

Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

No.7 North Street Workshops,
North Street,
Stoke-sub-Hamdon,
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Clerk: Mr Neil Bloomfield, clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 7pm Wednesday 6TH March 2024 No. 7 North Street Workshops

Present: Cllr Philips, Cllr Foley, Cllr Gould, Cllr Hulett, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Middleton

24/056 **Recording of meetings**

It was announced that in accordance with council policy the meeting would be recorded.

24/057 **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dullaghan, Cllr Nelms, Cllr Holder.

24/058 **Declarations of Interest**

Interests remained as declared on the register of interest available from the clerk or on the website.

24/059 **Public Questions**

8 members of the public present

Cllr E Pearlstone

A resident of Norton Parish area asked the council why the council had reduced the HYG grant when it had significant reserves. The chair said if Mr Clifford put his question in writing he would ensure a full response.

24/060 **Approval of Minutes.**

Council RESOLVED to accept the minutes of Full Council held 21st February 2024.

AGREED

24/061 **Statement from the Parish Council**

The Chairman read out the following statement:

“The Parish Council is dismayed at the false claims made in a Hamdon Youth Group leaflet. This council has and continues to provide significant support for our young people and to say otherwise is false”.

Council **APPROVED** this statement by unanimous RESOLUTION.

AGREED

24/062 Casual Vacancies
No members of the public proposed

24/063 Allotment Tenancy Agreement
A template allotment tenancy document was put before the council. The council **RESOLVED** to adopt the new agreement which would be sent to allotment holders asap

AGREED

24/064 Traffic/Parking Working Group
It was **RESOLVED** that the first group meeting will be held in council offices and TORs would be set and agreed by council.

AGREED

24/065 Council Website
It was suggested the councils website lacked functionality and expected items weren't available on the existing platform.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to allow more research to be done on alternatives (include 24/067)

Action Clerk

24/066 Public Council Office
In an attempt to make the council more accessible it was **RESOLVED** to open the council office to the public one day a week with two sessions on a Thursday from 10am to 1pm and 6pm to 8pm. This would be trialled for two weeks.

AGREED

24/067 Parish Council Newsletter
The council's agenda and minutes have been brought into compliance with accessibility and it was suggested parts of the newsletter could be altered the same way

It was **RESOLVED** to consider this as part of review of the website

AGREED

24/068 Account Balances and Schedule of payments.
Council to note.
Account Balances as at 01/03/24

Lloyds Business Acc xxxxx860	£40,400.25
Lloyds BB Inst Acc xxxxx260	£44,334.27
Melton Building Soc.	£ 33,428.98
Cambridge & Counties	£ 23,026.17

Invoices Paid by Standing Order*/Previously approved: (since 21/2/24)

Amazon Refund	Large Screen monitor	-£ 419.00 Credit
Amazon	Office	£ 14.00
Amazon	Office	£ 11.89
Lloyds	Service charges	£ 7.85
Amazon	Office	£ 17.48
Clerk	Salary/Back	£ 4,375.10
HYFC	Grant	£ 1,152.00
Stable Print	Jan Newsletter	£ 210.00

Cloudy IT	Office 365	£	70.68	
Evis	Grounds Maintenance	£	750.00	
EDF	Utilities	£	67.20	
Somerset Council	Lengthsman	£	422.51	
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Foley	Tables	£	115.00	
	Total	£	6,257.20	

Payments to be agreed by resolution:

(Standing orders/salary pre resolved)*

Evis	Ground Maintenance (Feb)	£	750.00*
Cloudy IT	Monthly M/Soft 365 Licence fee	£	94.68(includes underpayment)
Stable Print	Jan Newsletter	£.	210.00
LFoley	Grit	£	74.87
Clerk	Water jug/glasses	£	18.20

Total £1,147.70

It was **RESOLVED** to make the payments listed in the schedule
AGREED

24/069 Motions to Council under Standing Order 9.

A motion to create a Forward Plan with three options included. Its not possible to establish how this could make the council more open and transparent as the 3 options referred to items either not relevant to this council or areas which were already subject to publication in minutes and agenda. For these reasons and under Standing Order 9(d,f) the motion is rejected.

Council **NOTED** the motion and reasons for rejection
NOTED

24/070 Motion to Exclude the Press & Public

It was **RESOLVED** that owing to the nature of the following items the press and public are to be excluded as public discussion of these items would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential/sensitive nature of the business to be transacted. Sec.1 The Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960
AGREED

24/071 Confidential Staffing Matter

Confidential paper sent members and separate from this agenda

To note date of next meeting 3rd April 2024