

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2020/01

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 15th January 2020
in Stonesfield Village Hall.**

Meeting commenced at 19:30

Members present: Cllr David Brown (Chair), Cllr Claire Walton, Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Phil McArdell, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence and Simon Powell.

Others present: Karen East (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Richard Bishop (DC), Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Cllr Jim O'Brien

Members of Public: None

Declarations of Interest: David Brown – Farley Close, planning

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

162. Minute Approval: The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2019 were approved and signed.

163. Matters Arising from the minutes 11th December 2019

None

164. Stonesfield Spring Clean

Requested Sunday 8th March for the annual spring clean. Jess to send information to the clerk re. the litter pick last year. Need 10-20 litter pickers from WODC and collection required. The clerk will contact WODC.

165. Sustainable Stonesfield – Art Project (Proposal)

Genny Early and Tony discussed ideas (laser cut steel) with the councilors. Brook Lane and the Green are consensus of best locations. Genny and Tony will proceed to work on a brief and some outline ideas for the next meeting. Members of the public to be advised to come to the meeting in February if they wish to comment on the proposals.

166. Questions arising from the clerks report

Burial ground – quotes to come in. Could use s106 money.

North Farm – wait for fencing covenant before transfer – the clerk will check usage specification in legal documents.

167. Planning

4 The Cottages, Churchfields 9/03476/HHD – No objections

Highcroft, 8 Farley Close, Stonesfield 20/00007/FUL - (Cllr David Brown left the room for discussion on this planning application) – Objection – over development (overcrowding) and lack of parking. The parking noted within planning is not practical to work for this development. This was a garden for one property, access with two squeezed in will be difficult.

Land West of North Farm 19/03429/S73 – No objections

Knotts Oak, Woodstock Road 20/00017/S73 – No objections

168. Finance

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

No grant requests to consider at this meeting.

169. SAFER

SAFER report circulated by Cllr M Heduan ahead of the meeting.

Good feedback received on the mirror that's been installed.

170. To receive reports from Parish, District and County Councillors

Cllr Ian Hudspeth report was sent via email ahead of the meeting.

No other reports.

171. Playing Fields Association

Playing Fields Association – question over the land ownership of the park area. The clerk will try and find out. The youth shelter has been moved.

172. SUSTO Climate Emergency Group

30 people at the first meeting held. WODC, Woodstock, Charlbury have already declared climate emergencies.

We may be able to focus on the bio diversity crisis. The grass we cut could have wild flower verges, tree planting. Tree officer would have to advise if trees being cut down.

Stonesfield Parish Council **RESOLVED** to declare a climate emergency. Proposed Cllr D Baldwin, Seconded Cllr G Lawrence

Suggestion to set up an environmental working group. Tree planting group initially.

Tree planting plan required – Suggestion Avenue of trees when you come in to the village. We could have a tree-planting scheme.

Proposed Cllr D Baldwin and Seconded Simon Powell to confirm Environmental Working Group to be put together. Group will be led by Cllr D Baldwin.

174. AOB

Social Club AGM 1st March 2020

Training Courses: 3 councillors to be booked on for roles and responsibilities (March).

Neighborhood plan course place to be booked.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th February 2020 – 7.30pm, Stonesfield Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 21:15

Karen East, Clerk to the Parish Council

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