

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY
ON THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Councillors Present: John Coldwell David Crossley
Russell Dowson Rosie Dunn
Chris Small

In Attendance: Fiona Hill - Parish Clerk
CYC Strensall Ward Councillor Paul Doughty
CYC Strensall Ward Councillor Tony Fisher

Public Present: 1

21/8 To receive apologies for absence and reasons given:
Ken Sawyers and Roger Wood

21/9 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda: None

21/10 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2020:
Resolved - The minutes were approved

21/11 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning application:

4.1 20/01235/TCNOT - Removal of public payphone (outside the Fox Inn) @ Public Payphone Fronting The Fox Inn The Village
Resolved – The Parish Council would object to the removal of the public payphone, as due to the poor mobile signal, it should be kept for emergencies. Due to the current health crisis, the average number of phone calls shown, should be seen as unreliable.
Unanimous, proposed: Cllr Crossley, seconded: Cllr Dowson

4.2 20/01236/TCNOT - Removal of public payphone (at layby outside The Highwayman) @ Public Payphone Fronting The Highwayman Malton Road
Resolved – The Parish Council would object to the removal of the public payphone, as due to the poor mobile signal, it should be kept for emergencies. Due to the current health crisis, the average number of phone calls shown, should be seen as unreliable.
Unanimous, proposed: Cllr Crossley, seconded: Cllr Dowson

4.3 20/01420/FUL - Erection of 2no. bed dwelling to rear of Felindre House (resubmission) @ Felindre House Sandy Lane
Resolved – The Parish Council would object because it continues to be concerned that the drainage plans are vague, so would seek assurance that the foul drainage and surface drainage system is sufficient for both the applicant and the neighbouring properties.
Unanimous, proposed: Cllr Coldwell, seconded: Cllr Small

21/12 To report planning decisions by City of York Council: None

21/13 To discuss the Stockton-on-the-Forest Play Area:

A resident had emailed as follows – “Please note that a group of teenagers have been in the park this evening and have smashed a part of the boat by jumping on it. In addition, I have had to go into the park at half 7 this evening and ask them to keep their voices down and stop swearing. This is not the first time we have had this over the last couple of weeks but tonight was too much. The 'boat' seems to be the place where groups congregate and it is literally two metres from the seating area in our garden so we can hear every word although it was so loud tonight we could hear it all from inside. I am disappointed that I have to contact you again about anti-social behaviour in the park as it has been trouble-free for some time now”.

The Parish Council agreed to increase their visits at difference days/times to discourage this anti-social behaviour

A resident had telephoned about the tree within the play area, which they wanted cut back. The Parish Clerk had advised that the play area was owned by Yorkshire Housing, so they must contact them

Cllr Dowson had inspected the play area since the last meeting and Cllr Dunn would inspect the play area until the next meeting.

21/14 To report any new correspondence received by the council:

The Chairperson of Stockton on the Forest and Hopgrove Local History Group has emailed the Parish Council as follows – “I hope this finds you keeping well and coping with these very strange times? Please could you raise this subject at the next meeting? Essentially, we sent a quotation to the Parish Council in January for the restoration of the Village Sign amounting to £1,000. Obviously, nothing could proceed due to the current Covid circumstances. However, one of our Members has voluntarily worked on the sign and brought it back to life - it took him some 12 hours of labour and he had to purchase the appropriate paint etc. He has asked for reimbursement of £100 towards his costs. Please could we ask the Parish Council for a contribution towards this amount? The sign is looking remarkably better than it was and we are most grateful to Mr. D. Williams. I attach a "before" photo and invite the members to admire the handiwork when they are next passing the sign”.

This matter would be included on the next agenda, but the Group would be asked, in future, not to raise expenditure before gaining approval from the Parish Council, as going forward expenditure would not be approved retrospectively.

21/15 To receive matters raised by members

A resident had telephoned the Parish Council about the footpath from the village along Sandy Lane, which is too narrow for mobility aids and pushchairs. This was referred to City of York Ward Councillors Paul Doughty and Tony Fisher responded as follows – “The Council suggested the path widening would not likely to be a priority from general highways funding in the immediate future. However, we agreed this would be something to look at from the ward highways funding pot. We were then given a rough estimate of 25,000 for widening the section of Sandy Lane between the Village Hall and Barr Lane and is something we have asked for Officers to firm up investigations to progress.

A resident had telephoned the Parish Council regarding police speed monitoring. This was referred to City of York Ward Councillors Paul Doughty and Tony Fisher responded as follows – “North Yorkshire Police advised in July that they “**currently have 2 Safety Camera sites in the village on Sandy Lane, one within the main part of the village itself. We have also recently identified another site further north in the village, closer to the junction with Barr Lane which has only just become live. This particular site is one of our Safety Camera Bike sites that is yet to be attended but we hope to provide a presence in this location over the coming weeks and months.**

Safety Camera sites are identified either through Killed and Seriously Injured collision statistics or through the results of the Speed Concerns process where areas are identified via concerns submitted by members of the public. We then attend these sites as per our deployment strategy.

The outcomes from all of our deployments are available to the public to see on our website (link below).

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/do-it-online/road-policing/traffic-bureau/traffic-bureau-sites-and-routes/>”

City of York Strensall Ward Councillor Paul Doughty had investigated why the VAS had been removed and received a response as follows:

In relation to your further correspondence in reference to the vehicle activated sign (VAS) site on Sandy Lane, (ref. ME-30072020-007)

I have looked back at the records and also spoken to colleagues in the Engineering Team.

I am pleased that North Yorkshire Police has agreed to some formal enforcement at this location. I note that this site was reviewed under the 95 Alive speed management protocol (SMP) in 2019 (ref YK1911890) and that under that scheme it was suggested on 24.09.19 that NYP may wish to consider enforcement at the location.

I have checked with the Engineering team, who have confirmed that as per the current VAS policy the next stage is to collect current speed data at the location, to determine if the site meets criteria for a replacement VAS (I have attached the VAS policy for information). The plan is to collect data in September, as often communities feel that traffic and speed patterns are not “regular or reflective of the actual volumes and speeds in holiday periods”. It is also likely that traffic levels and speeds are more likely to be “back to normal” or the “new normal” as schools return in September. (We are now able to commission collection of speed data, but the service has been suspended since March 2020)

In terms of how Road Safety Schemes including for cycling & walking are prioritised, this would be a question you would need to ask of the Elected Member, who holds the transport Portfolio and the Head of Transport, rather than myself.

And in terms of the time taken from the report, to the removal of the VAS, as this task falls to the Street Lighting Team I am unable to comment, other than to say they probably priorities there work as efficiently as they can considering the resources at their disposal?

The Parish Clerk would chase up Aspects as the strimming around village furniture had not been done.

Cllr Dowson reported that the “Don’t Be A Tosser” posters had been displayed around the parish.

21/16 To discuss matters raised with/by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

1. Bookkeeping records for year ending 31 March 2020
Cllrs noted receipt of the spreadsheet circulated by email
2. Policies to adopt/re-adopt
2.1 Business Continuity Plan
Resolved – The Parish Council adopted the use of this document
3. Payment Approval - None

21/17 To confirm the dates of the future meeting on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall as:

30Sep20, 28Oct20, 25Nov20, 16Dec20, 27Jan21, 24Feb21, 31Mar21, 28Apr21, 26May21, 30Jun21, 28Jul21, 25Aug21, 29Sep21, 27Oct21, 24Nov21, 15Dec21