

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2020/03

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 11th March 2020
in Stonesfield Village Hall.**

Meeting commenced at 19:30

Members present: Cllr David Brown (Chair), Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Mick Heduan and Cllr Simon Powell.

Others present: Karen East (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Richard Bishop (DC), Cllr Ian Hudspeth (OCC), Cllr J O'Brien, Cllr Claire Walton, Cllr Phil McArdell, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence

Members of Public: Jess Huband (Spring Clean) 4 x members of the public

Declarations of Interest: none

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

188. Minute Approval: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2020 were approved and signed.

189. Matters Arising from the minutes 12th February 2020

None

190. Public Participation

Jess Huband gave an update: Spring clean – 50 volunteers approx. it went really well. Good litter pick, lots of fly tipping particularly along the ridings, near Green Lane. Oil also found (5).

Recommendations: consider purchase of litter pickers and social club willing to store (suggestion 20 alongside hi viz vests). Jess will send requirements to the clerk who will cost this.

Bin on Brook Lane recommended (close to the dog waste bin).

Also bad near the common – suggestion a bin that end.

Doing the spring clean has been easier doing earlier in the season.

Councilors expressed huge thanks to Jess.

191. Pre School

Four members of the pre-school came to the meeting and spoke about the pre-school.

The pre-school has a meeting with Ian Hudspeth on Monday 16th.

The pre-school has a meeting planned with the school headteacher

The pre-school gave some insight advising that the preschool do not have good numbers, are not currently financially in a good place. They are trying to reduce outgoings. Accountants are looking at the cash flow to assist.

The Pre-School is a business but also a registered charity, was opened in 1968.

They need contingency to enable being able to pay redundancy, trustees would be

liable for this. It is not a viable business at the moment. They are currently looking at emergency fund.

They are trying to get money from the community trust, the slate is giving £1000.

Cllr D Baldwin presented the chair with a copy of a grant request from the pre-school (this was not seen prior to the meeting). The Chair explained that it cannot be considered at this meeting as councilors needed time to consider the content. The form included retrospective items – the clerk advised the pre-school that it needed to submit a new form detailing something they intend to purchase to meet with the grant policy. The pre-school had been informed otherwise but acknowledged this and agreed to submit a new form for Councillor consideration.

Discussions became heated.

*Meeting suspended 8pm – members of the public asked to leave
Meeting reconvened 8.30pm*

Cllr D Baldwin left the meeting

The clerk will try and find out where the S106 money for the Charity Farm Development went and to see if any can be accessed by the pre-school. The clerk will also contact Ian Hudspeth about the situation to see if there are emergency funds available.

New grant form will be submitted for councilors to review. The clerk will circulate to councilors for consensus of approval or rejection by Monday 16th. It was not considered that an extraordinary meeting would be needed.

The clerk will provide the pre-school with further lists of where grants and funding can be obtained outside of the parish. (This has also previously been supplied over the past 3 months).

Cllr M Heduan will attend a meeting with the pre-school and the school and Cllr Hudspeth as parish council representative and support.

It was not considered prudent to hold an extraordinary general meeting for this matter as it is not usual to have a EGM for grant requests.

192. Questions arising from the clerks report

None

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

None

194. Planning

20/00603/HHD

63 Longore, Stonesfield

No objection

195. Finance

Cheque payments and bank reconciliation were provided as per the clerks report.

Grant requests were received from:

Pre-school – discussed earlier – being circulated by email for consideration – was not submitted in time to the clerk / Chair for this meeting.

196. SAFER

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

197. Climate Emergency Group

No further update.

198. Playing Field Association

3m chain link fence is being considered by planning inspector prior to planning application.

Ball games is still an issue on the site. The clerk is following this up.

199. APM date

13th May 2020 – 7pm Council meeting, 7.30pm APM

200. AOB

Willows need pollarding on the common – the clerk will ask Richard Morris who to contact to do it and get a quote for approval to do this.

Fence on the common – the clerk will ask Richard Morris for his contact to book in to do this.

Tour of the common recommended with Richard – the clerk, D Brown and any other councilors who wish to will do this. The clerk will arrange a date. The clerk will suggest 6.30pm on 8th April and then the council meeting will continue at 7.30pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th April 2020 – 7.30pm, Stonesfield Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 21:30

Karen East, Clerk to the Parish Council

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