

Minutes of Stoke Albany Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 17th June 2015 at 8.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: D Benson (Chair), B Squires, J Wallace

Clerk: Justina Medwell

In Attendance: Dave Hall (Footpath Warden), Ros Willatts

Minute No.		ACTION
1	Apologies: Cllr V Green	
2	Declarations of Interest: None	
3	<p>Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) re Desborough Airfield: Cllr Benson welcomed the visitors.</p> <p>Ms Willatts presented a very detailed case for submitting a DMMO to Northamptonshire County Council regarding Desborough Airfield. She circulated maps of the airfield showing the parish boundaries, the proposed siting of the solar panels, existing footpaths and unapproved tracks that have been used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders for many years. Ms Willatts said that the landowners, Rockingham Estates, had agreed in principle at the consultation stage to turn these unapproved tracks into permissive paths. This, she said, was subject to being withdrawn and thus was seeking support to apply for these tracks to be made formal rights of way.</p> <p>The Council considered this at length and after much discussion agreed that whilst in principle it was in favour of keeping the tracks open, it was cautious about forcing the hand of the landowner and potentially jeopardising the current harmonious relationship and freedom over the land which benefitted much of the parish. The council felt it would therefore not be appropriate to endorse Ms Willatts's DMMO application.</p>	
4	<p>Approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of 18th May 2015 It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.</p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising: Cllr Benson said he had passed on to Shirley Morgan some parish council items for the village hall newsletter but had not as yet discussed with her the possibility of merging the two newsletters.</p> <p>Cllr Benson also stated that David Small had acknowledged the Council's decision to co-opt him onto the Council.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the litter picking equipment for the 13th July had been ordered.</p>	
6	<p>Representations from Members of the Public: None.</p>	
7	<p>Planning: There were no planning applications to consider.</p>	
8	<p>Surveys/Questionnaires/Meetings: None</p>	

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9	<p>Bus Shelters, Seats, Roads & 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.</p> <p>Cllr Squires was pleased to inform the Council that the Commemorative Oak Tee is growing.</p> <p>The Council noted an e-mail from Ben Wright (County Highways) advising that the resurfacing of De Roos Way has been programmed to take place on Monday 6th July. All residents affected by the works (including those in D'Albini Close) will receive a letter in the next 10 days informing them of the working hours (8am to 5pm) and access arrangements. The e-mail also advised that repairs have recently been carried out to potholes along the Desborough Road.</p>																					
10	<p>Finance:</p> <p>10.1 Accounts for payment: It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 763 1347 931"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> <th>Statutory Power</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100866</td> <td>£142.00</td> <td>Justina Medwell</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>S111 LGA 1972</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>LGA = Local Government Act</p> <p>10.2 Receipts: None</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1043 1347 1077"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>10.3 SUMMARY OF BALANCES</p> <table data-bbox="320 1149 1347 1256"> <tr> <td>National Savings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,074.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£4,220.44</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Reserves</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,295.38</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bank Statement & Accounts: The HSBC Bank Statement at 29th May 2015: £4,362.44. Uncleared cheque: £142.00. Ledger Balance: £4,220.44.</p>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	Statutory Power	100866	£142.00	Justina Medwell	Salary	S111 LGA 1972					National Savings	£5,074.94	Current Account	<u>£4,220.44</u>	Total Reserves	£9,295.38	
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11	<p>Notification of Designation Application: Cllr Benson referred to a letter from Historic England inviting the Council to comment on its initial assessment and consultation report regarding Stoke Albany's War Memorial. The Council resolved not to comment at this stage.</p>																					
12	<p>Correspondence: The below detailed correspondence was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.1 Adam Simmonds, Commissioner – Parish walkabout 12.2 Northants CALC - Update 12.3 NCC Highways CEG Works 12.4 Rosalind Willatts – Letter re DMMO Desborough Airfield 12.5 NCC Notification of Road Closure A427 																					
13	<p>Exchange of Information: None</p>																					
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting and Agenda Items: It was noted that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th July 2015, 8.00pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25 pm</p>																					

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