

# Minutes of Stocking Pelham Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 Village Hall at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs C Berthoud, A Brown, P Lucas, D Horn, M Hutchins (Chairman)

**In attendance:** Mrs R Berthoud, Parish Clerk

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- 19/052 Apologies**  
To receive and accept apologies for absence  
Cllr Balaam due to clash with daughter's school event
- 19/053 Interests**  
**a)** To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda  
None  
**b)** To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and  
None  
**c)** To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate  
None
- 19/054 Minutes**  
To confirm the Minutes of Stocking Pelham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings  
Minutes need an amendment regarding the high fence by the Cock Pub which obscures visibility.
- 19/055 Public Issues**  
Members of the public can raise matters of concern. (This item is limited to 15 minutes)  
None
- 19/056 Council Documents**  
To consider, review and agree council policies and documents  
**a)** Standing Orders  
Deferred to next meeting  
**b)** Financial Regulations  
Deferred to next meeting  
**c)** Code of Conduct  
Deferred to next meeting

- d) Risk Assessment  
A new fire extinguisher will be purchased for the cricket pavilion.

19/057

**Updates from Councillors**

- a) Playgrounds – Cllr Balaam  
The parish council has insurance in place that covers damage to playground equipment as well as public liability insurance in case of negligence.
- b) Common Land – Cllr Brown  
The nature reserve around the National Grid substation is currently in a neglected state. Cllr Brown has contacted National Grid via email to find out who is managing the area and what the future plans for it are. The cost of cutting the grass at Crabbs Green estimated at approximately £500 pa was deemed too high. The condition of the green will be monitored.  
Cllr Brown has made contact with EHDC to let them know he is the contact person in Stocking Pelham with matters relating to public footpaths.
- c) Highways – Cllr Horn  
Cllr Horn has contacted EHDC regarding water in road outside Cockswood. Affinity Water have been to investigate and take samples.

19/058

**Village Sign**

To discuss the commissioning of a village sign – Cllr Hutchins  
Possible site for the Village Sign could be opposite the Cock pub.

**Action: Cllr Brown will investigate the commissioning of a sign.**

**Cllr Hutchins to contact Cllr Bratt in Furneux for information on their sign.**

19/059

**Finance**

Update on change of bank signatories – Cllr Hutchins

**Action: Cllr Hutchins will contact the bank.**

19/060

**Clerk's update**

The budget for the year 20/21 will be prepared before the end of the year and circulated to councillors for their comment and input.

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**Next Meeting**

To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting finished at 7.35pm