

Minutes of Stocking Pelham Parish Council Meeting held on 30th January 2019 Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Robin Whitefield (Chairman), David Nicholls, Ruth Banks, Paul Lucas, Michael Hutchins, Andy Brown

In attendance: Mrs J Lucas, Mrs R Berthoud, Parish Clerks

- 19/001 Apologies**
To receive and accept apologies for absence
None
- 19/002 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
- 19/003 Minutes**
To confirm the Minutes of Stocking Pelham Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 as an accurate record of proceedings
Resolved. Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 19/004 Public Issues**
Members of the public can raise matters of concern. (This item is limited to 15 minutes)
None
- 19/005 Feedback from Clerk Induction training**
R Berthoud gave a summary of the training.
- 19/006 Planning**
a) Cock Public House planning update
1. Application for borrowing approval
The Parish Council is waiting to hear if the application for a loan will be approved. The Parish Council were able to make an offer to purchase the pub as a freehold property on 3rd January, in

accordance with the ACV and the formal valuation. An alternative proposal was received on 21st January: that the Parish Council take out a 10-year lease for the pub, undertake the work necessary for the pub to open for trade and operate with a tie to a brewery nominated by the owner. This proposal was offered on condition that the Parish Council allows the appeal against the ACV. A response was required within 3 days. After taking advice, a response was sent pointing out that the Parish Council remain interested in purchasing the freehold and are not, at present, interested in pursuing a lease arrangement.

2. First Tier Tribunal (ACV)

The tribunal will take place on 8th February. Dale Ingram will be meeting councillors and witnesses on 7th February in the Village Hall in order to prepare for the Tribunal.

Villagers have contributed £5,500 to the cost of a barrister to represent the interests of the village at the tribunal. Barrister's costs were identified as larger than anticipated with a shortfall of £300. It was proposed that this should be covered by the Parish Council using funds raised by the recent Pop-up Pub. Proposed Cllr Lucas, seconded Cllr Nicholls to approve expenditure of £300.

Unanimously agreed

b) Other planning

3/18/1446/FUL White Hart Farm

Change of use of agricultural barn to residential dwelling and changes to fenestration and door openings. Demolition of outbuilding and creation of parking spaces and new access way.

Status: **granted**

19/007

Highways

To consider sign at site of Preschool

The electronic speed notification sign will be moved from the Village Hall area to the Berden end of the village. Cllr Banks has secured funding for the £400 cost from County Cllr Graham McAndrew's highways budget.

19/008

Village Hall Committee

To receive an update from Parish Council Representative

Cllr Hutchins reported on the success of the most recent Pop up Pub event in the Village Hall, which raised nearly £700.

Milk for Playgroup operating in the Village Hall has been vandalised on two occasions. This has now been resolved with Police cautioning the culprit.

Lime trees outside the village hall are in need of pruning/height reduction.

Action: Cllrs Whitefield and Hutchins will obtain quotes.

19/009

Finance

- a) To consider and decide on change of bank signatories
This is underway.
- b) To consider moving to online banking
Graham Mackrell is moving this forward.
Financial statement received from Graham Mackrell.

19/010

General Parish Business

- a) Parish Council elections in May
A number of councillors intend to stand down and consequently a publicity campaign will be initiated to get residents interested and involved in Parish Council activity.
- b) Fencing on Common Land
Cllr Nicholls spoke to the owner and the fence that was preventing access to Common Land has now been removed. It was agreed that a new paling fence should be erected along the boundary of the Common Land.
Action: Cllrs Whitefield and Nicholls will arrange new fence.
- c) Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Clerk job description
Financial Regulations and Standing Orders were formally adopted at the meeting.

19/011

Next Meeting

- To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council
- Open Spaces and Common Land Management

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman..... Date.....