

## STONE RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6 October 2022

held at Moddershall Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors	Cllr A McCulloch Cllr T D Scrivens Cllr W Woolliscroft Cllr B Fletcher Cllr T Mardling Cllr G Jones Cllr S Haine
	Borough Councillors	Cllr R James
	County Councillor	none
	Parish Clerk	L Davies

### **1 PUBLIC PARTICIATION**

No questions from member of the public were received.

### **2 APOLOGIES RECEIVED – ACCEPTANCE AND RECORDING OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Tyler, Brian Price, Cllr P Dimberline and Cllr A Harp.

### **3 RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

Declarations of interest were declared for agenda item 13 from Cllr S Haine.

### **4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7 JULY 2022**

The minutes of the Parish Meetings held on 7 JULY 2022 were considered, approved and duly signed as a correct record of the meeting.

### **5 DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT ON AGENDA**

None

## **6 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

**6.1** County Councillors: no matters reported

**6.2** Borough Councillors: Cllr James provided an update on the Local Plan. Consultation period will be 18<sup>th</sup> October until 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

**6.3** The Local Plan will be further discussed at the parish forum on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## **7 REVIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

**7.1** The details of the planning applications discussed in July, August, September and the start of October were duly considered and noted.

**7.2** It was noted that the planning application for the Darlaston roundabout has been refused.

## **8 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No further announcements were made.

## **9 DISCUSS THE MEECEBROOK GARDEN COMMUNITY**

Cllr R James and the Chairman provided an update on the publically available information regarding Meecebrook and how it fits into the Local Plan. This information can be found on the Stafford Borough website, or there is a link on the Parish Council's website.

## **10 DISCUSS THE HS2 ROAD SAFETY FUND**

The HS2 Road safety fund was discussed. No suitable projects were identified within the parish.

## **11 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE QUOTE FOR THE OULTON VILLAGE SIGN**

The quote from Amey of £1,000 for a new village sign on Church Lane was APPROVED.

## **12 CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NEW DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE ASTON-BY-STONE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Chairman provided an update on the Aston-By-Stone Memorial Garden. Quotes for the revised plan are being sought. It is expected that some variations to the details of the original budget will be required but that the total amount of funding required (£13,370, of which £9,800 is budgeted to be grant funding) will remain broadly the same. **Chairman to action**

**13 DISCUSS THE GRANT APPLICATION FROM OULTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

- 13.1** A grant application has been received from the Oulton Village Hall Committee for a proposed amount of £6,417 to purchase 120 chairs and replace the curtains at the village hall.
- 13.2** The grant application and accompanying information was considered and it was proposed, seconded and APPROVED that the Parish Council should provide a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of the project. **Clerk to action**

**14 DISCUSS ROAD SAFETY MATTERS AT OULTON PLAY PARK**

- 14.1** Oulton residents have raised concerns over the safety of the exit of the play park in Oulton.
- 14.2** The Borough Council is responsible for the playpark. They have been made aware of issues with the gates of the park and have rectified/scheduled to rectify these.
- 14.3** The signage around the park was also discussed. This would be a matter for the County Council and concerns should be reported to the County Council. **Clerk to action**

**15 RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- 15.1** The Clerk's report was received and matters duly noted.
- 15.2** The audit for the Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2022, has been signed off by Mazars LLP with no further actions required.
- 15.3** The Community Traffic Officer has contacted the Parish Council to understand whether the Parish Council wish to consider SIDs in Oulton as some funding may be available to fund the posts that the SIDs sit upon. It was agreed that the Clerk should request further information and report to the council with the likely costs involved. **Clerk to action**
- 15.4** The refurbishment of the bus stops in the Parish is continuing. It will be necessary to remove the vegetation around the bus stop at the top of Aston Lane in order to understand the extent of refurbishments required. **Clerk to action**

**16 RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AUTHORISATIONS REPORT**

The Payments Authorisations Report, together with the income received in the last period (July, August and September 2022) was reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**17 RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE LAST PERIOD**

**17.1** The financial statements for the period were received, reviewed and approved.

**17.2** The bank reconciliations for the year to date (30 September 2022) was received, approved and signed.

**18 REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S 5 YEAR FINANCE PLAN MONITORING**

**18.1** The Five Year Plan for the period 2018/19 to 2022/23 was reviewed.

**18.2** It was agreed that moving forward the 5 year plan should be a rolling plan. **Clerk to action**

**19 AGREE THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm at Moddershall Village Hall.

**Signed** ..... **Dated**.....  
**Chairman**

Lucy Davies  
Parish Clerk  
October 2022