

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2017/02

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd February 2017 in Stonesfield Village Hall

Members present: Wendy Gould (Chair), Frank Huddleston (Vice Chair), Dave Baldwin, Geraldine Lawrence, Jim O'Brien

Others present: Gill Hill (Clerk)
County Cllr Ian Hudspeth and District Cllr Richard Bishop
Six members of the public were also present

24 There was no indication that the meeting was being recorded

25 **Public Participation**

There was nothing specific discussed

26 **Apologies**

David Brown, Heidi Laughton-Hill and Phil McArdell

27 **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

JO declared an interest in item 9 North Farm

28 **Approval of Minutes from the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th January 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting

29 **Matters arising from previous Minutes**

23 An invitation to be sent to Robert Courts MP to attend a Parish Council Meeting

30 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

30.1 Cllr Ian Hudspeth's County Council report attached. The budget for OCC this year is not looking as bad as in previous years, all details can be found on the website. The County Council view of One Oxfordshire which now had the support of South Oxfordshire and the Vale was that it would be accepted.

30.2 Cllr Richard Bishop for the District Council said the new Local Plan hopefully will be accepted by May/June. Greenfield sites were no longer protected necessarily; the Woodstock Road development had been in the pipeline for years. Stonesfield was not alone with new houses being built.

31 **Devolution and Unitary Proposals from OCC and WODC**

Surveys are available on the websites of both OCC and WODC for residents to make their comments on whether they prefer a one Unitary council to cover the whole of Oxfordshire (One Oxfordshire) or individual Unitaries for each District Council in Oxfordshire. To date of the five district councils and one city council, two (South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse) have agreed to join the One Oxfordshire. WODC, Cherwell and Oxford City want to retain their local status. Oxford and Abingdon have not commented.

32 **Planning**

09 17/00056/FUL Tyne Lodge 2 Brook Lane Stonesfield, erection of detached garage/workshop within the curtilage of the approved chalet bungalow

The Parish Council objected to this application as it was inappropriate and too large for the site and could be converted into a house. **Clerk to advise WODC Planning of the objection.** Decisions received from WODC – none.

08 As a result of the meeting held with CALA Homes on 12 January it was agreed that they would hold a presentation for the public due to take place in 3 to 4 weeks time to which all residents would be invited. They plan to build 68 houses on only half of the site initially and until planning permission is granted. A separate meeting had taken place in the village where the general opinion was that Stonesfield was not suitable for expansion.

32.1 The School has sufficient classrooms to be able to cope with the expected increase in pupils from the current developments but toilet, kitchen and other facilities may be overloaded. They will also need another teacher. There was also concern about the condition of the roads to the school. **Clerk to contact Highways to arrange a visit**

Thanks were given to the Chair for her help in keeping the school informed of developments when they had been kept in the dark. The Pre-School has capacity problems.

32.2 A meeting was held at the request of planning consultants acting on behalf of Pye Homes to discuss Phase 2 of Charity Farm. Fifteen more homes are being planned for land on Blenheim Estates. This application has not yet been submitted but a strong request was made for starter homes and bungalows. **Agenda Item March**

32.3 North Farm (JO left the meeting at this point). The proposed plans for two to four bedroom homes were seen and discussed. This application has not yet been submitted. The general consensus of opinion was that it looked good as opposed to the alternative plan.

32.4 Infrastructure Delivery Plan – a visit is needed urgently from Highways to discuss the problems that will be encountered with all the additional housing developments such as the chicane in

Woodstock Road, the roads around the school and to make a comment that Stonesfield is not in the Burford catchment area. There is no public transport to/from Burford. Woodstock and Witney are more appropriate.

33 **Financial Matters**

- 1 The monthly financial summary was circulated by email after the meeting.
2. The following payments were approved for payment:

Stonesfield Village Hall hire for qtr Oct-Dec 2016	60.20
Castle Water for PCC Tap at Cemetery	6.92
Clerk's Salary February 2017	432.12
HMRC	108.00
TJW Media - website	75.00
Richard Morris (Sustainable Stonesfield)	148.00

34 **Report on Playing Field**

34.1 The area for the storage shed has been cleared and being concreted.

34.2 There could be a problem with the position for the mobile phone mast. **Agenda Item March**

35 **SCT: Report on Activities**

Phil McArdell not at meeting so no report.

36 **Glebe Land**

Still no further progress. Waiting for advice on how to claim lane.

37 **New Cemetery and Timetable for Clearance, Land Transfer and Usage**

Lorraine Stacey of Stanger-Stacey Solicitors confirmed receipt of draft paperwork from Pellmans Solicitors and requested a copy of the Parish Council's Constitution. **Clerk to send copy of Parish Council Standards.**

38 A letter confirming opting out of Pension Scheme was sent to Clive Parsons. Also signs need cleaning and out-of-date ones removed. **Clerk to contact**

39 **Report from Working Group for Finance and Planning**

Not available as PM not at meeting **Agenda Item March**

40 **The Common** - reply to Anne Cotton for new date to meet.

41 **Update on Website** – not available as HL-H not at meeting **Agenda Item March**

42 Report for The Slate in March due by 15 February

43 Noticeboard – DB to ask someone and Chair also investigating.

44 Correspondence – none

45 **AOB**

Hand rail at Brook Lane needs replacing JO to handle.

Meeting ended 9.52 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 2nd March 2017.
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