

STOKENCHURCH COMMUNITY ACTION FORUM

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH STEERING GROUP MEETING & AGM

LONGBURROW HALL

26TH OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT: Mike Chadwick (Chair), Don Timms (Treasurer and Vice-Chair), Mike Jones, Nigel Entwistle, Cllr Carl Etholen, Rob Hawkins, Doug Tucker, Roger Hagon.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Darren Hayday, Ann Sherman, Chris Parkinson, Julie Tonelli, Vicki Nuthall (Parish Council Chair), Cllr Saddique

No.	Item	Action	Update
20.1	The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting and gave apologies.		
20.2	Minutes of meeting 27 July 2016 were agreed as a true record by those present at that meeting.		
20.3	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
20.3.1	Mike gave a brief overview of activities in the last year. Objectives arising from the 2015 AGM relating to the Village Survey responses had been actioned and some modest progress made. Following wider publication of the Survey results on PC website and distribution of hard copies 10/12 persons had asked to join circulation list for further information.		
20.3.2	Don recorded that Survey print and distribution costs of £190 had depleted resources to the end of year total £55.96 (31/03/16). Demand for further copies led to a recent spend of £10.69.		
20.3.3	Mike Jones asked to stand down as official member of steering committee. PC committed to representation at meetings of SCAF, so Mike likely to still be attending. He will also canvas the Parish Councillors to see if anyone might like to	MJ to canvas PC for potential interested persons.	RH to adopt role of Secretary

	<p>become a member. This leaves a steering committee of M Chadwick, D Timms, N Entwistle, C Parkinson and R Hawkins, who has agreed to take on the role of Secretary. M Chadwick (Chairman) and D Timms (Treasurer and Vice Chairman) agreed to re-election for the coming year.</p>		
20.4.	<p>The Chair suggested that the Forum should in future focus on a smaller number of key issues identified in the Survey. In part this comes from recognition that the PC is now actively addressing a number of problems highlighted in the Survey. The meeting agreed that it made sense to concentrate on those areas where we were confident that we could make a positive contribution.</p>		
20.5	<p>ACTION PLAN ITEMS</p>		
20.5.1	<p>Defibrillators. New defibrillators are installed at Chris' Café (SG) and at the Service Station, making a total of four in the Parish. Actioned by the PC with possible financial contribution from British Heart Foundation.</p>	<p>RH to ascertain if a suitable health-related organisation at Christmas Market might display information about defibrillators.</p>	
20.5.2	<p>Bus services. Mike continues to maintain useful contacts with bus operators. Members expressed concerns about Carousel Service 40 turning at the old Horseshoes junction, for two reasons:-a) it is so tight that when cars are parked, buses cannot get round without fouling on Commons posts :-b) it would be a better service for the Medical Centre and the businesses at the west end if the bus terminated and turned in the Ibstone Road. This has been tried, and the turning space apparently found inadequate, but might be worth asking again. It was also noted that a missing stop in</p>	<p>MC to consult with Carousel</p>	

	Oxford Rd HW has still not been re-instated.		
20.5.3	Other items. Parking at CJ Stores & Tescos. Following input from PC in partnership with TfB for BCC, remedial safety work is expected in these two problem areas before the end of the (financial?) year.		
20.6	COMMUNICATIONS		
	<p>Members were asked for their thoughts on this perennial problem. Better communication with the good people of Stokenchurch was an agreed objective, but how to actually achieve that? Electronic media is an obvious way: Facebook, Twitter, website. It seems there are now two Community FB pages in the village, and judicious use of these might be possible, or we could set up our own. Cllr Etholen thought Twitter was restrictive in format, and worked better in the business world. David Cripps used to prepare a digest for addition to the PC website, with hard copies for the PC noticeboards-perhaps this might be re-started. Everyone was conscious that with social media people were likely to respond requiring further information or detail, so we would ideally need someone with sufficient computer literacy, energy, and time to look after this. Cllr Etholen suggested that a Media student at Bucks Uni might be interested, or perhaps we could appeal via the Community FB page. Village View and stand-alone newsletters were also discussed to reach those less media-savvy, but the problem is then ensuring your message is up to date and timely.</p>	<p>MC to draft an appeal for volunteers willing to help collate news items to be posted on Stokenchurch Community Facebook page. This to be circulated to members for comment. DTu to investigate and provide detail of rumoured second Facebook page.</p>	
20.7	Any other business. None.		
20.8	Date of next meeting set for Wed 25 th January 2017 at 7.30pm.		

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