



STOKE SUB HAMDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE

<p><u>22/142/a</u> <u>PRESENT:</u> Members: Mrs. Lyn Foley (Chairman), Mrs. Denise Burton, Miss Helen Essex Mr. Paul Goulder, Mr. Richard Holder, Mrs. Moira Hulett, Mrs. Rebecca Merrick, Mrs. Suzanne Nelms and Mr. Mike Phillips, Others: Mrs. Sarah Moore (Clerk), Mr. John Bailey (County Councillor and representative of the Hamdon Youth Group) and 2 members of the public</p> <p><u>22/142/b</u> <u>APOLOGIES:</u> Mr. Owen Setter (Vice Chairman), Mr. Graham Middleton, Janet Richards (Chair of Hamdon Youth Group), Mr. Mike Hewitson (District Councillor) and Miss Emily Pearlstone (County Councillor)</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p>
<p><u>22/143</u> <u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> Cllr Foley declared an interest in the Community Shop Cllr Burton declared an interest in the Charity Shop and the Sports & Recreation Trust Cllr Goulder declared an interest in the Hamdon Youth Group Cllr Holder declared an interest in the Hamdon Youth Group Cllr Hulett declared an interest in the Community Shop, Hamdon Youth Group and the Sports & Recreation Trust Cllr Merrick declared an interest in the Sports & Recreation Trust Cllr Nelms declared an interest in the Friends of Ham Hill</p>	
<p><u>22/144</u> <u>PUBLIC SESSION</u> Cllr Bailey gave a presentation on behalf of Janet Richards on the Hamdon Youth Group. Reports had been circulated to councillors. Half of last year's funding had been returned to the Parish Council as the Group had not been running at full capacity due to the Covid pandemic and lockdown. As they now have an increase in costs, the Hamdon Youth Group asked if the Parish Council would consider a 1% inflation increase which would provide grant funding of £6,480 for 2023/24. The overall consensus of the Council was in favour but as the Finance Group had yet to hold a budget meeting for the financial year 2023/24 before a decision is made. <i>(Cllr Essex entered the meeting)</i> Cllr Bailey thanked the Council and commented that the support given by the Parish Council helps the Hamdon Youth Group with other fundraising opportunities. Cllr Bailey gave his report as County Councillor. Cllr Bailey commented on the issue of the vegetation being cut back opposite</p>	

<p>Tayberry Close in East Stoke. The Clerk said the previously mentioned broken branch had now fallen into the road.</p> <p>It was reported that the top of Bonnies Lane is flooded, and Cllr Bailey said this will be checked. Cllr Hulett mentioned that a lot of the drains were compacted in the village, and it was agreed that details would be sent to Cllr Bailey.</p> <p>Cllr Bailey said that the County has a shortage of snow ploughs and asked whether the parish had any contacts who could help if needed.</p> <p>Cllr Bailey mentioned there were a couple of letters coming out to parishes regarding finances and precepts.</p> <p>The Clerk said that South Somerset District Council were having problems with the IT where they are unable to receive emails.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p><u>22/145 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>Cllr Goulder said after a discussion with Cllr Bailey, he is happy to retract his comments regarding the Hamdon Youth Group's finances from the September Minutes (<i>Minute ref: 22/117/b</i>)</p> <p>A resident said that he could not hear what Cllr Goulder said. Cllr Foley asked Cllr Goulder to speak up.</p> <p><i>(Cllr Bailey left the meeting)</i></p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the Minutes of the October meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Merrick said she found the comment made by the resident quite aggressive and she felt intimidated by it.</p> <p>A heated discussion ensued, so Cllr Foley closed the meeting at 7.33pm. Cllr Foley said another meeting will be arranged in due cause.</p>	