

STOCKING PELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 13th October 2016 at the Village Hall at 7pm

Present: D Nicholls (Chairman) R Banks
P Lucas M Hutchins J Lucas (Clerk)

Action

36:16	<p>1. Apologies: Graham Mackrell, Robin Whitefield</p> <p>2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2016 were signed as correct. The minutes of a meeting of the Planning Sub-committee on 14th September 2016 were also signed as a correct record.</p>	
37.16	<p>3.1 Development of website in order to fulfil the Transparency Code: The SPPC website (www.stockingpelhampc.org.uk) is now 'live' and includes the Agenda for the current meeting, as well as past minutes (after approval), including minutes of the AGM and recent annual financial statements. Councillors were asked to consider what the content of the 'News' section should be and were recommended to view other parish council websites for ideas. It was agreed that a 'static' website would soon become ignored, so regular up-dates are needed. The Chairman asked if councillors could up-date the website themselves. This may be possible in the future but it was agreed that for the time being, website material will continue to be sent by either the Clerk or the Finance Officer to Bob Moeser of '5 below zero', for him to upload. Bob Moeser will be paid for this service, in addition to the one-off payment for developing the website. It was agreed that the community email circular and community Facebook page will be used to publicise the existence of the website and to encourage parishioners to access the agendas and minutes of meetings <i>themselves</i>, rather than receiving them via email, (which would make the website redundant). It was noted that SPPC can now be contacted via clerk@stockingpelhampc.org.uk. In time, the stockingpelhampc@yahoo.co.uk address will be phased out.</p> <p>3.2 Actions arising from AGM: Telephone kiosk to be re-painted: A source of suitable paint needs to be identified.</p> <p>3.3 Application for change of use at the Cock Public House (See 4.1 below)</p> <p>3.4 Application for Battery storage facility at Pelham Substation (See 4.2 below)</p> <p>3.5 Update following meeting with S Threlfall re Silla Farm: The waste material should have been removed by the end of August but this has not happened. The Chairman will attend a meeting between John Carter and the Environment Agency on Friday 21st October as an observer. Paul Lucas and David Nicholls met with Chris Newman, at his request, on 23rd September. This meeting was for information only.</p>	<p>All SPPC</p> <p>JL/MH</p> <p>JL</p> <p>DN</p> <p>DN</p>
38.16	<p>4. Planning</p> <p>4.1 Development of the pub site: 3/16/1659/FUL application for change of use from vacant pub (A4) to residential (C3) at the Cock Public House. Paul Lucas was actioned to convert the approved report (by Simon Dobson) to PDF format and send it via email before the deadline of 1st September. This was completed. Geoff Williamson was actioned to find out when a decision is likely and if the Planning Officers recommendation will be for approval or for rejection. If the application is recommended for approval, he will ascertain the date of the meeting of the Development Management Committee. Geoff has emailed to say that he has now been informed by Martin Plummer that the Planning Officers will engage a consultant to review the viability of a pub on the site prior to making a decision on the application for change of use. There is concern that this review will only consider the report submitted on behalf of the applicant. SPPC will contact Martin Plummer, seeking reassurance that the review will also take account of the reports submitted on behalf of the parish council. SPPC will also express concern that the Planning Department did not contact SPPC directly to explain what was happening. It was agreed that the latest email from Geoff Williamson will be forwarded to both Simon Dobson and to Bill Bampton. Simon Dobson has been thanked for his contribution and payment of his invoice of £500 (+VAT) for his services has been approved and paid.</p>	<p>PL/DN</p> <p>DN</p>

	<p><u>4.2 Other planning:</u> UTT/16/2316/FUL Development of a 49.99MW Battery Storage Facility connected to Pelham Substation. The development will support Enhanced Frequency Response which is a new service required by National Grid to help it balance the frequency fluctuations on the grid system. At the meeting of the Planning Subcommittee, it was agreed that SPPC would object to this application on the grounds of noise and location. A letter of objection has been sent to Uttlesford District Council. The number of personal letters of objection has been lower than expected. It is possible that residents are under-estimating the impact of the potential increase in lorry traffic.</p>	
39:16	<p>5. Highways There is concern regarding the amount of litter that is thrown onto verges by passing vehicles, particularly on the road past the church. A road closure affecting the carriageway towards Little Hadham is due to occur from 21st October.</p>	
40:16	<p>6. Finance: The Clerk requested approval to submit an invoice of £21.45 for the cost of two printer cartridges, following the amount of printing incurred as a result of the objection to the application for change of use of the pub site. This was approved.</p>	JL/GM
41:16	<p>7. General Parish Business Nothing to report.</p>	
42:16	<p>8. Date and Time of next meeting The next SPPC meeting will take place on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall. A copy of the agenda will be sent to the three people who have expressed an interest in becoming members of SPPC.</p>	