

# Minutes of Stocking Pelham Parish Council Meeting held on 18 June 2020 Video Conference at 6pm

**Present:** Cllrs Colin Berthoud, Andy Brown (Vice Chairman), Daniel Horn, Michael Hutchins (Chairman) and Paul Lucas

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

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- 20/014**      **Apologies**  
Cllr Balaam due to technical difficulties
- 20/015**      **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
- 20/016**      **Minutes**  
To confirm the Minutes of Stocking Pelham Parish Council Meeting held on 21 May 2020 as an accurate record of proceedings  
**Resolved** that the minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.
- 20/017**      **Public Issues**  
Members of the public can raise matters of concern. (This item is limited to 15 minutes)  
None
- 20/018**      **Updates from Councillors**  
**a) Chairman's update** – Cllr Hutchins  
I. Grant applications  
Grants are potentially available from EHDC by contacting Claire Pullen or Geoffrey Williamson.  
Cllr Berthoud has applied for a grant for the Cricket Club from Sport England.  
II. Damage to cricket pavilion  
Several balusters have been knocked out of the cricket pavilion porch. A resident has offered to carry out the necessary repairs.  
**b) Village Hall** – Cllr Hutchins  
Cllr Hutchins secured a grant of £10,000 from EHDC for the village hall. Re-opening of the village hall for rent following the easing of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions is under consideration. The Village Hall

Committee's view is that due to onerous deep-cleaning requirements this will not be worthwhile at present.

The pre-school will potentially resume activity in September.

The frames of two windows in the toilets need to be replaced due to rot.

**Action** – Chairman will arrange.

The noticeboard outside the village hall is too far from the layby and will be moved closer making it easier to read notices. **Action** – Village Hall Committee will arrange.

**c) Playground**

Plans for creating a small playground in the cricket field/recreation ground resumed.

**Action** - Cllr Brown will investigate a new equipment provider.

**d) Footpaths and Common Land** – Cllr Brown

Bridge behind Willows and kissing gate behind Stocking Pelham Farm not yet fixed.

**e) Highways** – Cllr Horn to provide an update on action regarding excessive height of pub fence. (20/009)

Cllr Horn wrote to the developer emphasizing the danger posed by the high fence. Height reduction has now been carried out.

**f) Planning** – Cllr Lucas

I. Update on current applications

Nothing new to report

II. New applications

None

**g) The Cock Inn**

Cllr Lucas made an offer on behalf of the parish council for the purchase of the Cock Inn. There has been no reply.

Cllr Berthoud made an offer on behalf of the Stocking Pelham Community Action Group for the purchase of the Cock Inn to which there has been no reply.

**20/019**

**Finance**

To note payments:

5belowzero (website)	£30
Hundred Parishes Society	£10
BHIB Insurance	£341.31
HAPTC	£100.98

Noted.

**20/020**

**Next Meeting**

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

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 16 July at 6pm via video conference.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm