

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES 2017/12

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

**Members present:** Cllrs Frank Huddleston (Chair), David Baldwin, David Brown, Geraldine Lawrence and Phil McArdell.

**Others present:** Gill Hill (Clerk) plus 25 members of the public.

282. It was not apparent the meeting was being recorded.

283. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Wendy Gould, Jim O'Brien and Nigel Villiers

284. **To receive declarations of pecuniary interest**

There were none.

285. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th November 2017 were approved and signed.

286. **Presentation from the Directors of Blenheim**

Dominic Hare CEO, accompanied by Heather Carter Operations Director attended. Mr Hare explained how Blenheim believed they should be the lifeblood of the local economy and enhance the lives of the people in the area, share this magnificent place and conserve and protect it for future generations. They plan to achieve this by making their profits in ways which benefit the whole community. There are ten goals which they plan to achieve over the next ten years:

1. Triple their contribution to the local community.
2. Train over 100 apprentices in 10 years plus training goal for developing own staff.
3. House 300 families in high quality truly affordable accommodation.
4. Receive 750K paying visitors (probably around 1.2M total) with a top quartile Net Promoter Scheme.
5. Become a net generator of green energy.
6. Be rated as a top 100 best employer.
7. Have transformed the Palace and Park by completing a £40M restoration programme.
8. Have reacquired key works from the old collections and established a new one.
9. Create an additional endowment portfolio of £45M dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of their World Heritage Site.
10. Double their charitable contribution to the community.

Mr Hare said he would be happy to attend SPC meetings whenever possible and would keep SPC fully informed of the progress they were making. Leaflets are available for the general public.

287. **Public Participation.**

There was none.

288. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were none.

289. **District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

There were none.

290. **Playing Field**

There had been a slight delay on the work involved. This will commence again on 15 January 2018 and is expected to run for three weeks. Grant request to be considered under Finance section.

291. **SCT**

There was nothing to report. A comment was made that three people had applied to be trustees but had received no acknowledgement.

292. **Pre-School**

Nothing to report. Grant request being handled in Finance section.

293. **Village Hall:**

Nine new trustees and a new Treasurer have been appointed. SPC agreed to have the land for the Village Hall and the Playing Fields registered at SPC's expense. SPC is looking into having both the Village Hall and the Playing Fields incorporated.

294. **Glebe Land**  
Sill waiting for lease to be registered.
295. **Scout Group**  
Grant request to be considered under Finance section.
296. **New Cemetery**  
No report but the ground has now been cleared.
297. **Sustainable Stonesfield**  
Grant request to be considered under Finance section.
298. **The Common**  
This will be discussed at the January 2018 meeting. Joanna Browne will be attending this meeting instead of Heather McCulloch from WODC.
299. **Maintenance of War Memorial**  
The registering of the War Memorial was discussed. It can be listed when it is 100 years old.
300. **Rights of Way**  
Matter for January Agenda.
301. **Planning**  
Applications received from WODC  
17/03393/OUT Erection of up to 34 dwellings, access and associated landscaping: Land West of North Farm, Woodstock Road. SPC objected strongly to this.  
17/03671/FUL Erection of new two storey dwelling with associated parking & new access on land adjacent to Knott Oaks: Knott Oaks, Woodstock Road. SPC had concerns about the Zinc roof in a rural area. The design was good. There was some concern about the parking.  
17/03681/HHD Rear single storey extension and associated internal works: Ridgeway House, The Ridings. SPC had no objection.
302. CALA Homes – 17/01670/OUT – ongoing.  
Pye Homes – ongoing  
North Farm plans – see 17/03393/OUT above to which SPC strongly objected.
303. **OCC Highways**  
303.1 Speeding survey is waiting to be made in Laughton Hill.  
303.2 Speeding in Woodstock Road. Mr Bob Lawrence had produced an extremely detailed report of the speeding survey which had been taken in Woodstock Road. SPC had not been advised by OCC of this survey and was very grateful for Mr Lawrence's report which had been sent to the local MP Robert Courts. SPC to query with OCC the reason for not being advised.
304. **MP Robert Courts**  
Mr Courts had immediately taken up the speeding issue in Woodstock Road with Thames Valley Police.
305. **Working Group for Finance and Planning**  
The Final Budget was presented ready for the Precept to be confirmed. Budget proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston, seconded by David Baldwin
306. **Financial matters**  
306.1 The monthly financial summary was handed out at the meeting.  
306.2 The following invoices were approved for payment:
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| C No 101931 Stanger, Stacey & Mason – Scout's Lease | £1,000.00 |
| C No 101932 Geoff Booth -Repair to planters         | £ 280.00  |
| C No 101933 Martin Armstrong = Town planning advice | £3,900.00 |
| C No 101934 Stonesfield Village Hall – Room Hire    | £ 70.40   |
| C No 101935 Parochial Church Council – donation     | £ 200.00  |
| C No 101936 Clerk's Salary Dec 2017                 | £ 646.58  |
| C No 101937 HMRC Dec 2017                           | £ 161.60  |
| C No 101938 Clerk's expenses Dec 2016-17            | £ 187.62  |
| C No 101939 Clive Parsons                           | £ 45.00   |

- 306.3 Budget proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston, seconded by Cllr David Baldwin.
- 306.4 The Pre-School was awarded a grant of £850, proposed by Cllr Phil McCardell, seconded by Cllr Dave Baldwin. No other award was made at this meeting.
307. SPC was advised of the appointment of the new **External Auditor, Moore Stephens** for 2017/18.
308. **Philip Hood** was reappointed as Internal Auditor for 2017/18.
309. **Website update**  
No report
310. **Slate Report**  
Already submitted in December.
311. **Correspondence**  
Letter of thanks from Citizens Advice for the donation of £50.
312. **Any Other Matters**  
There were none.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January; 2018  
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