

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2018/09

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

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

Others present: Gill Hill (Clerk) plus 6 members of the public.

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

177. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllrs Richard Bishop and Ian Hudspeth.

178. **Declarations of pecuniary interest**

Cllr Dave Baldwin in item 28 ref 18/02375/HHD 5 Greenfield Road and Cllr Jim O'Brien in item 30 ref 18/00731/FUL North Farm.

179. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 12th July 2018 were approved and signed.

180 **Public Participation**

Flooding in resident's house in Brook Lane due to blockage in drain.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Thames Water

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

Fencing at the Common – a length needs urgent attention.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange with Richard Morris and Phil Archer.

182. **District Councillor & County Councillor reports**

Cllr Richard Bishop was not in attendance and sent his apologies. He wanted to mention that the Local Plan was finally about to be adopted by WODC.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth was also not in attendance and sent his apologies. The County Council report was circulated to the Parish Council and is attached to the Minutes.

183. **Insurance Renewal**

The renewal of the annual insurance policy with Hiscox arranged through Came & company was approved for the second year of a three-year term.

184. **Septemberfest**

This appears to be happening. The organisers have not requested any further assistance from the Parish Council.

185. **The Common**

- a) Sheep are needed on the Common, however fencing needs to be repaired before they can be accommodated. Richard Morris to chase up possible sources of stock.
- b) Maintenance of the Common tidying up blackthorn and other weeds. Tudor Stone to be awarded a three-year contract with an uplift of 3% annually.
Proposed by Cllr David Brown, seconded by Cllr Frank Huddleston.
- c) Richard Morris to contact Natural England to establish exactly how much can be trimmed.

186. **Playing Field**

- a) Preparation for Mast is being made. It will be three weeks before the mast is installed. Cable to be buried in ground.
- b) MUGA maintenance due in September. SPC agreed to pay out of s106 monies.
- c) New land acquired from North Farm project will be leased to the Playing Fields. Lorraine of Stanger Stacey solicitors to handle.
- d) Clive Parsons to keep the Playing Fields tidy and free from litter.

187. **SCT**

Meeting with new trustee has not yet taken place so announcement of his appointment cannot be made yet.

Completion of land purchase delayed again slightly due to trustees having to have their registration updated but could take place at the end of the month.

Heater at Pre-school is being replaced.

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188. **Pre-school**
School governors advise that the new Pre-school cannot be built on the field.
189. **Village Hall**
Meeting attended by Cllr Geraldine Lawrence proved to be disorganised and upsetting. There was much opposition towards SPC who act as Custodian Trustees. The Village Hall Committee are the Managing Trustees and are responsible for the management of the Village Hall.
190. **Glebe Land**
a) Land to be maintained by Tudor Stone
b) Lease – still ongoing awaiting Diocese completion.
191. **Scout Group**
Nothing to report.
192. **New Cemetery**
Noting to report
193. **Trees of Remembrance: Free Sapling and Commemorative Plaque**
The offer of a free sapling from the Woodland Trust and commemorative plaque from OCC was accepted to be planted at the new cemetery. **ACTION:** Clerk to order.
194. **Sustainable Stonesfield**
With the CALA Homes application for 68 dwellings on land east of Woodstock Road going to appeal, SPC will write a strong letter of objection to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed that Jim Astle should appoint a qualified QC to represent SPC for which SPC would cover the cost. Proposed by Cllr Jim O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Frank Huddleston.
195. **Neighbourhood Plan Update**
Ongoing.
196. **Countryfile Live 2018: Feedback**
Only two emails of concern had been received regarding the traffic through Stonesfield during the CountryFile Live 2018 and Wilderness events.
197. **Police Visit**
Unfortunately, the Police were unable to attend this meeting but have promised to attend at a future date. The concern of speeding in the village was discussed again at length. Residents have reported damaged vehicles and near misses with parked cars at Laughton Hill. Residents to be advised to be considerate when parking on the streets. The temporary road closure to improve water surface drainage near Waterloo Barn was not considered to be a problem.
198. **Village Tidy-up**
There had been concern about the collection of dog waste. **ACTION:** Clerk to check WODC There was no requirement for extra salt to be delivered.
199. **Grass Cutting**
It was decided that the grass cutting provided by WODC was a reasonable price and should continue with them.
200. **Website**
It was considered that the website was working well.
201. **Local Plan**
This is due to be accepted and adopted by WODC at the end of the month.
202. **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 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

203. **Broadband Fibre Work**

Gigaclear were in the area with cables to provide Ultra Broadband. An invitation was extended to Gigaclear to attend the Parish Council meeting but no response was forthcoming. A schedule of work planned to be requested. **ACTION:** Clerk.

204. **Other Planning Issues**

CALA Homes 17/01670/FUL: Gone to appeal. SPC to write strong letter of objection.

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 subject to Legal Agreement the day after SPC's meeting.

Blenheim Pye Homes Phase 2: Refused.

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

206.. **Financial Matters**

The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

SO Clerk's salary August 2018 £646.58

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C No 101987 HMRC August 2018 £161.60

C No 101988 LexisNexis Admin Guide £ 64.00

C No 101989 Came & Co Insurance 2018-19 £291.20

C No 101990 Village Hall Room Hire £ 18.40

C No 101991 Litter Picker £ 14.00

C No 101992 HMRC September 2018 £161.60

C No 101993 Vanbrugh Unit Trust Allotment Rent £150.00

C No 101994 Tudor Stone Maintenance £425.00

C No 101995 Tudor Stone Maintenance £270.00

C No 101996 Cancelled

C No 101997 Clive Parsons salary Jul-Sep £105.00

C No 101998 Stationery-binding contracts £ 19.61

Grants approved for Stonesfield Players for a replacement lighting console £1750.00

Proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston seconded by Cllr David Brown

Grant approved for Churchfields Allotments for a water supply £450.00

Proposed by Cllr Simon Powell, seconded by Cllr Dave Baldwin

207. **Slate Report**

October report due by 15 September.

174. **Correspondence**

None.

175. **Any Other Matters**

None

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

**The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October 2018
in the Club Room at the Village Hall**

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