

**Minutes of Severn Stoke & Croome d'Abitot Parish Council Meeting
held at Severn Stoke Parish Hall on 18th September 2019 at 8pm**

Present: Cllr Watkins (Chair) Cllrs Garrard, Hodson, Sturgess, Seward, Cox, Halling, Hadley and Williams
Dist Cllrs Harrison (arrived 8.15pm)

In attendance: Clerk Mrs L Gower and 4 members of the public.

1 To consider apologies and to approve reasons for absence. Cllrs Michael, Cllrs Preston, Talbot, Keating Nash. Reasons approved.

2 Declarations of Interest

a. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

b. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the Code of Conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

Cllr Watkins declared a pecuniary interest in item 9 on the agenda.

3 Minutes To consider the approval of the minutes of meeting held on 10th July 2019. Clerk read over actions from last meeting, most of which are covered on this agenda. Cllr Halling proposed approval of these minutes, seconded by Cllr Cox, unanimously agreed.

4 Councillors' Reports

County Cllr Middlebrough – Children's Services from WCC are being taken over by a private not for profit company from October. WCC are undergoing Senior structure changes as part of their budget cutting exercise. The Mineral Plan is currently out on consultation, it will go for inspection and be ready in the New Year. Pavements, at a cabinet meeting Cllr Middlebrough asked that a rolling programme of siding out be put together. London Arch, Cllr Middlebrough is arranging for plainings to be spread on the area where parking takes place on grass.

Cllr Harrison – arrived at 8.10pm having been at Northern Area planning committee meeting.

The South Worcestershire Development Plan will be under review and Category 4 villages (which Severn Stoke parish comes under) will have their settlement boundary removed. This will mean no new building can take place. Cllr Harrison had also attended a meeting at Kempsey regarding Airband Super fast broadband, if anyone wishes to have information please contact Clerk.

5 Clerk's Report

a. General Admin of correspondence emails etc. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising. Email from resident present at last meeting with comments re flood defence discussion. Register of Interests documents sent to MHDC for Cllr Halling, set to be done for Cllr Williams. Updating information web pages. Minerals local plan circulated. Advised Parish Hall committee Cllr Halling happy to attend as PC rep. Discussion with resident of Knights Hill re hedge, letter written, logged with WCC after no action. Emails with residents re pavement at Knights Hill and also Kinnersley green. Visited residents in Kinnersley re village green. Emails regarding Flood defence contacts with Flood defence group to get contact details for EA and BWB, not successful. Good Councillors Guides collected from CALC at Malvern for all councillors. Further email to Land Drainage Officer re Birch Lane, he will review. Email to Severn Waste re lorries exiting onto Rebecca Road, they are looking into this. Chased Safer Roads Partnership, awaiting next response.

Highways – Circulated Madge Hill roadworks/then cancelled. Met with Siding Out team on Severn Bank re work being undertaken on pavements. Flooding in field opposite Madge Hill/The Lodge reported to WCC, drain believed to be blocked under the road, causing flooding in the field and combine to get stuck. WCC acknowledged and will have it inspected/jetted. Road sweeper swept and sprayed following work below by lengthsman.

Lengthsman Checked by WCC that Lengthsmans training still valid. Valid until 2021. Timesheet available from Clerk. Major clear up of debri/straw etc from pavements, particularly Kinnersley/A38

b. Finance Cheques sent off following last meeting. Ledger updated. Current account balance £11,672.77 and deposit account £1,677.12.

c. Approval of invoices Malvern Hills District Council £72.00 election charge, Worcestershire CALC £46.75 Good Councillor Guides, Viking Direct £147.65, Mrs L Gower mileage expenses £40.30, Mr S Bott £50.00 grass cutting Severn Stoke.

6 Planning Report inc site visit to Astons Coaches

Clerk asks all Councillors to respond to planning applications when they are emailed

Application	Property concerned	Detail	Action
17/01979/FUL	Cedar Lodge	Alteration and extension of existing building to create a single dwelling	Disposed of by MHDC
17/01729/LB	School House, Severn Stoke	Repair and replacement of materials to fire damaged east elevation and gable.	Responded approval. Pending decision by MHDC
18/01253/FUL	Orchard House, Kinnersley	Erection of 7 houses, retrospect for convert of two, associated car parking, infrastructure etc	Approved by Northern Area committee 10/7/2019. Cllr Williams spoke on behalf of SS&CD PC.
19/00203/FUL	The Old School House Severn Stoke Worcester WR8 9JA	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/00601/FUL to alter the approved plans - Change of Use of Old School House to 3 residential dwellings	Recommended approval Pending decision
19/00846/HP	7 Stoke Gardens	Extension to garage plus alterations to form pitched roof	Approval granted.
19/00776/LB	Huntsman House, Croome Hunt	Overhaul of slate pitched roof covering, removal and reinstatement of natural slate with reclaimed, replace softwood tiling battens and roof felt and insulate	Recommend approval sent.
19/01168/CU	Defford Mill, Dunstall, Earls Croome	Change of use of site for use as coach depot inclusive of the siting of cabins and fuel tank	Had site visit, sent recommendation for approval, inc comment re turn left agreement

Site visit for Astons Coaches at Defford held 3 September, very well attended by Cllrs. Fisher German, agent, has sent a letter confirming Astons Coaches would agree to the “turn left” policy Countrywide Farmers had when leaving the Defford site, thus avoiding using the lanes through Kinnersley and Earls Croome. Clerk has submitted this as our response and also recommending approval.

7 Village “Welcome to Croome d’Abitot” signs – Cllr Middlebrough

Cllr Middlebrough has been approached by a resident of Croome regarding Croome D’abitot having village name signs. Cllr Middlebrough has been in contact with Hannah Davies, Clerk will discuss name spelling and locations with Hannah and obtain firm price. Cllr Middlebrough will fund £500 and PC will fund the rest assuming cost is approximately additional £800. Clerk will advise.

Clerk

8 Bins at Clifton layby. These are being emptied twice a week by MHDC and are working well.

9 Parking on village green area in Kinnersley – Clerk has exchanged emails with residences regarding cars parking on the village green opposite The Royal Oak. This appears to be on certain early evenings when the pub is busy. Clerk has spoken to closest resident who is not worried regarding the parking, Cllrs Cox and Williams have spoken to some residents who are happy the pub is busy and parking is generally in lots of areas when the pub is busy. Council agreed Clerk and Cllrs will monitor the situation for a few weeks.

Clerk
Cllr
Cox
Williams

10 Tree roots/pavement damage Knights Hill – Clerk has received an email regarding tree roots which are growing up through the pavement by 2 and 3 Knights Hill at Severn Stoke. Cllr Halling will photograph and send to Clerk so this can be reported to WCC.

11 High Green VAS – Cllr Garrard reported figure of 23,763 movements from west to east between 10/7/19 and 21/08/2019. The east to west of 14,846. The average speed was 55 mph in both directions.

12 Community Speed Watch/Speeding Clifton and Severn Stoke – Clerk has emailed Safer Roads again. Safer Roads replied they would monitor speeds in Severn Stoke again and they still train volunteers for community speed watch. Clerk has replied again as Severn Stoke figure were already available and we thought it was the training of a bike operator which was holding things up. We had also asked for Kinnersley, High Green and Severn Stoke to be assessed for the community speed watch. Clifton continues to receive speed enforcement.

13 Croome/Tarmac Liaison Group updates Clerk has received no information regarding issues with Croome/NT at present. Tarmac liaison meeting is arranged for Wednesday 25th September.

14 Land drainage issues Clerk has emailed Land Drainage Officer again at MHDC asking Birch Lane to be reviewed again.

- 15 **Maintenance of seat in Birch Lane and possible replacement of two benches** Birch Lane seat has been treated by Cllr Halling as a FOC gift to the parish council. Clerk thanked him on behalf of everyone. The possible replacement of the bench by the War Memorial was discussed. This could be linked with the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in 2020. Clerk also mentioned bench at Kinnersley which could fall under the 106 funding below. Clerk will include benches in 2020 budget and get prices. Clerk

- 16 **Orchard House Kinnersley 106 agreement** – Clerk had received an email from MHDC planning officer regarding the above. Within the planning application it states “As the site lies within a designated rural area, in accordance with SWDP 39 and the Developer Contributions SPD, a contribution should be sought towards the provision of offsite green space and outdoor community uses required from new development. The calculated off-site POS contribution of £10,252.96 has been agreed with the applicant, together with a commuted sum towards future maintenance of 18,818.25. This equates to a total contribution of £29,071.21. This would need to be secured in a s106 agreement, along with the affordable housing contribution above”. A discussion took place with advice being given from Cllr Harrison. The Parish Council will respond that they will look into the possible uses for these sums and would like them written into the 106 agreement with MHDC holding the funds until project/projects have been agreed. Clerk will respond to MHDC. Clerk

- 17 **Parish Hall committee update** – Cllr Halling will represent PC, meeting is next week.

- 18 **Councillors’ comments and items for future agendas** Wreath will be ordered for War Memorial and donation of £50 sent to Royal British Legion. High Green telephone box which is listed requires some attention. Clerk will inform BT. A couple of drains in High Green need attention. Clerk will log. Tarmac lorries are coming through Kinnersley again, 6 a day according to a resident. Clerk will bring up at the Liaison Meeting next week. Clerk

- 19 Date of next Severn Stoke & Croome D’Abitot Parish Council meeting Wednesday 13th November 2019

Public Question Time

4 members of the public present. A resident asked regarding bus cuts which have been advised by First Buses. Clerk and Cllr Harrison are attending meetings next week regarding this and will bring information to the next meeting. Clerk will contact resident if there is any update beforehand.

Signed ChairmanDate