

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES 2019/12

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 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, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence and Simon Powell.

**Others present:** Karen East (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr Richard Bishop (DC)

**Members of Public:** None

**Declarations of Interest:** Jim O'Brien – Planning relating to Empire Homes

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

**150. Minute Approval:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved and signed.

**151. Matters Arising from the minutes 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

None

**152. Public Participation**

None

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

**Cllr Richard Bishop** – circulated via email

**Cllr Ian Hudspeth** – circulated via email

Grit bin and dog bin required on Charity Farm – the clerk will write to PYE homes to request these are installed. The footpaths are very slippery.

**154. Questions arising from the clerks report**

Sustainable arts – the clerk will contact Rachel Johnson / Genny Early to work with a sculptor. Suggestion is something for the opening of the Glebe land.

Land at North Farm – fencing agreed with Empire Homes and Empire Homes have agreed to contribute reasonable cost to the legal expenses. This is moving forward.

**155. Planning**

19/03174/HHD – no objections

Playing Field Association are considering having permanent lights on the MUGA

**156. Finance**

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

C No 102194	G Booth	£390.00	fence – PFA grant
C No 102195	LGPS pension	£2018.52	replacement cheque
C No 102197	Clerk expenses	£22.80	Nov expenses

C No 102198	Clerk PAYE current	£confidential	PAYE
C No 102199	HMRC / PAYE / NI	£confidential	PAYE
C No 102200	LGPS pension	£288.36	Dec 19
C No 102196	WODC – grass cutting	£95.92	inv 33333924
C No 102201	Tudor Stone	£215.00	inv 0919
C No 102202	SAFER	£207.34	Tablet case, cover
C No 102203	Stonesfield Village Hall	£36.80	inv 2562
C No 102204	Cllr D Brown expenses	£100.00	Vouchers approved as gift

The £confidential relates to PAYE. Councillors see these figures for approval during the meeting.

Grant requests were received from:

Stonesfield Players £840 – It was **RESOLVED** that Council will grant £500 to the Stonesfield Players but request that they pay the whole bill directly and the Stonesfield Players then reimburse the difference (net) (proposed David Baldwin, seconded Simon Powell).

The church has requested a grant – It was **RESOLVED** that Council will grant £250 towards the grass cutting. (Proposed Simon Powell, seconded Gerladine Lawrence).

#### **157. SAFER**

SAFER report circulated by Cllr M Heduan ahead of the meeting. Cllr M Heduan talked councillors through this.

One of the aims is to increase the SAFER team.

The new SAFER device is being delivered this week.

SAFER are looking at potential sites for the static road speedwatch device to be fixed in the village (on poles).

The clerk will request that the device is specifically insured with Came & Company insurers.

Potential areas have been highlighted as 20mph zones, some surveys are required in those areas (£100 each for a survey).

SAFER has asked that Cllr M Heduan gets more data using the Morelock and poses questions to Highways before spending money on surveys.

Improved road markings and signage – this request has been raised to Highways.

The clerk recommends that this is also reported to Fix my street.

Pinch point at Laughton Hill. Highways are looking at solutions for this and will report back.

The clerk reminded that the budget allowance for the next financial year for SAFER is £1000 and SAFER need to be mindful of this when planning.

#### **158. PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

The Playing Fields Association asked when the hedge in the village hall car park is being cut. This is on Tudors list for end January but WODC have also been asked to do this if they are in the area.

MUGA – the Playing Fields Association are considering applying for planning for permanent MUGA lights (timed).

#### **159. VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall has chosen which supplier will carry out the door works. The Village Hall has circa 30k in the account but are reluctant to proceed to have the repair work

done. Councillors ask that the Village Hall committee proceed with works using the funds have before it moves in to a state of disrepair.

The VH committee does not need to meet and Council are happy to meet with them if need but as a Parish we do not want to see the Village Hall fall in to a bad state as it is a community asset. It should be noted it does not belong to the Parish Council and is therefore not something we can precept for so we are not duty bound to fund the Village Hall.

**160. AOB**

Sustainable Stonesfield had a climate emergency meeting. One of the options was to do some tree planting. Grass cutting plan – send to David Baldwin.

The trees next to Knotts Oak have been cut down without planning permission. The clerk has contacted WODC.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 7.30pm, Stonesfield Village Hall.**

*Meeting ended at 20:45*

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