

**Minutes of Stoke Albany Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014
at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: D Benson, B Squires, J Wallace, V Green

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Minute No.		ACTION
1	<p>To receive Councillor Declaration of Acceptance of Office It was confirmed that Cllr V Green had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form as a Parish Councillor witnessed by the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Benson welcomed Cllr Green to the Parish Council.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies: Cllr D Small.</p> <p>Cllr D Howes – Kettering Borough Councillor and Cllr A Matthews – Northamptonshire County Councillor also sent their apologies.</p>	
3	<p>Approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of 4th November 2014 It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Squires and seconded by Cllr Benson – Agreed.</p>	
4	Matters Arising: None.	
5	Declarations of Interest: None.	
6	Representations from Members of the Public: None.	
7	Planning:	
7.1	<p>KET/2014/0755 – Mr Winfield – The Old Stables, Desborough Road, Stoke Albany – Full Application: Replacement roof: Erection of garden office. The Parish Council supported this planning application.</p>	
7.2	<p>Letter received from Northfield UK Solar – Former RAF Desborough: Solar Farm proposals. A public exhibition is being held on 28th January 2015 at Wilbarston Village Hall. Members of the Parish Council will try to attend this exhibition.</p>	All Cllrs
8	Surveys/Questionnaires/Meetings	
8.1	<p>Kettering Borough Rural Forum 27/11/14 – Cllr B Squires attended this meeting and gave the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Lighting – There is a strong movement from Kettering Borough Council (KBC) to offload responsibility for the running and maintenance of the street lights which they are currently responsible for to Parishes. A meeting is to be held in February 2015, details to be confirmed. It is important that a Councillor from Stoke Albany Parish Council attends this meeting. • KBC Community Fund Grant – Concern was raised that this was originally intended to be a fund that Town and Parish Councils could apply for, however, Village Halls have been recipients of this fund. 	BS

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<p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning – a discussion was held about a traveller planning application in Braybrooke. <p>Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) Public Consultation regarding changes to Children’s Centre venues – Noted.</p> <p>Northants CALC Rights of Way and the Definitive Map Training Course – Mr David Hull, Footpaths Warden, was interested in attending this course which was fully booked. Northants CALC has confirmed that another course is to be organised on a date to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p>	<p>Bus Shelters, Seats & BMX Track Cllr Squires has undertaken an inspection of the bus shelters, seats and BMX track and reported that they are all in good condition except for the bus shelter opposite the White Horse Public House on the Ashley Road/Harborough Road which is showing signs of wear (Minute 13/May 14).</p> <p>Ashley/Harborough Road Bus Shelter Cllr Benson has met with the preferred contractor who has now completed the s.171 Licence which is required to be made to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) to be able to undertake the work to the bus shelter on the public highway. The completed s.171 Licence and a cheque payment for £172.00 will be sent to the Highways Department for approval. Work cannot commence until this approval has been granted.</p> <p>Commemorative Oak Tree Cllr Squires continues to monitor the tree.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Broadband Cllr Benson reported that he had attended, with Cllr Green, a meeting organised by Gigaclear at Ashley Village Hall. The meeting outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way the Gigaclear product works; • Impact on communities; • How cables are laid, the box for each property and cabling kits from the box to the property; • Comparability to other service providers including BT; • The entry broadband level is 50mbps. <p>Cllr Benson noted that the costs advertised by Gigaclear are comparable to those of BT.</p> <p>Cllr Benson is awaiting information from Gigaclear as to the percentage take up rate that is needed in the village to make installation viable.</p> <p>It was noted that Ashley Village has signed up to an agreement for BT to provide fibre to a cabinet within the village. Cllr Benson is to contact the Chairman of Ashley Parish Council to find out more about their agreement and the cost. It was noted that Ashley Parish Council had been awarded funds through the KBC Community Grant Fund for the provision of broadband within the village.</p> <p>Cllr Benson stated that he is clear that public money, through the Parish Council, should not be spent on the provision of an improved broadband service within the village. It was Agreed that Cllr Benson should engage with Gigaclear in an</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>

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	official capacity. All decisions will be bought back to the Parish Council for agreement.																
11	Vehicle Activated Speed Sign Information is awaited from Cllr Matthews, Northamptonshire County Councillor, with regard to what data will be recorded by the sign and to confirm the cost of the s.50 licence required from NCC.																
12	Finance 12.1 Accounts for Payment: The following accounts for payment were agreed:																
	Chq. No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	Statutory Power												
	100842	£71.92	Mrs Leigh Parkin	Salary (Nov 14)	s.111 LGA 1972												
	100843	£17.80	HM Rev & Customs	PAYE (Nov 14)	s.111 LGA 1972												
	100844	£172.00	Northamptonshire County Council - s.171 Licence	Road Opening Licence under Section 171 – NCC Administration and inspection fee for the removal of the Ashley/Harborough Rd bus shelter	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4												
	LGA = Local Government Act																
	It was Agreed that Cllr Victor Green should attend the Northants CALC 'Off to a Flying Start' course being held on 10 th December 2014. The cost of the course is £39.00.				VG												
12.2	Receipts: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Paid into Lloyds/TSB</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Received from</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>26/11/14</td> <td>£43.98</td> <td>Wilbarston Parish Council</td> <td>Recharge half of the cost of Arnold Baker Local Council Administration Book</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27/11/14</td> <td>£500.00</td> <td>Kettering Borough Council</td> <td>Community Fund Grant</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Paid into Lloyds/TSB	Amount	Received from	Reason for Payment	26/11/14	£43.98	Wilbarston Parish Council	Recharge half of the cost of Arnold Baker Local Council Administration Book	27/11/14	£500.00	Kettering Borough Council	Community Fund Grant	
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12.3	Bank Statement & Accounts: The HSBC Bank Statement at 29 th November 2014 had not been received and will be reported to the Parish Council in January 2015. It was Agreed that Cllr Green should be included as a cheque signatory.				Clerk												
12.4	Northants CALC email: Budget Information 2015/16 – Noted.																
12.5	Second Draft Budget 2015/16 A second draft budget for 2015/16 was presented to the Parish Council for consideration. The following points were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No increase to the precept for 2015/16; • The training budget for the Clerk is to be increased; 																

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of reserves; • The budget is to be presented to the Parish Council at the meeting in January for agreement. 	
13 13.1	Pocket Park Quote(s) to relay the hedge and coppice the trees – Cllr Squires had not received any further quotes and will follow up before the next Parish Council meeting.	BS
14 14.1 14.2 14.3 14.4 14.5	Correspondence: The below detailed correspondence was noted: KBC Work Programme In Northamptonshire November 2014 Email: Defibrillators NCC Email: Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area new website Letter from KBC: Parish Council List of Key Contacts	
15 15.1 15.2 15.3	Exchange of Information: Constables Land, Stoke Albany – Update in rent review. The acknowledgement of the increase in rent from May 2015 has been signed and returned by the current tenant. Cllr Benson stated that he had received letter of resignation from the Clerk. This is to be placed on the agenda for discussion at January's Parish Council meeting. All Councillors expressed regret that the Clerk was leaving but appreciated her reasons for this action. Cllr Squires noted that he had received a receipt from the Poppy Appeal for the donation made by Stoke Albany Parish Council. Cllr Benson thanked everybody for attending the meeting.	
15	Date of Next Meeting and Agenda Items: It was noted that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 th January 2015, 8.00pm.	
	The meeting closed at 9:35 pm	

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