

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2017/01

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 5th January 2017 in
Stonesfield Village Hall

Members present: Wendy Gould (Chair), David Brown, Frank Huddleston, Heide Laughton-Hill,
Geraldine Lawrence, Phil McArdell, Jim O'Brien.

Others present: Gill Hill, Clerk, Cllr Richard Bishop WODC, Cllr Ian Hudspeth OCC,
James Dolan and Keith Thornburn

Twenty three members of the public were also present.

01 There was no indication that the meeting was being recorded.

02 **Public Participation.**

- a. A long discussion was entered into regarding a meeting that had been held the day before of which the Parish Council had been unaware. It concerned the Local Plan and the proposed housing development plans that are appearing in Stonesfield and the concerns with the infrastructure problems that would arise. There was some misunderstanding of the issues involved. Cllr Richard Bishop explained that the initial Local Plan submitted last year by WODC had been overturned and subsequently a new and amended Local Plan has been undergoing review and went out for a six week public consultation which ended on 23 December. Stonesfield Parish Council had submitted their views. The general public had been invited by WODC to meetings held in the major towns of West Oxfordshire. It is vital that this Local Plan is approved as there will be no five year plan until this occurs. Without this any developer is likely to obtain building approval even if it is refused by WODC. This not only costs money but is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs. Cllr Ian Hudspeth explained how the infrastructure costs would be applied when planning is approved and an s106 agreement is in place as developers would be contributing substantial costs to the development. An agreement was reached by the members of the public attending the meeting that they would in future work together with the Parish Council.
- b. James Dolan and Keith Thornburn were introduced with a view to improving the Stonesfield Parish Council website. It was agreed that they would get back to the Parish Council with a proposal.

03 **Apologies:** David Baldwin

04 **Declarations of pecuniary interest.** There were none.

05 **The minutes** of the meeting held on 1st December 2016 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

06 **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

167.2 There is concern over Stonesfield School as it is reaching capacity now. This cannot be assessed until the plans come in. The Charity Farm development will bring in £105,000 for infrastructure. It was suggested that money should be ring-fenced for the school. **Agenda Item February**

167.2 North Farm – there is no further news **Agenda item February**

176 Heidi Laughton-Hill to be booked on course 20 Sep 2017 Roles and Responsibilities for new councillors and Wendy Gould on 18 October 2017 Charity Law.

The sheep have arrived on The Common.

07 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

These were handled in the Public Participation and Matters arising 167.2

08 **Planning**

There were no objections to the following applications received from WODC:

16/03892/S73 – Land East of Farley Corner, Farley Lane, Stonesfield

Non compliance with condition 2 of planning permission 15/04215/FUL to allow changes to design and layout of plots 1, 3, 4 and 7 plus alterations to the siting of plots 7 and 8. (Received after deadline to comment).

6/04123/HHD – 7 Pumbro, Stonesfield

Demolish existing porch. Erection of single storey extension.

There were no WODC decisions received.

The next meeting with CALA at 7.30pm on Thursday 12 January in the Club Room

at the Village Hall a date and format of an open Village meeting was discussed.

Other planning issues: None

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Financial Matters

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The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting.

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The following payments were approved for payment:

Grant to Parochial Church Council towards grass cutting 200.00

WODC grass cutting September and October 2016 174.52

Smith of Derby maintenance of church clock – replacement chq 123.60

Clerk's Salary December 2016 & January 2017 864.24

HMRC December 2016 & January 2017 216.00

En Tout Cas Tennis Courts Ltd Deposit to resurface 3 courts 2,400.00

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Report on Playing Field

Land has been cleared for the erection of the new storage shed for playing field equipment.

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SCT: Report on latest activities

SCT was informed that matters were progressing, a price had been agreed and the Charity Commission were to be contacted.

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Update on erection of mobile phone mast

The Playing Fields Committee have provisionally accepted an offer of £30,000 for the erection of a mobile phone mast on their land. **Agenda Item February**

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Report re Glebe Land

No progress as parties away until 9 January. Jim O'Brien to find out about how to go about taking over the lane. **Agenda item February**

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New cemetery and timetable for clearance and fencing, land transfer and useage until needed. **Agenda item February**

Clearance of land etc to be decided when documents are signed.

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Update and sign new OCC library lease. RESOLVED

This was done.

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Purchase of laptop for PC use.

The clerk to go ahead and purchase. RESOLVED

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Pensions Regulator

The letter to opt-out for Gill Hill was signed to be sent on 01 February 2017. Need to check the situation for Clive Parsons.

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Working Group for Finance and Planning

Phil McArdell agreed to head up a Working Group to handle finance for grants etc. and this would hopefully start in the new financial year. David Brown to work with him. The Working Group for Planning could co-opt villagers and in the meantime we will work with local residents.

It was agreed that £16,000 would be ring-fenced for provision of flood lighting at the MUGA until funding from the phone mast was received. RESOLVED

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Update on website

Heidi Laughton-Hill to discuss with Keith Thornburn and James Dolan

Agenda Item in February

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Report for February Slate

This to be submitted by 15 January to include possible date of public meeting, sheep on the Common and remind readers of the email sign-up service to receive information from SPC.

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Change of date for Stonesfield Parish Council meetings

These will be held on the **second** Thursday of every month from April. RESOLVED

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Correspondence

None

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Any Other Matters

Richard Morris to head up Working Group to work with SPC.

Invite our new MP Robert Courts to attend a Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 9.50 pm

Signed.....

The Chair

2nd February 2017