

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES 2019/10

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Stonesfield Village Hall.

Meeting commenced at 19:30

**Members present:** Cllr David Brown (Chair), Cllr Claire Walton, Cllr David Baldwin, Jim O'Brien, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Phil McArdell and Simon Powell.

**Others present:** Cllr Richard Bishop, Karen East (Clerk), Cllr Natalie Chapple (DC), Cllr Ian Hudspeth (CC)

**Members of Public:** None

**Declarations of Interest:**

Apologies: Cllr Geraldine Lawrence

**127. Meeting Recording:** It was not apparent that the meeting was being recorded.

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

**129. Minute Approval:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were approved and signed.

**130. Matters Arising from the minutes 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

None

**131. Co-option of Councillor Claire Walton**

Claire Walton was co-opted as Councillor for the parish.

**132. Public Participation**

None

**133. To receive reports from District and County Councillors**

**Cllr Natalie Chapple** – On the uplands planning and confirmed that WODC will be doing all they can for all things climate / carbon neutral. Projects being looked at include waste collections etc. (move to electric vehicles), improvements in public transport (cycle paths etc.) and environmental schemes with new builds (solar panels etc.). Community orchards and tree planting wild flower banks etc. was also discussed.

**Cllr Richard Bishop** – Backed what Cllr Chapple reported. Cllr Bishop noted that the installation of electric charger points is about £5k per socket.

Suggestion that the Cotswold AONB will become a National Park. It seems there is a strong negative reaction to this. Unsure which way it will go at the moment.

Biodiversity – SUSTO may wish to take a project on for planting trees in the village area, as it would help to become carbon neutral.

Looked at a permitted development project in Freeland. It is not a brilliant site.

Grass cutting for parishes – WODC is producing a map showing the land District is

responsible for.

**Cllr Ian Hudspeth** – OCC acknowledged the climate change emergency. Woodstock TC also acknowledged the climate change emergency. 59,000 streetlights across the county are being changed to LED. Smart intelligence lights are being looked at with potential future proofing. (Bicester has a good example of eco town).

Cllr Hudspeth met with residents at the corner of Duke Marlborough and wanted to make it clear that the residents did not claim to be acting on behalf of the council. Currently looking at the junction from a safety point of view.

Expressway route is due to be announced in autumn, possibly New Year.

#### **134. Questions arising from the clerks report**

Trees – Cllr D Baldwin will do a tree assessment for the parish (Cllr Baldwin is a qualified forester).

Brook Lane trees – OCC on map. Ask Highways if they are on their map.

SAFER – Additional budget requested £1,600 – this will increase over the SAFER budget of circa £900. It was **RESOLVED** to allow this additional spend.

Correspondence regarding hedge around SC – It was **RESOLVED** to get the hedge cut around the small car park cut back.

Correspondence regarding the shelter on the playing field has requested it is moved. Possible movement area – Cllr D Baldwin will talk about this to the Playing Field Association.

Councillor training – Charitable Trusts and Parish Councils – Cllr D Baldwin to attend when course next comes up.

#### **135. Finance**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the cheque payments and bank reconciliation as provided in the clerks report.

Finance committee to meet Cllr D Brown, Cllr P McArdell and C D Baldwin – please send availability to the clerk for meeting.

#### **136. CALA update**

CALA has gone to High Court, a single judge looks at the case and has rejected CALAs appeal. CALA could still move towards a hearing for High Court. We should hear soon if this happens.

#### **137. Playing Fields Association**

The Playing Field Association would like to take the land that is granted from Hunts on. The Parish will discuss this further once ownership has been granted.

The playing field association will be requesting a payment from the MUGA ring fenced fund for £800 for maintenance of the MUGA and will request an additional grant for the fence (£470) around the children's play area. Councillors **agreed in principle** to make these payments. Cllr D Baldwin will advise the Playing Fields Association.

Cllr D Baldwin confirmed he is a trustee of the Playing Fields Association.

#### **138. AOB**

Cllr O'Brien reported an incident where an intruder entered a property. It has been reported to the Police. The clerk will contact the police. (Warning – Bogus callers in the area to be noted in the slate).

Cllr D Brown – Brushcutter required – Richard Morris can purchase this, cost to be approved in next meeting.

Cllr S Powell – Car in the parish parked for a long time on the cross. The clerk will report it to TVP (it is SORN). W7O4 COM – black polo.

Cllr D Baldwin – Willows on the right hand side but the ones on the left need to be pollarded. The land is Bernard's but is used by the community.

Cllr D Baldwin is looking at the Yew tree at the Church Yard.

Cllr D Baldwin mentioned the dog mess issue near the playing field. The clerk will ask people via a notice in the Slate to pick litter and dog mess up at the playing field area and dispose of it properly.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30pm**

*Meeting ended at 21:00*

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