



## Minutes of a Meeting of the South Stoke Parish Council

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7:00pm, South Stoke Recreation Ground

### Public Session

#### Members Present:

Chairman Cllr Bryan Urbick (BU)  
Members Cllr Victor Meyer (VM)  
Cllr Phillip White (PW)  
Cllr Phillip Wortley (PWo)

#### Officers Present:

Clerk Christine Lamb (CL)

**Public and Press:** Four members of the public attended

**Meeting started 19:00**, Cllr White arrived at 19.02

The Chairman invited comments and questions from the members of the public attending.

With regards to item 8.3 on the agenda members of the public made the following comments:

- The Park is an asset for village amenity and, as such, has potential for good for the village. Any sale of this land would diminish that potential. Any decision about the future plans for The Park should involve the whole community.

With regards to the recent planning application from SSPC for the building of a new Village Hall and Shop, members of the public made the following comments:

- Villagers were not informed that the application was being submitted. Cllr Urbick reported that updates had been reported in the last couple of issues of the Village Newsletter.
- Too much money was spent on the feasibility study, and this was a waste of funds.

With regards to the development of the Glebe, members of the public made the following comments:

- What is happening with this project? Can an update be provided? Cllr Urbick reported that an update would be provided after this meeting.

*The Chairman thanked members of the public for their questions and comments and started the meeting.*

#### **21.06.1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE REASONS GIVEN. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]**

Cllr D Hathaway sent her apologies.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the reason for absence. *(unanimous)*.

**21.06.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [LA 2011 s31]** None received.

**21.06.3 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS [LA 2011 s33]** None received.



**21.06.4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS  
[LA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1)]**

**Parish Council Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Minutes from the 7<sup>th</sup> July were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman. (*unanimous*)

**Extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Minutes from the 13<sup>th</sup> July were accepted as accurate and signed by the Chairman. (*unanimous*)

**21.06.5 PAST MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY** (that are not already on the agenda).

Cllr PWo reported that yellow sheathing had been noticed on some of the railway electricity cables. It was noted that these were safety covered being used while tree works were taking place and would be removed when the work was complete.

Cllr VM reported that the solicitor at Prettys that he had been dealing with had now left. He would be having a follow-up call with the replacement solicitor in the coming days.

**21.06.6 REGULAR REPORTS**

**South Stoke Community Shop:**

- Cllr PW reported that the village shop was currently short of volunteers due to previous volunteers shielding due to COVID. An effort was being made to recruit new volunteers.
- The second issue of the Village Shop Newsletter had been issued.
- The South Stoke Community Shop Board was happy that the application for the new building had been submitted.
- Some decorating was taking place
- A new manager had been employed
- Village Shop AGM would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

**Amenities Charity Report**

- Cllr PWo reported that the current '200 Club' will become the '300 Club'.
- Currently advertising for a permanent cleaner for the Village Hall.
- The Zip Wire in the playground had been repaired.
- The RoSPA inspection was due in July 2021.
- Some Junior Football Clubs were looking at hiring the playing field for the coming season.
- Investigations were being made into other surface options outside the village hall. The current surface is not suitable for disabled access and potential for tyre damage.
- The Parish Council noted that there appears to be no registered owner of the access road to the Village Hall and that the Parish Council had Right of Way interests only.



## **Slipway Committee Report**

The Clerk would work with Cllr AS to help complete setting up the Slipway Committee.

### **21.06.7 PLANNING REPORTS**

No new planning applications had been received. The Clerk would present previously unapproved comments at the next PC meeting.

### **21.06.8 RESOLUTIONS**

#### **21.06.8.1 THE PARK: To consider a request from a local resident to allow planted and self-seeded trees to remain in The Park.**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to allow the planted and self-seeded trees to remain.

#### **21.06.8.2 THE PARK: To consider the request to approve that the use of a firepit is acceptable under the lease.**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to decline the request to use a firepit. It felt that allowing a firepit in this area altered the use of the area too far from animal grazing to use as a garden. While the Council was sympathetic to the reasons given for making this request, on balance, it felt it must consider the long-term upholding of the lease terms, its own with the Diocese, and its own with other lease holders.

#### **21.06.8.3 THE PARK: To consider the requests from three local residents to pursue the purchase of small sections of The Park to extend their gardens in keeping with what Christ Church allowed two other neighbours prior to the 999 year lease to the Parish Council.**

After a discussion, the Parish Council acknowledged that its delay in pursuing a plan for the future of The Park had created the recent issues around this subject.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to work over the next few months to start a consultation to create and present multiple plan options for the development of The Park. The objective being that one of these options would gain the majority support of the village community. If, as part of the plan that wins community support, a transfer of land can be accommodated and the funds received be used to fulfil the development of The Park, the Council would support the purchase of public land.

#### **21.06.8.4 SOUTH STOKE PARISH NEWSLETTER: To review at the request of the Editor and agree any actions (if any).**

The Council expressed its thanks to the current Editor for the dedication of time and effort to produce the newsletter for the Village.



It was **NOTED** that the Editor has expressed the ability to be flexible with deadlines to accommodate villagers or groups who may wish to submit content to the newsletter.

**21.06.8.5 SOUTH STOKE PARISH NEWSLETTER: To approve that SSPC request a new volunteer to manage the newsletter advertising.**

The Parish Council thanked Jane Newton, on behalf of the South Stoke community, for her dedicated time and effort given towards the production of the South Stoke Parish Newsletter over the past six years.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to use GPC to delegate the Clerk to communicate the thanks of the Parish Council. Budget approved.

**21.06.9 FINANCE**

The Clerk reported that she had not yet had sufficient time to work through the PC's finance produce all the standard reports. A full report would be given at the next PC meeting.

The Parish Council **Approved** and **Signed** (*two existing signatories*) the bank mandate required to give the Clerk access to the PC bank accounts.

**21.06.10 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PC MEETING**

The Park – to be a regular item on the agenda while the PC's fulfils resolution 8.3.

Rights Of Way

**21.06.11 TO AGREE A LIST OF ITEMS FROM THE AGENDA TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Cllr VM noted the following items agreed by the Council to be included in the Newsletter:

- Rights of Way
- The Park
- Planning Application for Village Hall and Village Shop

*The Chairman moved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2), the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst confidential matters are discussed.*

**PART TWO**

Part two was introduced by the Chairman.



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