

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2020/02

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 12th February 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 Cllr Simon Powell.

Others present: Karen East (Clerk)

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

Members of Public: Andy Tacon from the Playing Field Committee (*until Finance*)

Declarations of Interest: none

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

174. Minute Approval: The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 were approved and signed.

175. Matters Arising from the minutes 15th January 2020

None

176. Public Participation

None

177. Art Project – Genny Early and Tony

Genny and Tony presented and discussed option for the art project.

Locations were discussed. The shop area was dismissed, as this is private land and would therefore incur additional legal costs.

Brook Lane and The Green are locations considered. Councillors voted and it was

RESOLVED that Brook Lane was the decided location for the art project. Genny and Tony will continue to work on designs for that area.

178. Questions arising from the clerks report

None

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

Cllr Bishop: DC – Climate change manager has decided that the CARBON action plan will involve WODC being carbon neutral by 2030. Tree planting as part of this will be doubled within the next few years.

Oxford / Cambridge expressway – WODC will not support any route.

The budget has been maintained. All the range of services by WODC will be maintained along with grants without reduction. Second lowest council tax authority in the country.

Electric vehicle charging points – 18 are being installed as an introductory stage.

WODC going out for public consultation on infrastructure levy.

Cllr Bishop left the meeting after his report.

180. Planning

20/00089/FUL Farm shop adjacent to Callow Farm

The parish council fully supports this planning application. It will be nice to see it used as a local business. No objections.

20/00276/FUL Stable to the rear of Valhalla Church Street

The parish council recalls that it was always agreed with written assurance that this would remain as a stable as part of previous planning applications that passed through. On this basis the parish council **OBJECTS** to this planning application. It is also considered to have unsuitable access, inadequate parking and this applicant has also removed trees without permission at this site.

181. Finance

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

Grant requests were received from:

Stonesfield Players requested an amended grant request of £573.63 – the parish council **RESOLVED** to approve this and a cheque was raised.

182. SAFER

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

There have been complaints regarding motorbikes riding on the common and Stockey Woods at night. Police have been notified. The clerk will cost having kissing gates at the road end of the common and next to Stockey Woods. Cllr S Powell will provide photos of the gates to the clerk; the clerk will obtain quotes to extend them to kissing gates to discuss at the next meeting. This land needs to be protected.

183. SUSTO

Richard Morris has requested a meeting with the parish council to discuss neighborhood planning. SUSTO will hold a public meeting on 23rd March. The clerk will look in to potential grants for neighborhood planning.

184. Playing Field Association

There is consideration for turning the Playing Fields in to charity, a couple of years ago the PC didn't want to be custodians so PFA are creating the charitable incorporated entity so the land can be transferred in to and land registry. Lawyers have asked for proof that PFA own the land. The clerk is assisting the PFA with finding documentation to support this.

North Farm Land fence was discussed. It was agreed that a 3m-chain link fence would be adequate but ball game usage needs to still be in place. There needs to be some tree buffer on the house side between the houses. The clerk will pass this back to Empire Homes and will also ask them how much maintenance grant we can potentially expect to receive from them.

The clerk will ask the solicitors to ensure we can have football pitch on the land. If the parish council cannot access the land and use it for the purposes previously agreed then it might not be useful to the parish council to take the land.

185. Climate Emergency Group

This will remain separate from SUSTO. Approx. 30 people attended the last meeting. Tree planting has been discussed. The group would like the parish council to write to the tree officer asking them to advise us of any trees that are removed /

planned removal in the conservation area and to insist on replacement of any removed trees. The clerk will write to the tree officer.

Tree planting / wild flower planting on verges where possible. Cllr Baldwin will identify verges for wild flowers. Councilors supported this.

Ash trees will be planted by the scouts on 29th Feb in the Glebe woodland (14 trees). £200 has been pledged by a member of the public to plant trees somewhere in the village. Orchard trees can be planted around the edge / boundary of the new playing field land. Councilors all agreed. One orchard tree will be planted on the planned burial ground site too.

186. AOB

Shelving and a freezer outside the shop – the clerk will write to the shop owner and ask them to remove rubbish as it has been there a while.

Cllr Brown will attend the chairman's course in July. The clerk will book him on to this.

Pre-School – new treasurer in place. The Pre School should be applying grants as they do need additional finances. The pre-school will go on the next month's agenda.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2020 – 7.30pm, Stonesfield Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 21:45

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