

STOKE ORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Tredington Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd March 2009

Present: - Cllr P Holiday, Cllr R Chatham, Cllr A Troughton, Cllr S Darnell, Cllr C Flowers, County Cllr G Shurmer, Mrs C Reid (Clerk), Mr R Waters (Glos. Highways, J Skinner (Village Agent) and 13 parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence – Borough Cllr A Keyte
2. Declarations of Interest – There were no Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of last meeting – The Minutes of the meeting on 6th January 2009 were signed as a true record
4. Clerks Report (including Matters Arising) – Clerk advised enforcement had been contacted regarding a hedge removal in Dean Lane.
5. Right of Way Extinguishment/Downgrade to Footpath between Dean/Banady Lane – A notification from Rights of Way had been sent to the clerk and was discussed at the last meeting. Questions raised at that meeting which now had answers were – What surface would be used? ROW informed it would be a stone rolled surface and not tarmac. Who would Finance? The landowner would finance. Who would upkeep the ROW? It would be kept by the Rights of Way Dept. Would there be anything to stop bicycles using the footpath? ROW informed there would be nothing to stop bicycles, but could put in staggered barriers if it became an issue. All Councillors were satisfied with the answers. Cllr Paul Holliday proposed the downgrade to a footpath, seconded by Cllr Darnell and agreed by all.
Action – Clerk to advise ROW of decision
6. Progress on road re-surfacing in Dean Lane – Concern regarding what would happen to the resurfacing of Dean Lane now David Payne Homes had ceased trading. There was also a query regarding the stretch of road not covered by David Paynes agreement which still had no surface, but had had kerbstones put in and were dangerously high because of it. Cllr Shurmer advised David Payne Homes entered into a 106 agreement and that should still stand. Cllr Shurmer also advised he would request the small stretch not covered in the agreement be surfaced at the same time.
7. Speed control in the villages – Cllr Darnell asked Richard Waters about speed control within the villages, he advised a ‘Speed Awareness Campaign’ and also Traffic Calming approach. Eg. ‘humps and bumps’ or ‘signs and lines’ and he would forward further information.
8. Remedy for broken railing on sharp bend in SO – Cllr Darnell asked Richard Waters about the broken barriers in Stoke Orchard. Richard Waters said Lee Appleton had raised a works notice for it to be repaired which he would research into and respond. Cllr Darnell said it also needed reflective chevrons. A Parishioner presented a photo to RW of a scaffold pole hanging out dangerously near the road.
9. SOPC Website Discussion – Cllr Darnell was hoping for a ‘mock-up’ website to be available shortly and would like feedback on it. He will put a request in the next newsletter for volunteers. A Parishioner asked what the website was for, Cllr Darnell replied that is the sort of information/feedback required.
Action – Cllr Darnell to place article in newsletter
10. Precept 2009/10 – Clerk reported the Precept of £4300 would be paid on 24th April 2009
11. Cheques/Financial Report including appointment of Internal Auditor – It was proposed by Cllr Holliday and seconded by Cllr Flowers that Mr Iain Selkirk be appointed Internal Auditor.

Stoke Orchard Parish CouncilYear Ending 31st March 2009Budget Report

	Spent Last Year	Spent To date	Income	
Salary	1953.54	2192.08	4000.00	Precept
Telephone/email	0.00	0.00	123.84	Vat Return
Stationery,Post	88.60	55.41	77.13	Interest
Meetings	50.00	125.00		Grass Cutting Assistance
Insurance	225.79	226.18		
Subs	25.00	GAPTC+GRCC 89.90		
Training	135.00	86.00		
Audit	227.55	Internal & External 122.75		
Amenities	568.63	Grass Cutting 900.00		
Parish Mag	81.00	0.00		
Donations	20.00	20.00		

Contingency	0.00	0.00	
Advert	0.00	0.00	
	<u>3375.11</u>	<u>3817.32</u>	<u>4200.97</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS

Current	530.86
Savings	<u>3384.93</u>
	<u>3915.79</u>

Cheques since last meeting

414	CAB Donation	20.00
415	GAPTC	80.00
416	A & SS Stephens	210.00
417	Cathy Reid (clerk)	347.16

12. Drainage Work Update – Richard Waters showed the plan which was presented at the Stoke Orchard Drainage Exhibition for works 2009/10. Cllr Holliday and Cllr Chatham suggested maybe the drain should go under the road to take the water away. Cllr Chatham reported the main drain in Tredington has problems. A tanker had been deployed to empty drains during heavy rainfall and the whole drain needs replacing from one end of Tredington to the other. Cllr Chatham had also spoken to Liz Kirkham about the bridge and it is now realised that it is completely inadequate and hope to have a plan within the next few days.
13. Delegated Budget for Parish Minor Drainage Works - Cllr Chatham asked RW regarding Cllr Hollidays thoughts of local contractors to maintain drains on Glos. Highways behalf. RW said to be cautious as Glos. Highways have Health and Safety training and know risks. Cllr Shurmer advised that GCC have committed to a scheme in which a ‘gang’ once a month is available for the PC to direct to which works needed doing and asked RW to consider that option and wondered why it hasn’t progressed.
14. CRE Planning Update – Hunter Page still proposing and are still progressing. *Action – Cllr Holliday to contact Hunter Page*
15. Cory Liaison – Discussed question of future application. Fly-tipping has increased. GCC claim that since new scheme has been in place, fly tipping has not increased. Cllr Darnell asked how many people were being refused as they didn’t have an appointment. Cllr Shurmer replied that that information was unknown. Clerk was to send a letter of appreciation to Ray Knight thanking him for drainage works carried out. *Action – Clerk to write to Ray Knight*
16. Grundon Liaison – No Report for Grundon
17. Planning –
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| <u>09/00159/FUL</u> | Tredington Fields Farm Bozard Lane, Tredington | Erection of agricultural live stock building | Pending Consideration |
| <u>09/00045/FUL</u> | Mill Farm Mill Lane, Tredington | Partial re-build and extension of agricultural building | Pending Consideration |
| <u>09/00046/LBC</u> | Mill Farm Mill Lane, Tredington | Partial re-build and extension of agricultural building | Pending Consideration |
18. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Chatham reported that there had been a midday break-in in Bishops Cleeve and now an identical one in Tredington. Please keep doors and windows locked, especially if out in the garden and be aware.
19. Public Participation (please note any items needing decisions will be carried forward to the next Agenda/Meeting) – Jane Skinner the village agent announced her area had changed and she would no longer be our Village Agent. She advised of our new agent Lesley Wall who was contactable on 07810 630064.
20. Dates of Next Meetings
 Tuesday 6th May 2009 at 7pm – AGM/APM
 Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 7.30pm