

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Minutes of the 416th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council held virtually on Wednesday 1st July 2020

Attendance: Cllr R Terheege (in the chair), S Beale, C Pegg, A Clover, R Fisher, A McLean Parish Clerk Theresa Case, Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett and one resident.

416/1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr N Smith, County Councillor Ivan Ould .

416/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that all Councillors have a pecuniary interest in item 416/9.
- A dispensation was **AGREED** for all Councillors to participate in any discussion and vote in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan for a period of one year.
- It was **NOTED** that all Councillors have a pecuniary interest in item 416/10.
- A dispensation was previously **AGREED** for all Councillors to participate in any discussion and vote in relation to the budget and setting of the precept for a period of four years.

416/3 To receive reports by County and Borough Councillors

- A report by County Cllr Ivan Ould was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.
- Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett reported on and the following was discussed:
 1. HBBC meetings resumed virtually.
 2. Planning – Sutton Cheney solar panel development.
 3. Covid-19 – micro area for Stoke Golding, Higham on the Hill, Fenny Drayton show 2nd highest death rate in Leicestershire and more data has been requested.
 4. St Martins Academy – unauthorised parking on Convent Drive.
 5. Baxter Hall – historical background and Asset of Community Value.

416/4 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that there were no comments.

416/5 To confirm the minutes of the 415th meeting of the Parish Council:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd June 2020 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 415th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

416/6 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council not covered by the agenda:

Updates:

- WL pathways – it was **NOTED** that work is in progress and an interim payment was **AGREED**.

416/7 Reports of elected officers of the council and the clerk:

a) Financial Progress Report

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- The Financial Reports for June was unanimously **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.
- Income for the month of June 2020 was **NOTED** at £761.00.
- Expenditure for the month of June 2020 was **VERIFIED** at £3,022.74.
- The bank reconciliation for the month of June was **NOTED**.

b) Playground inspection:

Monthly report:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that a full safety inspection report will be carried out this week.
- Government guidance on reopening of play/gym equipment from the 4th July 2020 was **NOTED** and discussed.
- It was **AGREED** that play/gym equipment should remain closed, as safety could not be achieved at this time.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to update the village through the village website and community Facebook page.

c) Ground Maintenance Report:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- Fly tipping of garden waste at the recreation field was **NOTED** and will be monitored.

- To **ACTION** the Clerk to send out letters regarding pots on graves at WL Cemetery.
- A bush growing in a grave at HR Cemetery was **NOTED**.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to investigate a kerb at HR Cemetery.
- Gravedigger's public liability insurance was **NOTED**.
- To **ACTION** MS to repair the post on the kissing gate at WL Cemetery.
- To **ACTION** MS to empty the soil enclosures at HR and WL Cemeteries.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to request price for replacement sign at WL Cemetery.

d) Crime Report:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Crime figures for April 2020 – the following figures were **NOTED** from the police.uk website:
- 4 violence or sexual offence, 4 anti-social behaviour, 1 criminal damage or arson, 1 vehicle crime, 1 other crime.

e) Report by Clerk on other matters:

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

f) Reports of Councillors on meetings they have attended relating to the work of the Parish Council

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

416/8 Planning Application Matters:

Planning applications were considered and any comments resolved as follows:

a) New Applications:

- Land east of Higham Lane, SG – erection of building and change of use of land to dog care facility.

RESOLVED COMMENTS: No concerns.

b) Amended:

None.

e) Appeals:

None.

f) Withdrawn:

None.

g) Refused:

- Land at Wykin Lane, SG – residential development of up to 55 dwellings (outline-access only).

h) Approved:

- 45 Station Road, SG – installation of external wall insulation.
- 27 Crown Hill Close, SG – variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/00152/FUL to amend the dimensions of proposed dwelling.

i) Declined to Make (the application has not met the criteria for the TPO status therefore permission is no longer required):

None.

416/9 To receive the minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meetings and consider any recommendations

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 15th June and 22nd June 2020 were **NOTED**.
- Revised site allocation for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was **AGREED** by a majority decision.

416/10 To receive the quarterly budget comparison

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The quarterly budget comparison and report were **NOTED**.

416/11 To review council risk assessment

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The updated council risk assessment was unanimously **AGREED**.

416/12 To update on maintenance of the pavilion

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- A report by Cllrs Pegg and Clover on the cracked wall was **NOTED**.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to check insurance cover and seek quotes, as necessary.

416/13 To update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was nothing to report.

416/14 To update on proposals for play equipment for 12-18 year olds

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Feedback from other parish councils was **NOTED**.
- To **ACTION** Cllrs Fisher and McLean to continue to liaise with Barwell Parish Council regarding the offer of a shelter.

416/15 To update on work to the recreation field pathway

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that initial proposals from the contractor are still pending.

416/16 To update on Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that a reply from LCC Highways regarding permission to install slabs was still pending.

416/17 To update on application for Asset of Community Value status for Baxter Hall

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the application has been judged to be valid and Baxter Hall will be listed as an asset of community value.
- It was **NOTED** that the six-week interim moratorium period was triggered on the 23rd June 2020.
- It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council should give notice to the Borough Council to be considered as a potential bidder prior to 4th August 2020 which will trigger the full moratorium period of six months giving interested parties in the village time to develop a proposal and bid.
- Historical background was discussed and **NOTED**, but no action considered necessary.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to update the village through the village website and community Facebook page.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to update Borough Councillor Collett as requested.
- Correspondence from the Charity of Thomas Barton was **NOTED** and to **ACTION** the Clerk to update.

416/18 To update on the annual tree inspection work

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with tree works as listed in the report, at a cost of £1,070.00.

416/19 To appoint one trustee of the Charity of Thomas Barton

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to reappoint Bernard Arnold as trustee for a term of four years from 2nd August 2020.

416/20 To consider the purchase of PSPO signs

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the purchase of signs, at a cost of £65.00.

416/21 To consider the purchase of defibrillator pads

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the purchase of replacement pads under S137 expenditure, at a cost of £43.00.

416/22 To update on Accessibility Regulations Statement

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- The Accessibility Statement was unanimously **AGREED** and will be published on the Stoke Golding Village Website.
- It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council was now compliant with Accessibility Regulations.

416/23 To update on Hinckley Road Cemetery boundary matter

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- Further correspondence and a surveyor's opinion were **NOTED**.
- It was **AGREED** that DAS Law will now act for the Parish Council in this matter.
- To **ACTION** the Clerk to continue to liaise with DAS Law and update Councillors, as necessary.

416/24 To consider a location for children's magical trail

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** that the copse at the recreation field could be used for a magical trail, subject to risk assessments and adherence to Covid 19 restrictions.

- To **ACTION** Cllrs Fisher and Beale to continue to liaise with the residents

416/25 To resolve upon the Monthly Schedule of Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that payments have been checked against the invoices and the schedule of payments was unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the schedule. The Parish Council to proceed with payments as follows: July 2020: pavilion electricity £24.00, admin – clerk's salary and office expenditure £771.47, ground maintenance – contract £1,639.23, HBBC litter and dog waste collection £694.98, HBBC trade waste for village hall/pavilion £96.20, WL pathways interim payment £4,850.00 and gravedigger £300.00.

416/26 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Written

None

Verbal

None

416/27 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

None

416/28 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED** for the August agenda:

- To consider a Parish Council Facebook page.
- To consider the purchase of plants for Bennett Close wildflower patch.
- To review land registry for Parish Council land.

416/29 To consider entering a confidential session to discuss commercially sensitive matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **AGREED** to enter a confidential session and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.

416/30 To consider village open space matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- A report on progress regarding the Convent Drive open space by Cllr Pegg was **NOTED** and documents from owners and HBBC will be circulated to all Councillor shortly for consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Next meeting:- Virtually on Zoom, Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.00pm