**STOKE LYNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Stoke Lyne held on Tuesday 10th May 2016

### in the Parish Meeting Room at 8.00pm

# TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Brian Penhallow

Ali Miller

Hugo Brown

Sarah Jane Buckle

Pippa Elliot

Chairman Nick Barnes welcomed parishioners, Councillor Corkin CDC, Councillor Wood CDC and Councillor Mrs Fulljames OCC to the meeting.

# TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2015

The Chairman read out the minutes from the last meeting and it was agreed that they were a true record

Proposed: John Adams Seconded: Rena Andrews

All in favour

The Chairman thanked Selina Davies for continuing to do a sterling job with the website.

**3 REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MRS FULLJAMES OCC**

* HS2 – This seems to be going forward and very mindful of construction implications ie aggregate lorries
* Incinerator – ongoing discussion on lighting, why do they need so much at night when only a small number working at night.
* Finance – the Government seems to be cutting more and more - £290 million has to be saved between 2010 and 2018. This affects what OCC can do and services will have to be cut
* Master Plan – joint CDC and OCC document. Very concerned about the road infrastructure with so many houses being built. Howes Lane is to be closed and a new road will go through the Eco Town.
* Bus Subsidies – these will end July 2016, a lot of Parish Councils are working with bus companies to see what can be done to keep them going
* Children’s Centres – there are 48 across the County and there will be cuts to these.
* Ardley – household waste, all centres will remain open. Virador want to close Ardley as land fill has finished there now but OCC are not in favour of this
* Unitary Councils – big surprise that CDC want to make four unitary councils. Councillor Mrs Fulljames wants one Unitary Council to cover everything as there is much more difficulty with four than one.
* Stoke Lyne have a very efficient Council – well done!

Questions

* Recycling – is Calvert open or is it full? - Once it gets going there may be less going to Ardley.

*Councillor Mrs Fulljames left the meeting at 8.45pm*

**REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR CORKIN CDC**

* Councillor Corkin explained that there are now three District Councillor for the Ward, himself, Councillor Wood and Councillor Macnamara. The Boundary Commission changed the boundaries and there are now 48 – mainly conservative
* Local Plan 1 - approved. Protects the area from speculative development.
* Bus Service – Heyfordia Bus Company have said they may be able to run weekly services in conjunction with other Parishes, proposed for a Friday with a four hour turn around.
* Virador – still meeting with them. People can visit the site if they would like to.
* Parish Liaison meeting 8th June 2016

**REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR BARRY WOOD CDC**

* All three Councillors are available to speak to the Parishes and his ‘thing’ is always to stand up for villages.
* Cherwell D C - Money was reduced by the Government but they haven’t increased the council tax but look to run more efficiently by joining up with South Northants DC
* Devolution – the new buzz word, seeks to bring more money into local government and need to seek ways of doing this – there are 7 District Councils plus Oxford City Council and we need to have Councils that are smaller unitary councils in the local area not one big one
* Proud of CDC record, 80% customer satisfaction, and proud they don’t increase charges.

Questions

* Do we just go to Councillor Corkin or any of the three Councillors? Councillor Corkin as primary contact but if a huge issue then all of us will help
* Is CDC supporting broadband? Yes, they have contributed £500k

*Councillors Corkin and Wood left the meeting at 9.10pm*

1. **REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

No report available

**5 VILLAGE REPORTS**

**Stoke Lyne Diggers –** Pippa Elliott wrote a short report on the progress of the allotment site.

‘The Stoke Lyne allotments continue to be a thriving part of our village community. All of the allotments are let and the vast majority to residents of Stoke Lyne. The allotments play a key role in bringing our village together. Bob Wheatcroft was re-elected as chairman and Phil Elliot as vice-chairman at the recent AGM. We again had a BBQ after the village Harvest Festival last autumn, which was well attended by both allotment holders and other villagers. Russ Witney won the best in show prize. We would like to thank the Parish Council for their continued support’.

**Church and Parish Room -** Chris Poole gave a report on the progress of the refurbishment and said it was a long and difficult road and already 2 ½ years had been spent on it. There was still a lot of procedures to go through but in the meantime funds need to be raised. A grant had been obtained to cover architect fees for the 1st stage. Still waiting for the experts to put in their reports but had hired a Quantity Surveyor. They have applied to Virador for £60k grant and there are other grants they can apply for. There is £15k already in the bank. The plans are for a complete new floor, erect a glass screen, improve the heating and lighting and work on the toilets to bring them up to date. The Church is hoping that when the work is complete the Parish Room will be used a lot more. It is hoped to have some plans to show on Pedstock Day.

There will be an afternoon tea party on Saturday 11th June 2016 to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday.

**Broadband –** James Davies gave a brief report on Broadband roll out in Stoke Lyne. The Parish Council had been notified it had been brought forward into phase 1 to summer 2017 due to extra funding from OCC and has asked for a list of postcodes with the worst broadband connection so they can improve their knowledge of coverage in Stoke Lyne. Councillor Davies will continue to update on this topic.

**6 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

Vacancies – We did not need an election as only four people stood to be a Councillor but we still need to co-opt two more people so if anyone is interested or knows of anyone interested please contact the Clerk.

Hugo Brown did not stand this time as he stood as a District Councillor for Deddington Ward and was elected – many congratulations.

Chris Poole did not stand this time due to work commitments and he is involved deeply with the Church.

Thanks to Hugo and Chris for all the hard work and contribution to the Parish Council over the past years.

As well as Planning Applications, there are lots of little issues to deal with. The village sign has been missing for over 18 months but funding for replacing it is an issue, the Parish Council are regularly chasing this.

We keep a close eye on planning issues and follow up any problems. Our philosophy in general as regards planning applications is that as long as it is not affecting anyone else, or setting a precedence then the Parish Council will support the application or object if a problem will be caused.

Warehousing – 2 million square foot being proposed for the Local plan but Councillor Corkin, Hardwick, Tusmore and the Parish Council worked together to overcome this and it was not included.

McDonalds planning application – the Parish Council have resisted 4 applications and will continue to do so.

Storm Drains – the Parish Council will continue to badger OCC about this.

Website - Details of Parish Councillors are now on there. Thanks to Selina for managing the website.

Church Refurbishment – the Parish Council are being informed of progress by Chris Poole and encouraged that funding is available.

Rural Bus Service – started to look at this when informed of the bus service stopping. Researched locally and numbers using the bus are relatively small, but the Parish Council are working with other Parishes to see what can be done to get some sort of service.

Precept – this has been kept at the same level. £3000 per annum covers:

* Clerks wages
* Mowing the playing fields
* Insurance of playground equipment – 1/3 of the budget
* Provision of maintenance of notice boards, white gates and benches

Thanks to Kathy Brown, the Clerk for support to Parish Council, Parish Councillors, Hugo Brown, Chris Poole and Ian Corkin for all their great support.

Thanks to Richard Reynolds for the grass cutting.

# 7 QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

* The Parish Council should encourage more villagers to come to the meetings
* Pot hole – Bainton – Ring the hot line and take photos of the pot hole, the more people the better
* Litter – can the council put up notices to say No Littering.

**8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 9.40pm