

**Minutes of Stoke Albany Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 11th July 2012
at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall**

Present:

Councillors: B Squires, J Tugwell, D Benson

In attendance: Cllr A Wiley, Kettering Borough Councillor

Clerk: Leigh Parkin

Minute No.		ACTION
1	Apologies: Cllr D Small, Cllr J Wallace	
2	To receive Councillor Declaration of Acceptance of Office: It was CONFIRMED that Cllr Benson had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form as a Parish Councillor witnessed by the Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting.	
3	Approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of 13th June 2012 It was RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record.	
4	Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Representatives (Minute 9/May 12) – Cllr Small is to discuss the Snow Warden position with Mr Champion; 	DS
5	Declarations of Interest: None.	
6	Representations from Members of the Public: None	
7 7.1	<p>Planning: NCC 12/00043/WASFUL – Land off Eagle Avenue, Magnetic Park, Desborough – Erection and installation of an Energy Centre with the capacity to produce Combined Heat and Power through Energy from Waste Technology and including associated buildings, plant and machinery, formation of access and associated works.</p> <p>After carefully considering this planning application Stoke Albany Parish Council agreed that it supports the principle of making rubbish into a usable commodity, however, the positioning of the proposed Energy Centre is considered to be inappropriate due to its very close proximity to Stoke Wood – a wildlife habitat which will inevitably be affected by the pollutants which the Energy Centre will emit. In addition the following issues need to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be no movement of Heavy Good Vehicles along the Desborough Road through Stoke Albany Village to access and exit the A427. A written agreement is requested from Origin to confirm that vehicles over 7.5 tonnes will not travel along the Desborough Road. • The satellite navigation systems of the lorries used should highlight the agreed routes to access the Energy Centre. <p>In conclusion Stoke Albany Parish Council does not support this planning application.</p>	

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7.2	<p>KET/2012/0359 – Stoke Albany Village Hall Committee – Stoke Albany Village Hall, Ashley Road, Stoke Albany, Full Application: Replace roof and insert roof light. The Parish Council Agreed to support this planning application.</p>																					
7.3	<p>KET/2012/0433 – Mrs Wallace - Fishponds Farm, Lower Road, Stoke Albany – Certificate of Lawfulness – (Existing Use): Lawful use for – equestrian business, dwelling and annexe providing a full horse livery service; provision of schooling, training and competing horses; stabling of the applicants own horse. The Parish Council Agreed to support this application for a Certificate in Lawfulness.</p>																					
7.4	<p>Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Partial Review - Consultation on the Way Forward & Consultation on a revised Statement of Community Involvement. This was noted.</p>																					
7.5	<p>(For information only) Northamptonshire County Council 12/00018/WAS (Minute 11.1/May 12) - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of a waste materials storage and handling barn together with associated ancillary service buildings to facilitate the operation of a waste transfer site at Woodside, Stoke Albany Road, Desborough, Northamptonshire. Permission has been granted for this planning application.</p>																					
8 8.1	<p>Surveys/Questionnaires/Meetings: KBC Rural Forum – Cllr A Wiley reported back on the main points of the meeting including updates on Site Specific proposals, Gypsies & Travellers, Neighbourhood planning, A14 widening and a proposed Parish & Town Council funding review by KBC.</p>																					
9	<p>Bus Shelters, Seats & BMX Track: Cllr Squires had undertaken an inspection of the bus shelters, seats and BMX track and reported that they are all in good condition.</p>																					
10 10.1	<p>Finance Accounts for Payment: It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="370 1478 1398 1787"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Reason for Payment</th> <th>Statutory Power</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100751</td> <td>£68.25</td> <td>Mrs Leigh Parkin</td> <td>Salary (June 12)</td> <td>s.111 LGA 1972</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100752</td> <td>£17.20</td> <td>HM Rev & Customs</td> <td>PAYE (June 12)</td> <td>s.111 LGA 1972</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100753</td> <td>£147.89</td> <td>Kettering Borough Council</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>LGA = Local Government Act</p>	Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	Reason for Payment	Statutory Power	100751	£68.25	Mrs Leigh Parkin	Salary (June 12)	s.111 LGA 1972	100752	£17.20	HM Rev & Customs	PAYE (June 12)	s.111 LGA 1972	100753	£147.89	Kettering Borough Council	Grounds Maintenance	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10	
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10.2	<p>Receipts: None received.</p>																					

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<p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>10.5</p> <p>10.6</p>	<p>Bank Statement & Accounts: HSBC Bank Balance at 29th June 2012: £4,963.47. Uncleared cheques: £0. Ledger Balance: £4,963.47.</p> <p>Q1 Financial Analysis: Noted.</p> <p>Internal Audit Report: Noted.</p> <p>Quote to repair the noticeboard: A quote has been received by Greenbarnes Ltd (the original supplier of the noticeboard) to replace the right hand outside box rail and the top lock and “T” handle for the right hand side opening. It was Agreed that these parts are to be ordered. Three quotes to fix the new parts are to be sought. In addition fixing of a chain to the bottom of the door to limit its’ opening is to be investigated.</p> <p>Information about the damage to the door is to be included in the next Parish Council newsletter.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p>	<p>Traffic Calming, Community Speed Watch: Desborough Road – The request for a mobile flashing speed camera along this section of road has been chased up with NCC Road Safety Team. A reply is awaited.</p> <p>The suggestion that the 7.5 tonne sign along Desborough Road which is currently situated at the junction with Brampton Wood Lane be moved to the turn off to the Pastures Site has been forwarded to the Highways Department at Northamptonshire County Council.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Pocket Park – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Members’ conduct and the registration and disclosure of their interests Confirmation of the agreed KBC code of conduct and the new Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and other interests had been received that day in the post. The Parish Council is to adopt a new Code of Conduct and needs to decide whether to adopt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KBC Code of Conduct; • The NALC template Code of Conduct; • Its’ own Code of Conduct. <p>It was Agreed that Councillors needed additional time to read the paperwork and compare the KBC and NALC Codes. It was noted that a new Code needs to be adopted by the Parish Council as soon as possible, therefore, it was Agreed to hold an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss and adopt a new Code of Conduct at 8pm on Wednesday 25th July 2012 in the upstairs room of the Village Hall.</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>Ashley Road Hedge: Confirmation has been received from the Regulations Department at Northamptonshire County Council that Mr Brankin Frisby is responsible for the hedge running along the edge of his property down Ashley Road. Ms S Gilder, MGWSP, is to make a site visit to establish the current situation and write to Mr Brankin Frisby requesting the cutting back of the trees/hedge as necessary.</p>	

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	Mr Brankin Frisby had written to the Parish Council on 12 th June 2012 to ask whether the Parish Council had heard back from Northamptonshire County Council. The Parish Council is to write to Mr Brankin Frisby confirming the above.	Clerk
15	Grass Cutting Request A request has been received from a member of the village for the Parish Council to consider including the cutting of the area of grass outside the church wall and on the opposite side of the road into the grass cutting contract it has with KBC. The cost to include this is to be requested from KBC.	Clerk
16	Diamond Jubilee Events – Parish Council support and funding A number of Parish Councillors had met on the playing field to identify a suitable location to plant a tree to commemorate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk is to confirm with KBC that they are happy for the Parish Council to plant a tree on the playing field and the proposed location. It was Agreed that the tree to be planted will be an Oak about six feet tall. Cllr Squires is to contact the Woodlands Trust as it is understood they are keen to donate specimen trees. It was Agreed that the commemorative plaque should be fitted to a solid base. Cllr Benson had researched a number of different plaques made from various materials. Cllr Tugwell is to investigate where a stone base could be purchased from and the cost of this. Village Hall Plaque: A letter has been sent to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee requesting confirmation that the Committee wishes the Parish Council to consider funding a plaque for the newly decorated upstairs room of the Village Hall. If this is the case the Village Hall Committee has been asked to obtain quotes for the type of sign they are looking to be purchased.	Clerk BS JT
17	Correspondence	
17.1	Longhurst Group annual report 2011-12 – Noted.	
17.2	KBC Standards Committee – Agenda & Minutes 28 th June 2012 – Noted.	
17.3	Information & requests from the Mayor of Kettering Borough – Noted.	
17.4	Clerks & Councils Direct July 2012 – Noted.	
17.5	NCALC Training Calendar July to December 2012. Cllr Benson noted that the ‘Off to a Flying Start’ new Councillor course is being run on 10 th November 2012.	
17.6	NCC Highways, Transport & Infrastructure Councillors’ Newsletter June 2012 – Noted.	
17.7	Electoral Review of Northamptonshire: Draft recommendations – it was Agreed that this will be placed on the Extraordinary meeting Agenda for discussion and agreement of the Parish Council’s comments.	
17.8	Tour of Kettering Rural Constituency – Cllr Harker, Northamptonshire County Councillor will be visiting Stoke Albany on 15 th August 2012 at 10.15am – Cllr Squires is to confirm his attendance.	
18	Exchange of Information	
18.1	Cllr Squires reported that two of the trees bordering the play area are in poor condition. These are to be reported to Dawn Hughes, Tree Officer at KBC.	Clerk

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18.2	It was noted that the grass in the play area has been cut but that the grass cuttings had not been collected. This is to be reported to KBC.	Clerk
18.3	Dawn Hughes, KBC Tree Officer, has received a complaint about overhanging vegetation from a private residence along the pathway between D'Albini Close and Green Lane. NCC has stated that they are not responsible for this land. Cllr Squires stated that the Parish Council does not own this land but that he will investigate the problem further.	BS
19	<p>Date of Next Meeting and Agenda Items</p> <p>It was Agreed that an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th July 2012 to discuss the new Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday 4th September 2012.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 22:45 hrs	

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