

## MINUTES OF STOKE HOLY CROSS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 at the Church Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Parish Councillors– L Marsh the Chair, C Bussey, C Cann, S Collins, G Davies, J Hopper, C Iaccarino, R Wright  
District Councillor T Lewis;  
8 members of the Parish  
Clerk: Mrs A Rose

The Chairman L Marsh welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced District and Parish Councillors. The Chairman announced she will not be re-standing as a Councillor.

**Apologies:** were received from J.Wilson (Framingham Earl High School), PC. J Squires, Rob Ward (Stoke United Football Club). Miss Chaney (SHX Primary School).

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018:** These were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by C Bussey, seconded by G Iaccarino and all were in agreement.

### **Parish Council Reports.**

The Chairman indicated that the reports from the Chairman, Planning Committee, Traffic Working Group and Playing Field Committee had been printed and circulated around the room. Minutes of Parish Council meetings and reports are available on the Parish Council Website for all to read.

Questions following from the reports;

Q) Member of public - When will the footpath working group be formed?

A) At the next Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May the working group will be confirmed.

**Planning Report** – No questions were received. C Bussey thanked District Councillor T Lewis for all his support and thanked the Clerk for her work through this year.

### **Traffic Report:-**

Q) How many do you currently have on the speed watch team?

A) We have 3 in Upper Stoke and 4 in Lower Stoke.

Q) Member of public - Please could you explain what you mean when you say speeding is low priority?

A) They consider it important but other areas are more important like in Norwich, villages are a lower priority.

Q) Member of public - Thank you for your efforts to reduce the speed, when looking at the data on the website it's quite concerning. Can we request for a police van?

A) We do not feel the village would be a big enough hot spot for the police.

Councillor R Wright commented that it is a shame and frustrating because so many people put in so many hours but with such little impact. An article in the EDP mentioned that there are not enough officers to assist with speeding. We would like to encourage the new Parish Council to raise more awareness.

The speed watch team were thanked for all their hard work and efforts. Members of the public were encouraged to volunteer and contact the clerk.

L Marsh asked R Wright to please send on our thanks to the speed watch team.

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### **Playing Field Report: -**

C Cann as Chairman of the Playing Field Committee announced that she will not be re-standing as a Councillor but would like to continue to be a member of the group.

Q) Member of public - Is the playing field committee responsible for removing the dog mess at cycle track park?

A) This area is not a dog walking area and we fully understand the problems this is causing; we have put up notices highlighting that this area is a children's playing area only. Once upon a time that area was closed off perhaps this could be considered again for the future.

### **New Pavilion Working Group Report:**

G Davies as Chairman of the Working Group announced that he will not be re-standing as a Councillor but would like to continue to be a member of the group.

Q) Member of public - Will the New Pavilion use all the CIL and S106 monies currently sitting in reserve?

A) It is up to the Parish Council to decide what monies go where, but Glyn hoped that the council would take into account all the hard work and effort this group has put in to obtain a planning application. The trod path project is important but we do feel this project has better chances of obtaining grant funding than the pavilion project.

Q) Member of public - What is the business plan for the New Pavilion, what income will it bring in?

A) At present there is no business plan in place; our efforts have been working towards an approved planning application first.

The Chairman agreed that both projects are just as important and hoped we could obtain some finance from the Parish Partnership Scheme towards the trod path.

### **Statutory Bodies Reports:**

**County Councillor V Thompson was not present no report was received.**

**District Councillor T Lewis** – A copy of his full report was circulated around the room and will be attached to these minutes. He highlighted the following;

- South Norfolk Council and Broadland Council have merged – two Councils one team.
- GNLP – There will be a public consultation later this year where the planners will propose where future development should take place.
- South Norfolk Council now believes that it can show a 5-year land supply. This is now calculated on the total area of South Norfolk DC, City of Norwich Council and Broadland DC, and a common figure of a 6.6-year land supply has been calculated.
- Bus provision is actually a County Council matter, although, unless the County subsidises a service, the decision as to what routes to operate is in the hand of the bus services (First Bus).

**Police:** No report was received however the clerk mentioned that the village has a new beat officer PC Sherry Locke.

**SHX Primary School: Miss J Chaney** was not present no report was received.

**Framingham Earl High School: Mrs J Wilson** was not present however report is attached to these minutes.

The Chairman thanked those from the statutory agencies for their reports and for their efforts on behalf of the village during the year.

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**Village Reports:**

The following Village Groups reported:

*Stoke Holy Cross Pre-school:* **Hazel Youill** reported

*Leisure Gardens and Allotment Association:* **Ian Himpleman** reported

St John's Ambulance Cadet and Badger Division: **Margaret Peters** reported

Stoke United Football Club: **Lyn Marsh** read report on behalf of Rob Ward

*Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston Churches:* **Rev R Baker** verbally reported that with the new houses there's new people to say hello to. There has been various activities throughout the year from delivering Christmas cards / Byrnes supper evening / Easter fun in the park / Annual Bereavement service/helping with funerals / Rev L Marsh ordination / Sparklers toddler group is flourishing / the running of a holiday club which we are pleased to confirm we would like to do the same this year / Friday Café and Post Office / Wednesday coffee morning. The Church is undergoing some electrical and building work at present and we are working to install a kitchen and a disabled toilet. Thank you to everyone who is joining in with the church and community.

These reports are attached to these minutes and are available on the Parish website [www.stokeholycrosspc.info](http://www.stokeholycrosspc.info) with the draft Minutes. Those giving reports were thanked by the Chairman on behalf of the community.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.48pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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