

## STOCKING PELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at the Village Hall at 7pm

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

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15:16	<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Graham Mackrell, Ruth Banks</p> <p><b>2. Minutes of the last meetings:</b> The amended minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were signed as correct.</p>	
16:16	<p><b>3. Matters arising from the last meeting</b></p> <p>3.1 <u>Medals to commemorate Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:</u> 100 have been purchased. Children in the village will each receive a free medal, and others will be sold at a 'break-even' price. Publicity for this to be via M Hutchins.</p> <p>3.2 <u>Investigation into possible breach of protocol re the 106 agreement:</u> Geoff Williamson sent an email to SPPC on 29<sup>th</sup> February giving the outcome of his enquiries as follows: that, in the opinion of EHC, no breach has been committed. SPPC councillors expressed their disappointment that the 106 obligation had consequently been less effective than anticipated.</p> <p>3.3 <u>Transparency Code:</u> A domain name ( <a href="http://www.stockingpelhampc.org.uk">www.stockingpelhampc.org.uk</a> ) has been secured for a period of 2 years and hosting (for 1 year) via <a href="http://www.123-reg.co.uk">www.123-reg.co.uk</a>, at a combined cost of £52.63, including VAT. In future, the annual cost for these will be approximately £35 per year, which should continue to be funded by the UK government. £145 of the secured funding has been ear-marked towards the cost of setting up the website (by the Clerk and an IT consultant) and up to £45 per month for uploading the regular content. See also 7.2 below.</p> <p>3.4 <u>Funding to install speed reminder signs:</u> Further details about these flashing signs are needed if SPPC are to be in a position to apply for funding.</p> <p>3.5 <u>Clean for the Queen'</u> This took place on the morning of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It was well-attended and the amount of rubbish collected was significant.</p> <p>3.6 <u>The Telephone Box Library:</u> Damaged books have been removed and the Library shelves have been tidied, thanks to John and Ruth Banks and to Graham Mackrell.</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>RB</p>
17:16	<p><b>4. Planning</b></p> <p>4.1 <u>Development of the pub site:</u> The pub is currently being marketed as a freehold or leasehold business by Christie &amp; Co for circa £850,000. It was noted that the government has created a fund aimed at helping communities to run their local pub themselves: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/run-your-local-with-15-million-pub-loan-fund">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/run-your-local-with-15-million-pub-loan-fund</a>. Identifying the local pub as a 'village asset' is recommended. The Clerk will ascertain if this is feasible in the case of a 'newly built' pub.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Other planning:</u> none</p>	<p>JL</p>
18:16	<p><b>5. Highways</b></p> <p>Ruth Banks has commented that the condition of local roads is getting worse, but that there are chalk marks around some holes, indicating possible repairs in the near future. The Chairman added that the situation is not helped by ditches that are full of water and by the number of lorries passing through the village. It was further commented that filling holes with loose tarmac is only a temporary 'fix'.</p>	
19:16	<p><b>6. Finance</b></p> <p>The Chairman explained that the Cricket Club Pavilion has recently required both internal and external repairs and refurbishment costing £645 in total. It was noted that the Stocking Pelham Cricket Club already has a heavy fund-raising commitment in order to pay the high cost of insurance cover. As the Pavilion is officially owned by the Parish Council, it was proposed that SPPC donate £645 to the Cricket Club towards the cost of these repairs. This was <b>agreed</b>.</p> <p>As part of the funding to comply with the Transparency Code, a laptop (plus software) and a combined printer/scanner have been purchased, to be used solely for SPPC business. The equipment is in the care of the Clerk.</p>	

20:16	<p><b>7. General Parish Business</b></p> <p>7.1: <u>The Stocking Pelham Village Hall Committee</u>: An event to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is planned for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, on the Recreation Field.</p> <p>7.2: <u>Stocking Pelham Parish Council website</u></p> <p>Prior to the meeting, councillors were asked to view other parish council websites and to consider possible content for the Home Page of the SPPC site.</p> <p>The main objective of the website is to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code, which is to publish the following information online: a list of councillor/member responsibilities, details of public land and building assets owned by SPPC, end of year accounts, all items of expenditure above £100, the annual report, meeting agendas and minutes of meetings.</p> <p>Graham Mackrell commented that if the proposed site becomes 'static', i.e. there are no regular postings, then people will not visit it. He suggested that there should be regular contributions from the Church, the Village Hall Committee, the Cricket Club plus the playgroup and any other village organisations. It is vital, however, that people are not given the facility to send copy directly to the IT consultant, but should go via a moderator which, in the case of SPPC, would be the Clerk.</p> <p>It was also suggested that the website should include links to other social media that concern the parish, such as the village Facebook page.</p> <p>It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk will continue to liaise with the IT consultant re setting up the website and will contact various village organisations re future regular input.</p>	JL
21:16	<p><b>8. Date and Time of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next SPPC meeting will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall.</p>	