

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2020/06

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 10th June 2020
via Zoom – Covid 19**

Meeting commenced at 19:00

Members present: Cllr David Brown (Chair), Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Phil McArdell, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr, J’O Brien (arrived 7.30)

Others present: Karen East (Clerk), Sharon Acum (Stonesfield Mutual Aid)

Apologies: Cllr Richard Bishop (DC), Cllr Ian Hudspeth (OCC)

Members of Public: None

228. Declarations of pecuniary interest. Cllr D Baldwin declared an interest with regards to Stonesfield Mutual Aid and the Pre School.

229. The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2020 were approved.

230. Matters Arising from the minutes 13th May 2020

None

231. Public Participation

No public participation

232. Clerks Report

No questions regarding the clerks report

233. Planning

No objections to the planning application 20/01140/FUL | Erection of two storey side extension to create an annexe | Russett Cottage Witney Lane Stonesfield Witney Oxfordshire OX29 8DN

234. Finance

Stonesfield Mutual Aid – Sharon Acum gave an update. The grant given will help people in the community (David Baldwin, Sharon Acum and Kate Harris are the committee). The group helps with food parcels, shopping etc. The group now has a bank account. Approx. 22 food parcels are delivered a week at the moment.

Grants

Stonesfield Voluntary Transport Scheme requested a grant of £90 to contribute to the cost of DBS for their drivers. It was **resolved** to approve this grant. Proposed Cllr W Gould, Seconded Cllr M Heduan

Pre-School requested a grant of £478.78 towards an urn and wipe clean sofas. It was **resolved** to approve this grant. Proposed Cllr W Gould, Seconded Cllr P McArdell.

The cheques detailed in the clerk’s report were **resolved** to be approved.

Common Costs: Costs to be considered (Bill Bachelor farmer / contractor provided a quote for works). Fencing materials (250 metres), netting, barbed wire, gates,

general materials etc. £1,016.14 the council will pay that directly. Labour £600 for the installation. The external drinking bay also needs to be fixed. A water pump will need to be installed for the cattle (pasture pump) £280.0The Parish Council has received 3 quotations over the course of two years. The cheapest person who quoted previously has not been able carry out the works.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to pay Bill Bachelor for this work including the pump. The clerk will request a formal quotation and will request a copy of his public liability insurance too.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to pollard two of the willows at £250 each tree, Bill Bachelor can do two trees now. The clerk will request an official quotation for this. (Costs up to £4000 are approved).

235. The Common

Richard Morris accompanied by some of the Councillors had a walk around and discussed all of the options required at the Common.

Some cattle will be put on the common for grazing. A water pump will need to be installed for this. The cattle would come soon and leave around October.

The willows on the common also need pollarding.

Someone lit a fire on the common. This is not permitted. Genny Early has kindly offered to put a sign up for us which we have accepted.

It was noted that people have been swimming in the river.

236. SAFER

Cllr Heduan report was circulated.

Cllr Powell, Cllr Heduan and Cllr Ian Hudspeth met on 15th May to look at roads within the village. Discussed considering a 20mph zone in the village. Surveys cost £290 plus VAT for three surveys. Cllr Heduan was advised this would need to come from the SAFER £1000 allocated budget for the year.

SAFER need to purchase an additional wall mounting bracket for the speed device £45 Plus VAT. Again this would come from the £1000 allocated budget for SAFER for the year.

Blenheim traffic – email has gone to Blenheim regarding event traffic.

Speeding down Church Street and Churchfields, SAFER surveys will be done in that area.

It was agreed that the SAFER team can get going again keeping social distancing in place and subject to their risk assessment.

Parking leading to the river. There is a sign that indicates its private land but it's not positioned well. The land is not parish council land so we cannot put signage up.

237. Allotments

Cllr Heduan met Jon Gordon at the Woodstock Road allotments. 18 allotments belong to the allotment association and another section belongs to the parish council. There has been one incident of some rhubarb being stolen. There has been some fly tipping also. The clerk will contact WODC to see if they can clear the fly tipping.

238. To receive reports from Councillors and District Councillors

Cllr Richard Bishops report was circulated ahead of this meeting.

No other reports.

239. Climate Emergency Group

No updates

240. Code of Conduct

Councillors were asked to adopt the Code of the Conduct. Councillors adopted the Code of Conduct.

241. AOB

Grit bins – the clerk will ask Ubico to fill the grit bins.

Grass verges need cutting in the village – the clerk will chase up Ubico.

Scout hut – there is a path with steps down to the field. The path is very slippery / hazard. The clerk will raise this with Phil Martin.

The recycling bins in Field Close are over flowing. The clerk will contact WODC.

Village Hall has had some vandalism. The doors have still not been replaced. Cllr G Lawrence will have a look in to this.

Libby's bench needs painting. Cllr Jim O'Brien will speak to the family to check this is ok. We will also ask If its ok to add the parish asset list so it can be covered for insurance.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th July 2020 – 7pm – Zoom Virtual Meeting

Meeting ended at 20:41

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