

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2020/05

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
via Zoom – Covid 19**

Meeting commenced at 19:00

**Members present:** Cllr David Brown (Chair), Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Phil McArdeall, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr J O'Brien and Cllr Ian Hudspeth (OCC)

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

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

**Members of Public:** None

**217. Declarations of pecuniary interest.** Cllr D Baldwin declared an interest with regards to the grants for Stonesfield Mutual Aid.

**218. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** David Brown was elected as Chair / Phil McArdeall was elected as Vice Chair – Proposer: Cllr Wendy Gould, Seconded Cllr David Baldwin

**219. Minute Approval:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 were approved.

**220. Matters Arising from the minutes 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
None

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

Castle water enquiry now resolved – will be billed every six months

**222. Art Project Update**

Two proposals sent by Genny and Tony for consideration. Circulated by clerk ahead of the meeting.

Both of the designs are very good, Councillors agree they are good. The idea of the bench at Brook Lane is very good. Position may need to be agreed to move across slightly. The site can provide panoramic views if moved across to where the view is – a log can go where the other log is. Some brambles will need clearing – Cllr Powell is happy to do this. The gap can be tidied up further down.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the bench option at Brook Hill.

The clerk will talk with Genny and Tony and will investigate costs for acrylic transfers of the bus stop design for an option to use on our bus stops.

**222. To receive reports from Parish, District and County Councillors**

Cllr Ian Hudspeth sent a report, which was shared via email and is published on the web. OCC are doing all they can to help the vulnerable. Staff are working as normal, working incredibly hard, lots of virtual meetings. Ian is walking round the villages, he did walk round Stonesfield and is walking around again this Friday.

Cllr Gould asked if Spencer Court in Woodstock is ok. Cllr Hudspeth advised that no concerns had been raised and it is large enough to isolate people if required. OCC are working with the care homes.

Cllr Gould asked when the libraries may open. Cllr Hudspeth responded that at the moment this is unknown for various reasons but we would like to get them open as community hubs.

Community pub option was discussed. It is clear a separate group who are keen with supported villagers would be needed to make this an option. It is vital to have a regular support of people using the facility if opened. The parish council could not lead this.

### **223. Finance**

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

No grant requests received.

### **224. SAFER**

Cllr M Heduan reported that no speedwatch surveys have taken place in the last month. There is less traffic but more speeding especially along Stonesfield Riding. Cllr Powell and Cllr Heduan are meeting Cllr Ian Hudspeth on Friday to point out blind spots, pinch points etc. Pond Hill will be pointed out at narrow point and the blind bend at the end. This may strengthen our case to improve this area. It will be requested that OCC / Highways install a mirror at the blind bend. Road markings also need looking at. Bottom of boot street parking is a problem, may need a sign there / notice.

Blenheim vehicle exit can also be mentioned – signage advising about the hidden dip may be useful if this can be pointed out. Also to look at Blacks gate which has been altered to ensure it isn't about to get used significantly more.

### **225. Climate Emergency Group – Environment working group**

Currently on hold.

### **226. SUSTO**

No update at the moment. Neighborhood plan in mind.

### **227. PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION**

No updates at the moment. The land from Pat Hunt must be used as a playing field. Tennis courts back in use as from today in line with government guidance.

### **216. AOB**

Cllr M Heduan will ask for an update on the lake dredging at Blenheim.

Cllr D Brown - White Horse pub – landlord has decided to hand notice in at the pub on basis it is difficult to make a living out of the pub. It is possible the owner would try and switch the property for housing. At the moment it is listed as a community asset which runs out in January. We can register to extend this interest. We need to be mindful that we have a social club as well in the village.

Cllr M Heduan – theft of goods from the allotments. People do not have a right of way through them. The Parish Council are also supportive of the allotments having a community allotment. Cllr M Heduan will chat to John Gordon.

Cllr S Powell – Richard Morris suggested walking on the common so he can show Councillors what needs doing etc. Councillors are in favour of this once the Covid 19 restrictions allow.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – 7pm – Zoom Virtual Meeting**

*Meeting ended at 20:10*

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