

MINUTES OF STOKE SUB HAMDON  
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2018 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.00PM

**AM/18/01/a PRESENT:**

**Members:** Mrs Barbara Brooks (Chairman), Mr Hugh Donovan (Vice-Chairman), Mr Andy Dawe, and Mr Malcolm Uhlhorn

**Others:** Mr Neil Bloomfield (County Councillor), Mrs Sylvia Seal (District Councillor) Mrs Sarah Moore (Clerk), and 1 member of the public

**AM/18/01/b APOLOGIES:**

Mr Robert Manning, Mr Graham Middleton, and Mr Stephen Waldock

Both Mrs Rebecca Merrick and Mrs Suzanne Nelms had apologised that they would be late for the meeting.

**AM/18/02 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting had been circulated. They were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr Uhlhorn    Seconded: Cllr Donovan    agreed unanimously

**AM/18/03 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None declared.

**AM/18/04 CHAIRMAN'REPORT:**

Cllr Brooks gave her report. Copy attached to Minutes.

**AM/18/05 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Brooks stepped down as Chairman and the Clerk asked for nominations.

Cllr Donovan nominated Cllr Brooks for Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Donovan    Seconded: Cllr Uhlhorn    agreed unanimously

The Clerk apologised saying she had not brought the Acceptance of Office. It was agreed that it could be signed and witnessed by the Clerk outside this meeting

**AM/18/06 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**

Cllr Donovan stepped down as Vice Chairman and Cllr Brooks asked for nominations. Cllr Brooks nominated Cllr Donovan for Vice Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Brooks    Seconded: Cllr Uhlhorn    agreed unanimously

The Clerk apologised saying she had not brought the Acceptance of Office. It was agreed that it could be signed and witnessed by the Clerk outside this meeting.

**AM/18/07 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS & WORKING PARTIES:**

Planning  
Finance

Cllrs B Brooks, A Dawe, H Donovan & M Uhlhorn  
Cllrs H Donovan (Chairman), B Brooks, A Dawe, R Merrick, G Middleton & the Clerk

Memorial Hall	Cllr Brooks	
Play Equipment Inspection	Cllr Uhlhorn	
Sport & Recreation	Cllrs R Manning & R Merrick	
Friends of Ham Hill		
Representative	Cllr S Nelms	
Allotments	North Street	Mr Norman Patch
	Furlands	Cllr Dawe
	Stonehill	Cllr Uhlhorn
Environmental	Cllr M Uhlhorn	
Youth Liaison	Cllr B Brooks	
HR	Cllrs B Brooks, A Dawe & H Donovan	
Footpath Liaison	Mr Dennis Stevens	
Highways	Whole Council reporting to the Clerk	
S.A.L.C.	The Clerk	
Hamdon Youth Centre	Cllrs B Brooks, A Dawe, H Donovan, R Merrick, Clerk, & Mr J Bailey	

**AM/18/08 FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Clerk reported that the accounts and annual governance statement were still with the internal auditor and would bring them to the June Parish Council meeting for approval.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Members are reminded that the Council has a duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age), The Environment, Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

**STOKE SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
2 MAY 2018**

I would like to begin by thanking all those who have stood as Parish Councillors during the year, and also our District and County Councillors, Sylvia Seal and Neil Bloomfield, who have ably supported us with technical advice and moral support. I would also like to thank our Parish Clerk, Sarah Moore, for all the hard work she does throughout the year on our behalf. Over the past twelve months, we have said goodbye to councillors Neil Bloomfield, Brian Evans and Caroline Freeman who have left to pursue other commitments. We thank them for the help they have given on behalf of our village. We co-opted two new councillors, Stephen 'Teach' Waldock, and Suzanne Nelms who bring experiences and knowledge that will be useful to our council. We have currently have nine councillors in total, with two vacancies.

We have continued to support community facilities as we do every year by providing a total of £10,127 grant money towards operating costs for the Sports & Recreation Trust, the Memorial Hall, Hamdon Youth Group, and St Mary's Churchyard. As we do every year we also supported the May Fayre, one of the key social events in our village, by a £500 sponsorship for the printing of their programme, and we paid £450 for new music stands for the Stoke Band. We provided grants totaling £6,901 to the Memorial Hall towards the repair of its roof, and towards a major redecoration of the main Hall, lobby and stage areas, and refurbishment of the flooring.

Our major project, the purchase of the old Methodist Church in West Street for a new Youth Centre, is slowly progressing. There are significant delays at the Methodist Headquarters on paperwork which is out of our control and this is disappointing. Undeterred, we have pressed on with the other parts of the process by creating a new charity, Hamdon Youth & Family Centre, which will run the new Centre and drafted up a Service Management Agreement. We have also asked the District Council for advice on Listed Building Consent and a Disabled Access Survey, and had initial plans drawn up for the building changes.

To encourage residents to keep our village cleaner, we recently agreed to buy and install a new dog bin at the corner of Great Field Lane with North Street and a new litter bin at the top of Windsor Lane by The Old Rectory, and these are in the process of being implemented. We organized a village 'Litter Pick' last May to clean up the streets – and this year's one is scheduled for 5 May. We have spent £7,444 on grass cutting and ground maintenance round the village.

In the areas of planning we achieved a major win in regard to the Arc Homes site at Stanchester. We submitted a detailed objection statement last Autumn against their application to get out of their obligation to provide six affordable housing units and a developer's contribution to the village. The District Council's Planning Committee agreed with our objection. We continue to keep a keen eye on the other potential development sites round the village so that we can respond quickly to applications. We have taken an

active part on your behalf in consultations on the A303 Proposals, Road Safety (County Council) and Ward Boundaries potential changes. We firmly believe that we need to make our village's voice heard on key issues.

Finally, I would like to thank all those individuals and organisations in the village who have supported us over the past year, and who have shared ideas with us. This is a wonderful, caring and vibrant village to live in, and it seems to get better each year!

**Barbara Brooks**  
**Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council**