

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2018/07

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Members present: Cllrs David Brown (Chair), Frank Huddleston (Vice Chair), Wendy Gould, Dave Baldwin, Geraldine Lawrence, Jim O'Brien, Simon Powell.

Others present: Gill Hill (Clerk) Cllr Richard Bishop plus 3 members of the public.

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

144. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllrs Phil MacArdell and Ian Hudspeth.

145. **Declarations of pecuniary interest**

There were none

146. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 14th June 2018 were approved and signed.

147. **Public Participation**

There was none.

148. **Matters of report arising from the Minutes**

The Pye Homes development application should be referred to as Blenheim Pye Homes Phase 2 and not Charity Farm. The Chair thanked Cllr Frank Huddleston for standing in for him at the June meeting.

149. **District Councillor & County Councillor reports**

Cllr Richard Bishop reported that WODC is supporting an approach to Government about the way in which developers who have received approval for their applications have sometimes ignored or dismissed the conditions imposed. The Local Planning authorities are seeking powers to enforce the conditions. This will also apply to sub-contractors. Secondly there are major problems with Thames Water and the Environment Agency with pollution in the Windrush, Evenlode and their tributaries to the Thames; flooding is another matter of concern and with the massive increase of development in West Oxfordshire improved infrastructure will be required. A one-day conference is being planned in October to meet with executives from Thames Water and the Environment Agency.

The County Council report has been circulated and is attached to the Minutes.

150. **Co-option of new Councillor**

Simon Powell was official co-opted as the new Councillor.

151. **The Common**

A message was received by the Clerk from a resident by the name of Angela to say there was a slat missing on the bridge at the Common and a 14-year-old girl had fallen through and was fortunately saved by her arms. This was reported to OCC Highways and the bridge was repaired immediately. Meadow Clary, a rare sight, has been found on the Common. If you see a light on the Common late at night, it is Steve Wheatley from Butterfly Conservation in his endeavour to find a very rare moth called Pale Shining Brown. It was previously widespread across the south east but in recent years has only been found in the Stonesfield area. The Common had a surprise visit of 50 sheep recently. They had escaped from a neighbouring farmer's field. The shepherd was contacted and the sheep returned to their field. Finally, it was reported at the meeting that the signs at the entrance to the Common have been removed.

Clerk to handle replacement

152. **Playing Field Update**

Mark Hatton has resigned from the Playing Field Committee. A replacement is being sought to handle the many tasks that Mark has been doing. Work is due to commence on the erection of the mast which will be completed at the end of the cricket season.

153. **SCT Update**

Mr Bill Oddy has been appointed as new trustee to SCT..

Clerk to have announcement put on the website

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154. **Pre-School Update**
No more information available until the new head is in place.
155. **Village Hall Update**
Nothing to report. Cllr Geraldine Lawrence will attend the next meeting to be held on 26 July.
156. **Glebe Land Update**
Ground needs topping. Tudor Stone to be asked to do the job.
157. **Scout Group Update**
The Scout Group is trying to form a committee without much success. There is concern about the ownership of the lane/footpath with a right of way.
Cllr David Brown to follow up
158. **New Cemetery Update**
The ground had been seeded but there is a sad lack of rain.
159. **Sustainable Stonesfield Update**
Nothing to report.
160. **Neighbourhood Plan Update**
Nothing further to report.
161. **Countryfile Live 2018 Update**
A response from WODC regarding SPC's concern about CountryFile Live at Blenheim Palace over the same four days as the Wilderness Festival at Cornbury Park was that this did not cause a traffic problem. Countryfile Live was attended daily by visitors and the Wilderness Festival was more of a four day stay-over. SPC decided that a mention should be made in the next issue of the Slate asking that if any parishioner has a problem with the traffic they should let SPC know as we wish to monitor traffic issues during this period.
162. **Speeding prevention in the Village**
The local police were unable to attend this meeting as they had all been called in to cover a major event at Blenheim Palace for the President of the USA. An invitation has been extended for them to attend the September meeting.
'Twenty is Plenty' signs will be positioned throughout the village in appropriate places.
163. **Village Tidy-up**
It was suggested that Clive Parsons be asked to tidy up dead weeds, clean signs and any other similar areas needing attention.
164. **Grass Cutting**
SPC were not entirely happy about the standard of grass cutting in the village.
Cllr David Brown to investigate
165. **Blackfly invasion**
The response from WODC, having contacted the Public Health (England) and the Public Health Directorate at the County; there was no evidence to support that biting flies constituted a public health risk.
166. **GDPR Update**
Waiting for Parish Council pack on GDPR.
167. **Website Update**
No further comments to be made.
168. **Planning**
Applications received from WODC:
18/01954/HHD Wynyard, Church Street. Garage conversion with insertion of bay window. Erection of pitched roof to replace existing flat roof on front elevation. SPC had no objection.
18/01752/FUL 3 The Ridings. Erection of new outbuilding incorporating two rooms, one for Massage Therapy and one for Hobby room. SPC had no objection.
18/01928/HHD 10 Pumbro. Erection of first floor extension over existing utility room to provide en-suite shower room. SPC had no objection.

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18/02030/FUL Wellswood, Churchfields. Erection of single storey side extension to form a self-contained annex. SPC had no objection.

Applications approved:

18/00031/FUL 1 Farley Lane. Erection of two dwellings with garages and associated parking. SPC had no objection

Applications refused: None

169. CALA 17/01670/FUL: Nothing to report.

North Farm: Land West of North Farm Woodstock Road: 18/00731/FUL Erection of 5 dwellings with associated garaging & landscape works. Formation of new vehicular access. This was approved the day after SPC's meeting.

Blenheim Pye Homes Phase 2: No further information.

170. **Working Group for Finance & Planning.** No report.

171. **Financial Matters**

The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

SO Clerk's salary July 2018 £646.58

C No 101981 HMRC July 2018 £161.60

C No 101982 WODC Grass cutting May 2018 £186.43

C No 101983 WODC Grass cutting 28 Mar & 27 Apr £186.43

C No 101984 Prysebros Ltd Complete Weed Control £300.00

C No 101985 Arrow Accounting Internal Audit £244.76

C No 101986 Village Hall Room Hire £ 18.40

Grant request for Stonesfield Players – Village Hall to be approached for a contribution towards the Stonesfield Players.

172. **Annual Audit**

The Internal Audit report to be circulated to Councillors by email.

173. **Slate Report**

August report due by 15 July.

174. **Correspondence**

None.

175. **Any Other Matters**

Chase up delivery of grit bin for Farley Lane.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th September 2018
in the Club Room at the Village Hall
There will be no meeting in August**

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