

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES 2018/01

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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

**Others present:** Gill Hill (Clerk) plus 4 members of the public.

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

314. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Richard Bishop and Ian Hudspeth

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

There were none.

316. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved and signed.

317. **Public Participation**

There was a discussion about the hedge at the front of the Farley Lane development which was not native as requested. To be investigated. (Chair).

318. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

There were none.

319. **District & County Council Reports.**

A hard copy of the County Council Report will be attached to the Minutes.

320. **The Common**

The meeting was addressed by Hannah from the Leisure & Community department at WODC. She explained the ways in which WODC could help with spending the £7K grant that had been provided covering the next ten years. SPC's intention for the use of the grant was to have two noticeboards, artistically designed by local residents and providing information on the Common together with its information and designs on the flora and fauna. A Steering Group (to include local artists and authors) for the project to be headed by Geraldine Lawrence.

321. **Playing Fields.**

Work was due to start on Monday 15 January digging the trench, laying matting and crane set up. There would be no open trenches left unattended. The children's play area would be closed.

Registration of the Playing Fields would be in their name only and not in conjunction with SPC on the advice of the Clerk. The Village Hall would be handled as a separate transaction.

322. **SCT.**

Phill McArdell would be contacting the three interested parties to become trustees. There had been good progress with Oxfordshire Community Land Trust.

323. **Pre-School.**

The Pre-School had been advised of the grant of £850 awarded to them by SPC. There was nothing else to report.

324. **Village Hall.**

There was nothing to report.

325. **Glebe Land.**

There was nothing more to report.

326. **Scout Group.**

The original version of the lease was to be sent to the Clerk.

327. **New Cemetery.**

The land had been cleared, there had been a slight delay due to Thames Water but SPC was waiting for completion hopefully on 15 January 2018. The land needed to be contained ideally with a hedge for security and wild life encouraged. The land to be included in the SPC insurance policy. There was a possible interest in renting the land out initially.

328. **Sustainable Stonefield.**  
There would be a Sustainable Stonefield Meeting on 15 January to keep people informed. A separate meeting would be necessary to decide how funding would be allocated.
329. **Maintenance of War Memorial.**  
No further information.
330. **Rights of Way.**  
Richard Morris to advise Clerk of his contact at OCC.
331. **Village Meeting.**  
Not necessary now.
332. **Neighbourhood Plan.**  
An invitation to be extended to Astrid Hervey from WODC to explain the requirements needed and advantages and disadvantages for a Neighbourhood Plan.
333. **Planning.**  
Applications received from WODC:  
17/04044/HHD Erection of single storey front extension, 63 Longore. SPC had no objection.  
17/04138/HHD Single storey rear extension, Home Close, High Street. SPC had no objection  
18/00031/FUL Erection of two dwellings with garages and associated parking. SPC had no objection except for the proximity to an industrial area.
334. **Other Planning issues.**  
CALA Homes amended plan 17/01670/UT land north of Woodstock Road – ongoing.  
Pye Homes – ongoing.  
North Farm 17/03393/OUT – 34 dwellings, access and associated landscaping, land west of North Farm, Woodstock Road. SPC have objected to this application which is ongoing.
335. **OCC Highways'**  
Speeding Survey at Laughton Hill – Clerk to check with Nigel Clark at OCC when this will happen.  
Speeding at Woodstock Road – awaiting invitation to attend site visit.
336. **MP Robert Courts**  
Weekly report forwarded to SPC by email.
337. **Working Group for Finance and Planning.**  
Final Budget and Precept already approved was signed off.
338. **Financial matters.**
- 338.1 The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting,
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| C No 101940 Stonesfield Gardening Club -Compost | £ 18.00 |
| C No 101941 Clerk's Salary January 2018         | £646.58 |
| C No 101942 HMRC January 2018                   | £161.60 |
| C No 101943 F Huddleston Land Registration fee  | £ 30.00 |
- 338.3 Grant requests were deferred.
339. **Website**  
Nigel Villiers to take over co-ordinating the new website.
340. **Report for the Slate.**  
February issue report to be submitted by 15 January – **Clerk to handle.**
341. **Correspondence.**  
There was none.
342. **Any Other Matters**  
The water pump in Combe Road failed on Christmas Day. David Brown to collate information for ongoing problems with sewage leakage and will write to WODC and Thames Water with details.  
Need cost for new salt/grit bin.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February; 2018

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