

# STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 2021/04

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
via Zoom – Covid 19**

Meeting commenced at 19:00

**Members present:** Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr W Gould, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Jim O'Brien, Cllr David Brown, Cllr Richard Bishop (DC), Cllr Geraldine Lawrence

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Ian Hudspeth

**Members of Public:** Paul Barrett +1

**350. Declarations of pecuniary interest.** None

**352. The Minutes of the meeting** held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 were approved.

**352. Matters Arising from the minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

None

**353. Reports from Parish, District and County Councillors**

**Cllr Richard Bishop** - Woodstock Town Council have applied for ownership of the Woodstock Water Meadows. WTC also have to apply to Natural England. West Oxfordshire DC are supporting this.

East Chipping Norton planning proposals have been deferred, awaiting legal advice on some of the things within the plan.

The community revenue grants were approved for the coming financial year.

Several had not been paid for 2020/21, one of those was for Stonesfield preschool (£1,027). This has been held over so the preschool can obtain it in 2021/22.

A grant to help the provision of homeless people has gone through from WODC. WODC, electric vehicle charging points are going ahead in conjunction with OCC. Domestic abuse will get financial support to deal with issues surrounding it from WODC.

6<sup>th</sup> May – District elections. Cllr Richard Bishop is not standing again in elections.

**Cllr Ian Hudspeth** – The clerk raised the road closures / bus reroutes. As long as we can plan for this we need to bear with this.

Closure of Woodstock Rd going outside of Stonesfield (war memorial to Combe turn) – this is for resurfacing and it will take place during certain hours – refer to signage. This starts 12<sup>th</sup> April for 2 days.

**354. Public Participation**

None

**355. Questions arising from the clerk's report**

Gigaclear: Bus routes not confirmed. The clerk has asked if this can be confirmed but this is held with OCC. We will be notified in advance.  
 Land at North Farm: The clerk will continue with the lease preparation to lease the land to the playing fields.

### 356. Planning

APPLICATION NO: 21/00860/HHD  
 PROPOSAL: Alterations to include the erection of a single storey side and rear infill extension and the replacement of the existing rear pitched roof with a new flat roof  
 Town and Country Planning Act  
 LOCATION: 9 Combe Road Stonesfield Witney  
 APPLICANT: Mr Gary Smith  
 REGISTERED: 17th February 2021

The Parish Council has no objection or comment regarding this application.

### 357. Finance

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the cheque payments as presented below.

01/03/2021	Stacey and Mason Solicitors	£ 600.00	102349	PF transfer
17/03/2021	Impossible things - Genny Early	£ 3,840.00	102350	art project - 50% deposit
06/04/2021	Clerk paye	£ 822.03	102351	
06/04/2021	HMRC -PAYE	£ 313.11	102352	
06/04/2021	Oxfordshire County Council Pensions	£ 310.63	102353	
06/04/2021	CLERK EXPENSES	£ 181.28	102354	includes zoom renewal 143.88
06/04/2021	Scribe accounts	£ 345.60	102355	
06/04/2021	Auditing Solutions Ltd	£ 60.00	102356	admin audit
06/04/2021	Defib shop	£ 150.00	102357	preschool defib service
06/04/2021	The Defib Pad	£ 49.20	102358	replacement pads for preschool defib

Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation.

Online banking: Cllr McArdell asked if the signatories could go to Barclays and request online access. This will assist us moving from cheque to online banking.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve paying £49.20 for replacement pads for the pre-school defibrillator which is available for community use – the preschool are responsible for checking its charge.

Empire Homes has made a 15k donation to the council. As a successful local company with long established connections to Stonesfield they have made the donation to the Parish to be used for the local needs of the village. The clerk is arranging transfer of funds to the PC with them.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Jane Olds as auditor for the audit to end March 2021. Total expected internal audit costs for Jane Olds is £200. External audit costs will be in addition to this.

### **358. Annual Parish Meeting**

Agreed we would hold this virtually – the clerk will invite interested parties. This will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021. 7pm-7.30pm will be for general parish business, 7.30pm will be the start of the APM.

### **359. AOB**

Cllr David Baldwin - White Horse pub sold under the offer price of the community group. Cllr Brown added that Jon Bowers is interviewing for a tenant for the pub and it is progressing. The pub is not parish council business. The community needs to support the pub.

Cllr Baldwin -The community pub intends to continue pursuing the purchase of the pub.

The clerk reconfirmed that the pub is registered as an ACV.

Cllr Simon Powell – some brambles will need clearing where the bench (art project) is going. Cllr Simon Powell will do this.

Cllr Simon Powell – Residents have heard rumours that Blenheim may try and build further in region Charity Farm, the parish council have not been made aware of any such plans.

Cllr David Brown - VeloCity are rumoured to be looking at development sites in the area behind Judd's Garage. The parish council have not been informed of any plans.

Cllr Wendy Gould – The lock up is in a state of disrepair. The clerk has asked the diocese if they can repair this but have also asked if they would consider gifting it across to the parish council. We await a response from the Diocese.

Cllr David Brown – Ollie Stobo – people should not trespass on his land at the top corner and also along the Combe Road. Please continue to be mindful of this.

Cllr David Brown – Ollie Stobo has some areas within his hedgerows that we can plant some trees. The parish council needs further discussion surrounding trees.

Cllr David Brown – Roger Evans has issues of people walking further across his fields – 2-3 metres width and through his farm yard. Chemicals are on the fields / fertilisers – these are not good for pets. He also advised he has planted over 340 trees in the past few years.

Cllr Geraldine Lawrence – Free covid testing kits can be collected at local Covid testing centres and some pharmacies.

**Date of next full council (public) meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 7pm – Zoom Virtual Meeting, Annual Parish Council meeting commences 7.30pm.**

*Meeting ended at 20.10*

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