

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2017/07

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 13th July 2017 in Stonesfield Village Hall.
Meeting opened: 7.33 pm

Members present: Cllrs. Wendy Gould (Chair), Frank Huddleston (Vice Chair), David Brown, Geraldine Laurence, Phil McArdell and Jim O'Brien

Others present: Gill Hill (Clerk), Martin Armstrong (Town Planner) and Cllrs. Richard Bishop and Ian Hudspeth plus six members of the public

153. It was not apparent that the meeting was being recorded.

154. **Public Participation**

Sustainable Stonesfield were looking to have a land assessment made on the Cala and Charity Farm development sites in view of the AONB. Martin Armstrong, Town Planner engaged to advise SPC, explained that since the Local Plan had not yet been approved and the Cotswold AONB was special, it would be premature to spend money on a land assessment. It would be better to wait until the inspector's report had been received and a decision had been made on the Local Plan. Money would be better spent on someone who is well versed in the intricacies of the procedure. The services of a barrister may be required.

155. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs David Brown and Dave Baldwin.

156. **Co-opted Councillor:**

Nigel Villiers was unable to attend the meeting, however Councillors voted to approve his signing his declaration of acceptance & registration of members' interests at a later date and before the next meeting of the Council on 10th August 2017. **RESOLVED**

157. **Declarations of pecuniary interest** from Councillors relating to agenda items

There were none.

158. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th June 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

159. **Matters of report arising from previous minutes**

Cllr David Brown to attend the Infrastructure Meeting with the Inspector on 19 July 2017 at WODC, Woodgreen, Witney.

160. **District Councillor and County Councillors Reports**

160.1 District Cllr Richard Bishop reported that there were grants available for Community projects through WODC from the LEADER programme. He also brought the news that the Mobile phone mast application had been refused.

160.2 County Cllr Ian Hudspeth's report attached.

161. **Playing Field:** Report from representative (FH)

161.1 The Mobile Phone Mast planning had been refused. It was suggested that a new application be submitted for the mast to be erected on the edge of the playing fields. The income for this would drop from £30K to £25K. If necessary, the Playing Fields Committee would arrange alternate access for the construction work rather than via Village Hall land. **It was RESOLVED that SPC would support this application.**

161.2 The construction of the MUGA and the refurbishment of the two tennis courts is expected to be completed by next week. The next step is to provide low level lighting. s106 contributions from 17/1670/FUL Cala & 17/01403/FUL North Farm are forthcoming.

162. **SCT:** Report on latest activities (PM)

There were still no new trustees although there are some residents who are interested who need to be persuaded. SPC was disappointed that the response had been so poor. A suggestion was made that SCT should be approached for school funding. SCT accounts would be available on the website as soon as they had been received back from the accountants.

163. **Pre-School**

The head of the Primary School has now agreed that the Pre-school can be situated on Primary School grounds if funding can be raised.

164. **Glebe Land – Scout's Purchase**

The contract has now been signed for a 35 year lease. Awaiting Winckworth solicitors signed lease. Maintenance to be sorted – Brook Lane is overrun with brambles and steps need rebuilding. Duplicate lease from previous purchase to be obtained from Winckworth.

ACTION: Clerk to request_

165. **New Cemetery:**

No further progress.

166. **Working Group for Finance and Planning:** Report.(PM)
A detailed report for future budget submitted.
167. **The Common Rabbits**
Richard Morris and the Clerk met up with Dr Rebecca Tibbetts from Natural England to view the Common and the fencing to prevent rabbits from escaping. The condition of the fencing on the south side was considered adequate with a couple of what seemed like man made holes in the wiring being repaired. Dr Tebbitts did point out that the grant provided to SPC was to protect the Common and not the adjoining fields. She was impressed with the condition of the Common.
A suggestion for an Information Noticeboard be erected at the entrance to the Common was considered to be an excellent idea. **ACTION:** Cllr Geraldine Laurence to pursue.
168. **Planning**
Applications received from WODC:
17/01947/HHD Erection of single storey extension, April Cottage, The Cross
17/01922/HHD Erection of single storey rear, single storey front (in-fill) and first floor extensions, Stoneleigh, Woodstock Road. SPC had no objections.
17/01885/S73 Removal of condition 3 of Planning Permission 14/0345/P/FP to allow unrestricted occupation of the Holiday let accommodation, Annexe Chipping Banks Churchfields. SPC had no objections.
17/02108/HHD Construction of detached garage, Cotswold View Pond Hill Stonesfield. SPC had no objections.
169. **Other planning issues**
- 169.1 CALA Homes - URGENT to consider response to Planning Officer re 17/01670//OUT. As a result of the Planning Officer's response to SPC's objections it was decided to retain the services of Martin Armstrong with his experience of town planning for a response.
It was RESOLVED that SPC would sponsor Sustainable Stonesfield up to £1,000 for expert advice from a qualified barrister.
- 169.2 Pye Homes Charity Farm – Chicane is almost completed.
170. **Speeding in Stonesfield:** -To consider 20 mph limit at bottom of Laughton Hill
ACTION: Clerk to contact Tony Kirkwood at OCC Highways.
171. **Financial matters**
- 171.1 Monthly financial summary (circulated at the meeting)
- 171.2 The following payments were approved and paid:
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| C No.101888 WODC Grass Cutting 15/5/2017 | £90.06 |
| C.No.101889 Stonesfield Village Hall Room Hire Apr-Jun | £61.60 |
| C.No.101890 Arrow Accounting Internal Auditor | £248.36 |
| C No.101891 OALC cancellation charge clerk's training | £39.00 |
| C No.101892 Clerk's Salary July 2017 | £432.12 |
| C No.101893 HMRC July 2017 | £108.00 |
| C No.101894 Grant Playing Field | £3600.00 |
- 171.3 It was agreed that the £2000.00 SPC grant offered to the Village Hall should be used for payment towards the £3204 for Stage Curtains.
- 171.4 The monthly schedule of accounts was approved.
- 171.5 Electronic Banking – Signatories have not received any information regarding the Barclays bank account online. **ACTION:** Clerk to follow up
- 171.6 S106 Monies – spreadsheet of monies received and outgoings to be produced.
ACTION: Clerk to handle
172. **Allotments**
- 172.1 Grant agreed for fencing last year to the sum of £350 but still waiting for quotes in this respect.
- 172.2 Rent review – increase in rent for Woodstock Road to £10 for full plot agreed last year to take effect this year. Allotment Secretary was notified.
173. **Grass Verge Cuts**
Ongoing with WODC taking over from where OCC left off.
174. **Website** - new website under construction
175. **Report for Slate** - Clerk to do August issue
176. **Correspondence** - none
177. **Any Other Matters:**
Waste bins required in Playing Field and Longore. **ACTION:** Clerk to handle

Meeting ended at 10.52 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10th August 2017.
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