

STOKE ORCHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Held in The Village Hall, Tredington on Tuesday 6th January 2009

Present – Cllr P Holliday, Cllr M Masters, Cllr S Darnell, Cllr A Troughton, Mrs C Reid (Clerk) and 8 Parishioners.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr R Chatham, County Cllr G Shurmer, Borough Cllr A Keyte

2. Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of the meeting 4th November 2008 were signed as a true record.

4. Clerks Report (including Matters arising) – The owners of ASO 27 between Dean Lane and Banady Lane have applied for ‘Extinguishment of Byway Open to All Traffic ASO27 and creation of new public footpath’ - It was decided that before the Parish Council can consider the extinguishment the clerk needs to contact Byways at GCC and enquire a) if Highways adopt, who will maintain the 2m footpath? b) Could it be a hard surface? c) Will there be anything to stop bicycles? d) Who will finance? It was proposed by Cllr Holliday and seconded by Cllr Masters that it be brought to the next meeting.

Action – Cllr Holliday to consult with landowners. Clerk to contact Rights Of Way and inform of our questions/decision

Gloucestershire Highways are holding an exhibition to show the new Stoke Orchard drainage scheme. It is at Tredington Village hall on Thursday February 12th 2009 from 2pm - 5pm.

PKL – Enforcement at TBC have contacted the clerk to advise there is to be a meeting February 2009

Bus Shelter Grant – Cllr Holliday met with Steve Norgate and advised the existing bus shelter in Stoke Orchard should be sited in the corner North West side of Stoke Orchard Garage but agreed it was not worth proceeding with until a decision was made regarding the CRE site.

SOPC website – Cllr Darnell had researched further and asked the clerk for the contact details of Southam and also Dumbleton Parish Councils as they already have a website.

Clerk – Forward on details to Cllr Darnell

Flooding at the tip was now resolved.

5. Charity Donations including The Roses Theatre – It was proposed by Cllr Holliday and seconded by Cllr Masters that the Parish Council donate £150 in return for a ‘workshop’ for the Tredington School.

Clerk – To write letter to enquire

Citizens Advice Bureau also requested donation, it was proposed by Cllr Troughton and seconded by Cllr Masters that a donation of £20 was made.

6. Precept 2009/10 – The clerk advised of bank balances and remaining expenditure foreseen. Cllr Troughton proposed a sum of £4300, seconded by Cllr Darnell. Former Parish Councillor Mrs Adamson expressed concern about the increase in precept Mr Newman, also a former Parish Councillor with financial responsibility, counselled that the precept increase was prudent and fair.

Action – Clerk to apply to TBC for £4300

7. Cheques/Financial Report – The clerk enquired regarding the change of signature form that had been sent and the absence of Cllr Chatham and Cllr Flowers, it was proposed by Cllr Holliday and seconded by Cllr Masters that Cllr Darnell also be made signatory.

Cllr Holliday advised that he instructed Mr Sean Stevens to carryout essential safety works to land owned by Mr Williams and also Mr Gilder and requested a provisional contingency of £150 in-case no payment is made to Mr Stevens. Proposed by Cllr Holliday seconded by Cllr Darnell

Stoke Orchard Parish Council

Year Ending 31st March 2009

Budget Report

	Spent Last Year		Spent To date	Income	
Salary	1953.54		1846.00	4000.00	Precept
Telephone/email	0.00		0.00	123.84	Vat Return
Stationery,Post	88.60		54.33	76.41	Interest
Meetings	50.00		125.00		Grass Cutting Assistance
Insurance	225.79		226.18		
Subs	25.00	GAPTC+GRCC	89.90		
Training	135.00		6.00		
Audit	227.55	Internal & External	122.75		

Amenities	568.63	Grass Cutting	900.00	
Parish Mag	81.00		0.00	
Donations	20.00		0.00	
Contingency	0.00		0.00	
Advert	<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
	<u>3375.11</u>		<u>3370.16</u>	<u>4200.25</u>

BANK ACCOUNTS

Current	488.02
Savings	<u>4084.21</u>
	<u>4572.23</u>

Cheques since last meeting

412	GAPTC	6.00
413	Cathy Reid	395.52

8. Stoke Orchard T Junction update – New signs have been agreed by Glos. Highways – a new sign in bold and road markings.
9. Steering Group Progress – Cllr Masters requested old photos of the villages and Robert was working on text.
10. Drainage Work Update – Cllr Chatham forwarded this report - *Tredington - The main Storm Water Drain that is the responsibility of Severn Trent blocked again in Tredington. I managed to get Severn Trent to investigate and finally after 6 or 8 weeks they managed to clear and repair one pipe. However, the whole pipe is, as I have stated before, in a parlous state and I will continue to press for a complete renewal. Ingress of roots from the line of trees alongside the pipe have been the main problem. The Main sewer still suffers from an intrusion of storm water during periods of high rainfall which leads to a break down in the efficiency of the pumping station and at times raw sewage Exiting from raised manhole covers. The kerbing at the Fiddington Lane junction is of paramount importance. Again mud blocked the gully at this point and led to partial flooding of the road during recent high rainfall until I managed to clear it.*
Cllr Holliday advised prior to work being carried out four drains between Stoke Orchard and the railway bridge are now clear and running well.
- Severn Trent came to remove a drain, they then filled it in until the work can be done. They removed the noticeboard. Cllr Holliday requested to re-site it near the post box.
11. Cory Liaison – Cllr Troughton to attend meeting next week.
12. Grundon Liaison – Cllr Holliday has asked if they would consider upgrading their water storage to reduce volume of water entering the ditch.
13. Planning - RECEIVED - 08/01687/FUL – Godwyn, Dean Lane Stoke Orchard – 2 storey rear extension and side boundary re-alignment
REFUSED – 08/01321/FUL – Gracelands, Stoke Road, Stoke Orchard – Conservatory to rear and side
PERMISSION – 08/01382/FUL – Waterloo Farm. Stoke Orchard – Change of use for boarding kennels
14. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Chatham forwarded this report - *At about 11 o'clock this morning there was a burglary in Bishops Cleeve and cash and items of jewellery were stolen. As this incident happened in broad daylight, the thieves were prepared to risk being noticed by passers by or neighbours. Please ask all your members to keep an eye open for suspicious activity in your neighbourhood and always report it to the police, however trivial. Ring at the time you notice anything suspicious and try to pass on descriptions of persons and vehicles.*
- This message brought to you from the Gloucestershire Constabulary. Our number for non-emergencies 0845 090 1234 - and it is charged at local rate.*
15. Public Participation (please note any items needing decisions will be carried forward to the next Agenda/Meeting)- - .A verge had been churned up at Mill Lane.
- Action Cllr Holliday to contact highways to repair*
16. Dates of Next Meetings
Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 7.30pm
Tuesday 5th May 2009 at 7pm – AGM/APM