

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2018/11

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

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

Others present: Cllr Richard Bishop and Gill Hill (Clerk) plus 8 members of the Public.

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

242. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Geraldine Lawrence, Phil McArdell and Ian Hudspeth

243. **Declarations of pecuniary interest**

There were none.

244. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th October 2018 were approved and signed.

245. **Public Participation**

Derek Hobbs made a presentation to SPC on his annoyance with SPC in the reporting of his recent planning application which had subsequently been approved.

Richard Morris spoke on behalf of SUSTO with an update on the CALA Appeal due to take place in April 2019. SPC and SUSTO will be joining forces in the appeal. Jim Astle has agreed to assist us however it is extremely difficult to find a barrister who does not have a conflict of interest in this case. However, CALA would need a very special reason for their application to be approved. Burford has a similar case which is due to be heard in May 2019. There may be a possibility that Stonesfield could join forces with Burford. SUSTO and SPC need to confer on a plan of action.

Gt British Tidy up – Jess Hubert offered to help co-ordinate the Gt British Tidy up for Stonesfield. This takes place every year at a weekend at the end of March when villagers come together as a community to tidy up their villages and surrounding countryside. SPC agreed to assist in any way possible. WODC will be contacted for provision of tools needed for the job.

Speed Survey – an extremely detailed speed survey had been made by residents of Stonesfield. This has been received by SPC and work on the points made and organisations to be contacted is to be actioned by a Working Group on behalf of SPC.

246. **Matters of report arising from previous minutes**

There were none.

247. **District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

Cllr Richard Bishop reported on the Water Day that had been organised by WODC and which was greatly appreciated. Both Thames Water and the Environment Agency were represented in numbers and another meeting is expected to take place in the future.

Gladman have decided to withdraw their application for a large development at Barnard Gate. Eynsham Parish Council are now in favour of the new proposed Garden Village.

WODC have approved the purchase of two houses in Witney for emergency accommodation. WODC have also instituted a fund of £10million to facilitate building affordable houses in West Oxfordshire. There is also a large Community fund available from WODC for local village projects. There is a problem with bins being left out on the pavement in Well Lane. Rubbish is being left in large quantities on the grass verge near Glebe Cottage at The Ridings.

Clerk to write to residents.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth was unable to attend the meeting. His report is attached.

248. **Visit from Dominic Hare, CEO, Blenheim Palace**

This will take place at the January meeting.

249. **The Common**

Work will be started soon on renewing the fence at the side of the Common. Dave Holloway, land owner has been consulted and is agreeable to the work being done.

250. **Playing Field**

The grant requirement has dropped to £1500.00.

251. **Phone Mast**

The Phone Mast is up and running. Further companies are expected to join in with O2 now that it is working.

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- 252. SCT**
No report as Cllr Phil McArdell sent apologies.
- 253. Pre-School**
A letter from the Governors of Stonesfield Primary School had been received confirming there had been a meeting with OCC to discuss the possibility of building a new Pre-School on the land at the Primary School which is already considered to be under the land size requirement and that further loss of land would require approval at Parliamentary level. This procedure would take many months with no guarantee of success. The Full Governing Body of Governors conclude that it was unable to support the relocation of the Pre-School onto the school site. However it was considered that it was in the best interest of Stonesfield that the issue of the Pre-School facilities be resolved at a community level in the form of a Working Group involving all local organisations such as Churches, School, Parish Council, Village Hall Committee, Community Trust and the Sports and Social Club to find a collective way forward.
- 254. Village Hall**
No report as Cllr Geraldine Lawrence sent apologies.
- 255. Glebe Land**
The lease for the land south of Brook Lane has finally been registered at the Land Registry. The original lease, currently with the solicitor, Stacey & Mason will be retained by Stonesfield Parish Council. In addition, the title documents for the land purchased from the Diocesan Board of Finance in 2017 have also been received by Stacey & Mason and will be sent to SPC for safekeeping.
- 256. Scout Group**
A quote for £20K has been received for the demolition of the Scout Hut. SPC has ring fenced £5K to support this. A new Committee is being formed for the Scout Group and they are starting to get things done.
- 257. New Cemetery**
The preference is to use this land as a wild flower meadow. Tudor Stone to provide a quote for the work.
- 258. Trees of Remembrance**
A silver birch tree to be planted accompanied by a plaque to commemorate Armistice Day in a ceremony conducted by the Reverend Roy Turner.
- 259. Sustainable Stonesfield**
See report from Richard Morris in item 245 Public Participation.
- 260. Neighbourhood Plan**
Nothing to report.
- 261. Village Tidy-up**
The Farley Corner road sign will be re-erected after damage has been repaired.
- 262. Website**
This is working well.
- 263. Planning**
Applications received from WODC:
18/02871/FUL Old Orchard Woodstock Road. Demolition of existing dormer bungalow & replace with new zero energy dwelling. SPS had no objection to this application
Applications approved by 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
18/02030/FUL Wellswood, Churchfields. Erection of single storey side extension to form a self-contained annex. 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
Applications refused: None.
- 264, Other Planning Issues:**
CALA Homes Appeal – see item 245 Public Participation SUSTO report.
North Farm – Land West of Woodstock Road 18/03160/CND Discharge of conditions 4,5,6,8,9,10,12,13,15 and 16 of Planning permission 18/00731/FUL – under investigation by SPC.

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265. Working Group for Finance & Planning: Report (P. McArdell)

No report as Cllr sent apologies.

266. Budget & Precept Considerations for next year

No further discussions.

267. Financial Matters

The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

SO Clerk's salary November	£ 646.58
C No 102006 Stonesfield Village Hall – room hire	£ 18.40
C No 102007 Stacey & Mason Lease registration	£ 310.00
C No 102008 Castle Water Rent water tap PCC	£ 11.16
C No 102009 ENTC Ltd MUGA maintenance	£ 1440.00
C No 102010 8point8 Playing Fields MUGA	£12126.00
C No 102011 HMRC November	£ 161.60
C No 102012 WODC Grass cut 30/8/18	£ 93.22
C No 102013 Clive Parsons salary	£ 153.16
C No 102014 D Brown expenses	£ 66.20
C No 102015 British Legion	£ 50.00

The monthly schedule of accounts were approved.

The Bank rec were approved.

268. Report for the Slate

December edition – due by 15 November

269. Correspondence

None

270. Any Other Matters

It was reported that the Social Club has expressed interest in expanding.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday
12th December 2018 in the Club Room of the Village Hall**

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