

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES 2018/12

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.34pm.

**Members present:** Cllrs. David Brown (Chair), Frank Huddleston (Vice Chair), Dave Baldwin, Geraldine Lawrence and Simon Powell.

**Others present:** Cllrs. Ian Hudspeth, Richard Bishop and Gill Hill (Clerk) plus 2 members of the public

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

272. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. Wendy Gould, Phil McArdell and Jim O'Brien plus Jess Huband.

273. **Declarations of pecuniary interest.**

There were none.

274. The **Minutes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were approved and signed.

275. **Public Participation**

Harry Holland, Vice Chair of Stonesfield School Governors attended the meeting in order to explain the situation with the suggestion that the Pre-School be situated on land at Stonesfield School. It was suggested that a Working Group should be formed to discuss the matter. Cllr Ian Hudspeth is checking the situation with OCC. SPC support any effort made on behalf of the Pre-School and it was agreed that SPC should start the process.

276. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

There were none.

277. **District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

Cllr. Richard Bishop reported that there were new plans for the Mullins' project which was refused at Enstone Airfield some years ago. Sir Norman Foster is involved as the architect but there are no details available yet. WODC Planning Department is looking at enforcement regulations again; this department is still understaffed.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth's report is attached. OCC are awaiting funding availability

278. **Speed Survey & other issues**

A meeting had been convened for 29 November by concerned residents with Rob Webb, Thames Valley Police (TVP), to discuss the speeding situation in Stonesfield. Cllr David Brown also attended the meeting. It was suggested that this group form part of the Working Group for speeding issues together with Cllr Simon Powell representing SPC. As a result of this meeting, quotes are being researched for speed warning signs. All signs and equipment used must be approved by TVP. The next meeting has been arranged for 3 January 2019.

SPC had put the concerns of lack of all road signs in Stonesfield to Highways at OCC. As a result it was strongly recommended that a site meeting be arranged with James Wright, Technical Officer, Traffic Schemes, to review the requirements. **Clerk to arrange.**

279. **The Common**

The new fencing was in the process of being constructed. The sheep will now be in place in the New Year.

280. **Playing Field**

The Playing Field Committee has registered a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission. Called the Stonesfield Playing Field Association the new organisation has similar aims to the current charity but the new organisation will have a legal identity. In March 2019 the assets of the current organisation will be transferred to the new organisation. Consequently, the Parish Council will no longer be the Holding Trustee for the playing field's assets. There are a number of village organisations who have a right to appoint a trustee to the association, including the Parish Council. The current trustee Cllr Frank Huddleston advised that it is important that the PC always appoints a trustee to the

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association. The current Playing Field Committee is looking at ways to regularise and stabilize the income of the organisation, both now and in the future.

**281. Phone Mast**

This has all been completed – no further discussion.

**282. SCT**

No report as Cllr Phil McArdell sent his apologies.

**283. Pre-School**

See report in item 275 Public Participation.

**284. Village Hall**

Nothing to report however SPC has concern that the Village Hall is operating without a Chairman and there is a lack of community spirit.

**285. The Glebe**

All legal transactions completed and no need for further discussion.

**286. Scout Group**

The group now appears to be functioning again and is holding events.

**287. New Cemetery**

Tudor Stone has been appointed to keep the area in good condition.

**288. Sustainable Stonesfield**

Nothing further to report.

**289. Neighbourhood Plan**

Nothing more to report.

**290. Great British Tidy Up**

Jess Huband sent her apologies together with a report confirming she had highlighted the event on NextDoor and Facebook. She had also had discussions with Stonesfield Scout Group and Stonesfield Primary School both of which would like to be involved. Nearly 30 individuals had already made contact to volunteer. The Sports & Social Club have offered to provide free tea/coffee and use of their toilet facilities. Future plans to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

**291. Website**

Nothing to report.

**292. Planning**

Applications received from WODC:

18/02871/FUL Old Orchard Woodstock Road. Demolition of existing dormer bungalow & replace with new zero energy dwelling. SPC had no objection to this.

Applications approved by WODC:

18/02899/FUL Highcroft, 8 Farley Close. Erection of detached dwelling with attached garage and associated works. SPC objected on the grounds of materials to be used, overcrowding, inadequate parking and not in keeping with vernacular buildings.

18/02784/HHD The Old Stable House. Alterations and erection of single storey extension. SPC had no objection.

18/02816/S73 Valhalla, Church Street. No compliance with condition 2 of 15/01198/FUL so that the amended version of the development can be constructed. SPC objected to this application.

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

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

Applications refused: None.

**293. Other Planning Issues:**

CALA Homes Appeal – no further information.

North Farm and discharge of conditions 18/03160 to allow estate metal railings in place of wall 18/00731/FUL. SPC had no objection to this.

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

No report as Cllr Phil McArdell sent apologies.

**295. Budget & Precept Considerations for next year**

It was agreed to increase the budget for 2019-2020 by 2% giving a proposed precept of £27,679. Proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston, seconded by Cllr Simon Powell.

**296. Financial Matters:**

The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

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| SO          | Clerk's salary December                    | £646.58 |
| C No 102016 | Smith of Derby Maintenance Church Clock    | £130.80 |
| C No 102017 | Moore Stephens Audit                       | £480.00 |
| C No 102018 | HMRC December                              | £161.60 |
| C No 102019 | WODC Grass & Hedge cutting June            | £186.43 |
| C No 102020 | David Brown Expenses                       | £ 13.30 |
| C No 102021 | Stonesfield Parochial Church Council grant | £200.00 |

The monthly schedule of accounts was approved.

The Bank recs were approved.

**297. Report for the Slate:** No January edition

**298. Correspondence:** Email from Gary & Jennifer Smith, 2 Ridings.Close.

This email was discussed but was not considered to be a case for SPC.

**299. Any Other Matters**

Meeting closed at 10pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the Club Room of the Village Hall.**

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