

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2018/06

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th June 2018 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Members present: Cllrs Frank Huddleston (Chair), Wendy Gould, Dave Baldwin, Geraldine Lawrence, Phil MacArdell, Jim O'Brien.

Others present: Gill Hill (Clerk) plus 1 member of the public.

111. It was not apparent that the meeting was being recorded.
112. **Apologies for Absence**
Received from Cllr Richard Bishop and Cllr David Brown
113. **Declarations of pecuniary interest**
There were none.
114. The **Minutes** of the AGM held on 10 May 2018 were approved and signed.
115. **Public Participation**
There was none.
116. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
There was a need for a representative from SPC on the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Geraldine was appointed. Concern as to whether the new cemetery ground had been seeded. This had been done.
117. **District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**
County Councillor report circulated and attached to Minutes.
118. **Co-option of new Councillor**
Mr Simon Powell agreed to be co-opted to the Council
Proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston; seconded by Cllr Wendy Gould
119. **The Common**
Nothing to report.
120. **Playing Field**
Estimates being sort for high nets and 8' fencing at end of MUGA.
121. **SCT**
No meeting on which to report. No more news on the land issue. Discussions being held with the school.
122. **Pre-School**
Cllr Wendy Gould had a meeting with representatives from Pre-School and SCT. Discussions on Pre-School are still on hold.
123. **Village Hall**
It was agreed that Cllr Geraldine Lawrence would represent SPC at Village Hall meetings.
124. **Glebe Land**
No update in absence of Cllr David Brown
125. **Scout Group**
No update in absence of Cllr David Brown
126. **New Cemetery**
The area has been seeded. It will need 12 months before considering letting the land.
127. **Sustainable Stonesfield**
No report
128. **Neighbourhood Plan**
Nothing to report

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129. **Countryfile Live 2018**

Cllr David Brown attended a briefing meeting for this event and has produced a very comprehensive report to be discussed at the next meeting when he will be present. Issues to query in the meantime: Countryfile Live at Blenheim Palace and Wilderness at Cornbury Park on the same dates causes extra traffic through Stonesfield; complimentary event tickets have been withdrawn for Stonesfield residents (there may be a 50% concession); issues to be raised with OCC, WODC, Police, Ambulance and Fire services.

Clerk to handle

130. **Speeding prevention in Village**

Contact police re parking and speeding – invite to next meeting for advice.

Clerk to handle

131. **Grass Cutting & Weed Control**

WODC to be contacted as a matter of urgency to cut the verges and to provide a quote for future grass cutting services.

Clerk to handle

It was agreed to use Prysebros Ltd Complete Weed Control twice a year to treat all kerbs, paths and back edges, two treatments per season (May and September) at £250 plus VAT per application.

Proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston; seconded by Cllr Jim O'Brien.

132. **Blackfly Invasion**

Letter received from Jon Gordon, a resident of Stonesfield with a possible solution to eradicating or substantially reducing the incidence of Blackfly (Blandford Fly) bites as used by North Devon Council. SPC supported the suggestion that the Blandford flies are sprayed to reduce their numbers.

Clerk to write to the relevant WODC Department to this effect.

133. **GDPR**

Refer to next meeting when information pack arrives from WODC re parish councils.

134. **Website**

There was concern that the website was not as quick to respond as we would like. Cllr Wendy Gould to liaise with Paul Bates. Updates were working well.

Need to obtain domain name back.

Clerk to handle

135. **Planning**

Applications received from WODC

18/01451/HHD 3 The Tower Erection of single storey & first floor rear extensions. SPC had no objection.

Applications approved by WODC - None

136. **Other Planning issues**

136.1 **Permission in Principle (PIP) & Technical Details (TCD)**

SPC thanked Phil Shaw for advising it of the new PIP and TCD regulations introduced by the Government. SPC felt the time limit was detrimental for consideration by Parish Councils and that it was an erosion of local democracy.

Clerk to write to Phil Shaw & Robert Courts MP

136.2 **CALA Homes – no further movement**

North Farm 18/00731/FUL Land West of North Farm Woodstock Road.

Erection of 5 dwellings with associated garaging & landscape works.

Formation of new vehicular access. No further information.

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Charity Farm Phase 2 – No further information.

137. **Working Group for Finance & Planning**

Report issued by Cllr Phil MacArdell.

138. **Financial Matters**

The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

SO Clerk's salary June 2018	£646.58
C No 101973 HMRC May 2018	£161.60
C No 101974 Cancelled	
C No 101975 HMRC June 2018	£161.60
C No 101976 Clive Parsons Salary June 2018	£ 67.50
C No 101977 Stonesfield Village Hall Room Hire	£ 18.40
C No 101978 Castle Water Church Tap	£ 2.26
C No 101979 Wendy Gould Expenses	£ 15.00
C No 101980 K Isaaks Wheelie bin speed signs	£ 89.00

139. **Clerk's Job Description**

Circulated at the meeting.

140. **Report for Slate**

July edition due by 15 June

141. **Correspondence**

There was none

142. **Any Other Matters**

There will be no fete this year.

Cllr Geraldine Lawrence thanked SPC for the flowers she received.

Meeting closed 8.52pm

**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th July 2018 in the Club
Room at the Village Hall
There will be no meeting in August**

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