

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2017/03

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

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Members present: Wendy Gould (Chair), Frank Huddleston (Vice Chair), Dave Balkdwin, David Brown, Jim O'Brien, Heidi Loughton-Hill, Phil McArdell

Others present: Gill Hill (Clerk), District Cllr Richard Bishop
Fifteen members of the public were also present

46 There was no indication that the meeting was being recorded

47 **Public Participation**

The Chair made a statement to say that regarding the situation with Emma Anderson, SPC although very sympathetic cannot be involved. Richard Bishop made a very strong statement saying the matter reflected very badly on the SCT and that this was not the intention of the Trust when it was started and he was appalled at the situation. There was great support for Emma Anderson from representatives from the Pre-school who are also tenants of the SCT. The Rev Roy Turner was concerned and would welcome the opportunity to act as mediator at a meeting with the trustees of SCT.

An announcement was made that Sustainable Stonesfield had a public consultation meeting to be held on Monday 27 March to which the Parish Council were invited and needed to be there.

48 **Apologies**

Geraldine Lawrence

49 **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

Phil McArdell declared an interest in SCT and Jim O'Brien in North Farm, Farley Lane.

50 **Approval of minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2017 were signed as a true record of that meeting.

51 **Matters arising from previous minutes**

23 To invite Robert Courts MP to the Annual Meeting. ACTION Clerk to invite

52 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

These are attached

53 **Unitary – One Oxfordshire**

There was no more to report.

54 **Planning**

Applications received from WODC – None

Decisions received from WODC – None

Application 16/00328/FUL Land adjacent to Tyne Lodge, 2 Brook Lane, Stonesfield, refused by WODC, went to Appeal and was allowed.

55 **Other planning issues**

Cala Homes presentation to the public was due to take place on from 4pm to 8pm on Monday 20 March in the Village Hall. Martin Armstrong, an independent town planner has been engaged for advice on handling these issues. An initial fee of £1,000.00 was agreed for his time and advice.

Pye Homes – no more to report

North Farm (Jim O'Brien left the room) – The offer for housing is as follows:

Either a) 16 houses, no affordable housing, but with a piece of recreational land

Or b) 10 – 12 houses including affordable housing and no land

A vote was taken and 4 voted for (a) and 1 for (b).

However WODC Planning Dept say that for a development of more than 5 houses, affordable houses must be included.

A strong letter in support of Option (a) to be sent to Phil Shaw at WODC Planning Infrastructure Development Plan – Stonesfield is not mentioned.

Community Led Plan – this was handed over to Sustainable Stonesfield who had done work on this some time ago.

56 **Financial Matters**

a) The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting

b) The following items were approved for payment:

Stonesfield Cricket Club - Grant

845.00

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| | OALC - Annual Subscription 2017-18 | 281.82 |
| | OALC - Councillor Training | 81.00 |
| | Gabtie Group Ltd - Balance for garage purchase | 4170.00 |
| | WODC - Garden waste bin | 30.00 |
| | Clerk's Salary March 2017 | 432.12 |
| | HMRC | 108.00 |
| | FSD Florists | 38.98 |
- 57 **Report on Playing Field (FH)**
34.2 Erection of phone mast on hold as position in field to be decided.
Agenda Item April
- 173.1 Funding for MUGA floodlighting dependent on phone mast payment until s106 income available. Resolved to investigate possibility of an interest free loan from WODC for £30K.
Action Richard Bishop
- 58 **SCT Report on Activities (PM)**
In view of the discussion in Item 47 it was agreed for SPC to write to SCT expressing their displeasure in the way this matter had been handled and it was hoped that the meeting with the mediator could bring a reasonable result. Although this matter was not the business of SPC, the general opinion was that it was a shoddy way for a charity to behave in this way. There was also concern that there were insufficient trustees with a lack of transparency for the SCT. Depending on the result of the mediation meeting, SPC would decide on whether to write to the Charity Commission.
- 59 **Report on Glebe Land (JO)**
With the confusion on who is the owner of the footpath, the Rector very kindly offered to act as a mediator at a meeting with David Mason to try and resolve the problem.
- 60 **Progress on new cemetery land (Clerk)**
Paperwork is being put together with the solicitor Agenda item April
- 61 **Progress on storage shed**
Balance of payment being sent this week to enable goods to be delivered.
- 62 **Report from Working Group for Finance and Planning (PM)**
A five-year plan to be made, ring fencing funds and applying for grants.
Action Phil McArdell to report in April
- 63 **The Common (Clerk)**
Waiting for next meeting with Anne Cotton of Natural England. There is a possibility that the sheep may return to The Common in June or July.
- 64 **Allotments**
An email to be sent to all allotment holders to find out if they still required their allotments.
Action Clerk
- 65 **Update on website (HL-H)**
No further progress due to difficulty in getting everyone together to discuss.
Action Heidi Laughton-Hill
- 66 **Highways**
OCC/Highways Joy White not too helpful with our request to consider future property developments which had not yet reached the planning application stage and the strong possibility that the infrastructure already approved may be affected by the new plans. A specific situation being the change of the chicane at the Woodstock Road with Pye and Cala Homes.
- 67 **Grass Cutting programme**
OCC and WODC grass cutting has been agreed for 2017 although paperwork from WODC had still not arrived. WODC to be contacted about the grass cutting on the new development at Woodstock Road.
Action Letter to WODC Planning
- 68 **Clerk's vacation – contingency plans**
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 20 April when the Clerk will have returned then meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. WODC Planning Department have been asked to send email and hard copies of planning applications to the Chair for the time the Clerk is away. The Clerk will monitor emails whilst away.
- 69 **Change of Meeting Dates**
From May SPC will meet on the second Thursday of each month. Website to be amended.
Action Clerk
- 70 **Report for The Slate**
Copy to be provided by 15 March.

- 71 **Noticeboard**
The Chair has been investigating the best offers for a suitable notice board. There was some discussion as to where it should be put in the village.
Action Postpone decision
- 72 **Correspondence**
There was none
- 73 **Any other matters**

Meeting closed at 9.56pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 20th April 2017.
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