

## Minutes of Stoke Albany Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8 pm in the Village Hall

### Present:

Councillors: D Benson (Chair), B Squires (Vice Chair), J Wallace, B Heggs and V Green.  
Clerk: Justina Medwell

In Attendance: County Cllr Allan Matthews and two members of the public

Minute No.		ACTION
1	<b>Apologies received and approved:</b> Borough Councillor David Howes	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest and Changes to the Register of Interests:</b> There were no declarations or changes to the Register of Interests.	
3	<b>Approve and sign the minutes of the meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes be signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Squires      Seconded Cllr Green	
4	<b>Matters Arising:</b> The Council has established ownership of the land adjacent to the pocket park. Cllr Green <b>agreed</b> to contact the elderly landowner to discuss the possibility of the Council clearing this overgrown piece of land.  It was noted that the overgrown hedge on the Wilbarston Road along from the junction with the Ashley Road had been partially cut back. The Clerk will check on progress with this with NCC Highways.	<b>VG</b>  <b>JM</b>
5	<b>Representations from Members of the Public:</b> The Chair welcomed the visitors.  A discussion took place on the Northamptonshire County Council consultation on the proposed redesign of library services including withdrawal of the mobile library and the closure or transfer to the community of some medium and smaller libraries. The Chair <b>agreed</b> to make representation on behalf of the Council, objecting to the removal of the mobile library which would greatly impact those in the parish who had no transport and depended on the service.  The Chair thanked the members of the public who duly left the meeting at 8.25 pm.	<b>DB</b>
6	<b>Planning:</b> <b>6.1 KET/2017/0765 Mrs Hook 5 Chapel Lane Notification of tree works</b> For information	
7	<b>Surveys/Questionnaires/Meetings:</b> <b>7.1 Rural Forum Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> Cllr Squires attended both this meeting and the meeting with the Chief Constable on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October. He reported from these meetings, stating that the Police were of the opinion that they were losing touch with the rural areas and plan to form dedicated teams to service various sections of rural Northamptonshire in order to improve relationships between the police and the public.	

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11.4	<p>Chairman.</p> <p><b>External Audit Report:</b> The Clerk reported that the 2016/17 Audit had now been successfully completed by the external auditor. The Council noted that the Annual Accounting Statement had been amended to include the computer as a fixed asset.</p> <p>All matters pertaining to finance are displayed on the website on <a href="http://stoke-albany-pc.org.uk">stoke-albany-pc.org.uk</a></p>	
12	<p><b>Correspondence:</b>  <b>12.1</b> NCALC – Sept/Oct eUpdate  <b>12.2</b> KBC – Meeting with Chief Constable – 23<sup>rd</sup> October  <b>12.3</b> Northants Police – Change of Roles and Crime Statistics  <b>12.4</b> NCALC – County Council Medium Term Financial Plan</p>	
13	<p><b>Exchange of Information:</b> County Cllr Matthews asked the Council whether it would require the ‘smiley face’ speed sign. The Council <b>agreed</b> to site the speed sign in the village, Cllr Benson offered to be the point of contact.</p> <p>The Chair informed the Council that he had been approached by Radio Northampton seeking an interview on the Parish Council’s response to the proposed removal of the bus service by NCC. The Chair had referred the radio correspondent to Danny Moody at NCALC.</p>	<b>DB</b>
14	<p><b>Items for Next Agenda.</b> NCC Consultation on withdrawal of Library Services Budget Setting 2018/19</p>	
15	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017</p> <p><b>The meeting closed at 9.11 pm</b></p>	

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