

**Minutes of Stoke Albany Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
2014 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

Councillors: B Squires, D Benson, Tugwell

In Attendance: Members of the public

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

<b>Minute No.</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr J Wallace and Cllr D Small.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes be signed as a correct record.	
<b>3</b> <b>3.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising:</b> None. <b>Minute 7.7/Jan 14</b> – The water that has started to well up at the edge of the road repairs undertaken at the bottom of Ashley Road Hill in November 2013 due to the emergence of a natural spring has been reported to Northamptonshire Highways. Cllr Benson reported that the rate of flow of the water is constant and the pot hole is enlarging.	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Minute 7.7/Jan 14</b> - Background information has been forwarded to Cllr A Matthews, Northamptonshire County Councillor, in respect of the 7.5 tonne weight limit and the Village Green directional sign which are issues being dealt with by Northamptonshire Highways.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Representations from Members of the Public:</b> Planning application KET/2013/0679 (Minute 6.3/Nov 13). Concern was raised that the Kettering Borough Council (KBC) Planning Committee had approved the planning application for a temporary two year period but no reference had been made to the building of a day room and vehicular access which will be permanent structures. The question was raised as to what would happen to this development if after two years the temporary permission is revoked. A further planning application has been submitted to KBC to request that the temporary permission is made permanent. It was highlighted that Stoke Albany Parish Council had stated this should be viewed as a temporary site until such time as KBC (Kettering Borough Council) review of the Gypsy & Travellers Accommodation is completed. Background information of the current Pastures Site and the new 7 plot site was provided. More communication with the managers of the Pastures Site and the Parish Council was requested to increase understanding of what they are trying to achieve.  The members of the public were thanked for attending the meeting and providing background information that was not evident in the planning application. Cllr Squires stated that the Parish Council cannot comment on the technical aspects of a planning application.	
<b>6</b> <b>6.1</b>	<b>Planning – For information only:</b> <b>KET/2014/0028</b> – Mr Smith – Stoke Albany Road (Land off), Desborough – S.73	

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9.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HSBC Bank Statement at 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014: £1,892.52. Uncleared cheque: £17.80. Ledger Balance: £1,874.72.</li> </ul> <p><b>Email from Mr D Moody, Northants CALC:</b> The latest news on precept referendums (“capping”) is that there is no news. Brandon Lewis MP told NALC at a meeting last week that the announcement would probably be made when the Local Government Finance Settlement is confirmed in mid-February. If there is any capping, the talk is that it will only apply to parish councils with a B and D precept in excess of £160. There are currently no councils in Northamptonshire with a precept at that level.</p>	
10 10.1	<p><b>Village Issues</b></p> <p><b>Pocket Park Trees:</b> Cllr Squires has contacted Mr David Winston-Hart, Trees at Heart Ltd, to obtain a quote to coppice a number of trees in the Park. A meeting is to be arranged when the weather improves. The Pocket Park Annual Inspection will be completed following this meeting.</p>	BS
11	<p><b>Letter from Wilbarston Parish Council</b> – Horse riders on the highway It was agreed that this letter will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in March.</p>	
12 12.1 12.2 12.3 12.4 12.5 12.6 12.7 12.8 12.9	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> The below detailed correspondence was noted:</p> <p>KBC Work Programme January 2014</p> <p>My County Council in Northamptonshire Jan 14</p> <p>Northants CALC Jan &amp; Feb 14 courses</p> <p>Clerks &amp; Councils Direct January 2014</p> <p>Planning application procedural change</p> <p>Northants Highways email - winter driving leaflets/salt &amp; salt bins</p> <p>Northants CALC email: New Planning Training courses added to the Training Calendar</p> <p>Northamptonshire Highways January Members’ newsletter</p> <p>Central and East Northamptonshire Citizens Advice Bureau Financial Capability and Consumer Empowerment Training Opportunities</p>	
13 13.1	<p><b>Exchange of Information:</b></p> <p>Cllr Benson reported that he has fitted a BT Broadband accelerator which has improved his broadband performance. The website link for further information is: <a href="http://www.productsandservices.bt.com/consumerProducts/displayTopic.do?topicId=25075&amp;s_cid=btb_FURL_accelerator">http://www.productsandservices.bt.com/consumerProducts/displayTopic.do?topicId=25075&amp;s_cid=btb_FURL_accelerator</a></p>	
14	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting and Agenda Items:</b> Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 8.00pm.</p>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9:35 pm</b></p>	

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