

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES 2019/3

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Stonesfield Village Hall. Meeting commenced at 7.33pm.

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

**Others present:** Cllr Richard Bishop and Gill Hill (Clerk) Members of Public 4

**30.** It was not apparent that the meeting was being recorded.

**31. Apologies** were received from Ian Hudspeth

**32.** There were no **declarations of pecuniary interest.**

**33.** The **Minutes** of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 were approved and signed.

### **34. Public Participation**

Natalie Chapple the Liberal Democrat candidate for the District Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May introduced herself to the Council.

### **35. Matters of report arising from previous minutes**

The drain at the Tap at the junction of Laughton Hill and Boot Street still needs attention.

### **36. District Councillor and County Councillor Reports**

Cllr Richard Bishop reported the District Council budget had been approved. Council tax still the second lowest in the country, Band D showing a rise of £5.00.

Average house price in West Oxfordshire is £310K.

County Council report attached.

### **37. Town & Parish Council Elections**

Nomination Forms were handed out to all standing councillors in the Parish Council Elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

### **38. Electoral Register**

Electoral register requests made available to qualified Councillors

### **39. SAFER Working Group**

Cllr Simon Powell had attended a demonstration on the proposed Speedwatch System with which he was very impressed. The total cost to perform this system would cost £3185.00. This was proposed by Cllr Simon Powell and seconded by Cllr Wendy Gould.

### **40. The Common**

The quote for fencing around the 'cricket ground' at the Common of £2217.30 plus VAT was approved. Proposed by Cllr Frank Huddleston, seconded by Cllr Simon Powell

### **41. Playing Field:** New fencing to be erected at the end of the MUGA to cost £300.

Funding to come from the MUGA maintenance money. The Playing Field Committee will need to have a representative from SPC with the changeover of the assets to the Playing Field.

### **42. SCT:** Still waiting for completion of the sale of the land by SCT to Oxfordshire Community Land Trust.

### **43. Pre-School:** The joint meeting arranged by OCC together with the School Governors and SPC resulted in there being no alternative plan.

### **44. Village Hall:** Nothing to report other than concern about the brickwork at the corner of the Village Hall.

### **45. Scout Group:** Nothing to report

### **46. Sustainable Stonesfield:** The CALA Appeal taking place from 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **47. Neighbourhood Plan:** Nothing to report

### **48. Great British Tidy Up:** Jess Huband has this all under control for Sunday 24 March with group safety meeting to start. The area will be divided into five zones for litter collection. This group to be formally adopted as Working Group – Village Tidy-up.

### **49. Planning:**

Applications received from WODC:

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19/00475 Wynyard Church Street. Alterations to include garage conversion & insertion of bay window. Erection of a single storey front extension & render external walls. SC had no objection to this.

Applications approved by WODC: None

## **50. Other Planning Issues:**

CALA Homes Appeal – Will Harley & David Illingworth to represent SPC and SUSTO at hearing on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.

## **51. Working Group for Finance & Planning:** Report presented by Cllr Phil McArdell.

## **52. Financial Matters:**

The monthly financial summary was circulated at the meeting.

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

SO	Clerk's salary March	£646.58
C No 102036	CFO Subscription	£70.00
C No 102037	Stonesfield Village Hall Jan 19	£18.40
C No 102038	Grant Stonesfield Allotments	£700.00
C No 102039	OALC Subscription	£304.26
C No 102040	David Brown Expenses	£84.96
C No 102041	HMRC March 2019	£161.60

Bank recs approved and signed.

VAT refund received £3500.11

## **53. Resignation of Clerk**

The Clerk resigned and was thanked for her service to SPC.

## **54. Risk Assessment** – deferred to next meeting

## **55. Asset Register** – deferred to next meeting

## **56. Report for the Slate:** April

## **57. Correspondence**

## **58. Any Other Matters**

Jane Rust had kindly paid for posts and daffodils at Hanks' Corner for which SPC was extremely grateful and thanked her for her kindness.

## **Date of Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Meeting ended at 9.34pm

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