC, where a record will be logged detailing the problems we have in the village.

5. Update from L Cozens regarding the wildflower meadow:

L Cozens updated the group regarding the progress to the wildflower meadow. The committee met up and walked around to assess opportunities to plant hedge rows and standard trees.

The following areas were identified;

- Hedge by the front car park.
- Area near the recycling area requires tidying up with the opportunity to plant a mix hedge row.

Signed *G Jinkerson*

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- The recreational area has opportunity to plant standard trees and hedge rows. L Cozens will provide a map for potential tree planting.
- G Jinkerson will speak to D Thomas in regards to the signage. Wording of “Please excuse the weeds we are feeding the bees” was suggested.
- L Cozens met the grass contractors who were not aware of what we were trying to achieve, however he was pleasant and on board with working with us.
- It was noted that it would be valuable to add a post to the residential and parish council Facebook page to educate the community on what flowers do and what they provide.

6. Litter bins and dog bins:

G Jinkerson updated members that the Parish Council had agreed to replace 4 litter bins and 2 dog bins within the village.

It was agreed to leave the Harrold Place litter bin where it is.

7. Friends of Long Lane Playing Field:

G Jinkerson would like to ask the group to consider setting up a group “Friends of Long Lane Playing Field”, the idea is to form a working party that involves the community to help maintain the playing field and playing area.

L Cozens mentioned that the Men Shed may be able to help with some maintenance in the playing area and all were in agreement to contact them.

A parishioner had kindly offered to walk around with G Jinkerson to help us start with a vision and advise the best ways to move forward.

8. Removal of the skate park shelter:

It was noted that the skate park shelter is in the wrong location and due to this encourages antisocial behaviour. The overgrowth around the shelter had been cleared which has improved the antisocial behaviour due to it being visible.

L Cozens left the meeting.

9. Date of the next Meeting: 1st July 2021

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting was suspended due to there being only 2 members of the committee remaining and not being quorate.

Following Actions below;

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| 1) SUFC | Provide suitable locations for the goal posts. |
| 2) Clerk | To laminate signage for the playing field works. |
| 3) Clerk | To order dog fouling signs. |
| 4) LC | To provide a map for potential tree planting. |
| 5) GJ | To contact Men Shed. |