

Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at St James Centre, Stonesfield on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present – Cllr David Brown (Vice Chair), Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Wendy Gould

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), 1 member of the public, Cllr Matthew Parkinson

21/393 Apologises for absence

Cllr Andy Graham (OCC / DC), Cllr David Baldwin

21/394 Declarations of interest: None

21/395 Public Participation

None

21/396 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 7th July 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2021 were confirmed with no corrections. (No August meeting)

21/397 Update on progress from the minutes held on 7th July 2021

No update re. Gigaclear providing second community hub.

21/398 To receive reports from District or County Councillors

(21/398.01) Cllr Andy Graham (OCC & DC) has sent his report – this has been placed on the website.

(21/398.02) Cllr Matthew Parkinson (DC) The report Andy puts together include District information.

Nathalie Chapple is focussing on Tackley and Wootton and Cllr M Parkinson is working closely for Stonesfield and Wootton. Doctors' surgery Woodstock – No update yet on when it will be replaced.

21/399 To receive reports from Parish Councillors

(21/399.01) Cllr W Gould – asked if we could push District Councillors to attend – we need to push for a new surgery in Woodstock.

(21/399/02) Cllr S Powell noted the posts at Blacks Gate that Blenheim have installed. These were installed for safety reasons.

(21/399.03) Village Hall had a meeting and Cllr Lawrence confirmed there is a larger committee now and the village hall is ok for finances.

(21/399.04) Cllr Brown – Ian Hedges has started work on the fencing on the common and he will look at fixing the kissing gates. Sustainable Stonesfield is starting again in September – they are looking at the 2050 plan and boundary changes. Clive has painted and repaired some of the benches.

21/3400 Financial Matters

(21/400.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (also listed below). These will be made via cheque payment.

Clerk paye	£ confidential	102387	paye
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HMRC -PAYE	£ 313.11	102388	paye
Clive Parsons paye	£ confidential	102389	paye
clerk expenses	£ 79.37	102390	expenses jul and aug – wifi, home office, stationary, printing
Oxfordshire County Council Pensions	£ 310.63	102391	pensions paye
Councillor David Brown - expenses	£ 107.03	102392	councillor expenses - wood common and paint
Ian Hedges	£ 330.00	102393	common fencing
Vanbrugh Unit Trust	£ 150.00	102394	allotment rental in advance - Blenheim Estate
Came and Company	£ 464.41	102395	insurance renewal
Stonesfield village hall	£ 29.00	102396	venue hire june
St James centre	£ 18.00	102397	meeting room hire
Microshade Business Consultants	£ 440.40	102398	annual email
Morelock Signs Ltd	£ 14.60	102399	underpayment - cycle signs
Playing Fields Association	£ 2,000.00	102400	grant awarded

£Confidential relates to payroll figures – these figures are shared with councillors.

(21/400.02) Councillors acknowledged and accepted the finance report.

(21/400.03) The council asked the clerk to obtain some tree quotes for pollarding the willows. The clerk will also seek Blenheims permission as they own the land one side of the river.

(21/400.04) SAFER has enough funds to purchase the loan SID so further parish council funding is not needed. Some residents have contributed to funding and some funds have come from the Councillor priority fund. The clerk reminded councillors that SAFER is a parish working group and is part of the council. Any purchases or attempts to obtain grants should come to council first. Councillors **RESOLVED** to make the purchase of the loan SID at no cost to the parish council.

(21/400.05) Councillors considered and **RESOLVED** to approve the grant for the Playing Fields Association at £2,000. Councillors reiterated that we would like the PFA to raise money themselves too. Proposed David Brown, Seconded Simon Powell.

21/401 Planning Applications

(21/401.01)

Applications received from WODC for this parish. Councillors considered these at the meeting:

Application 21/02751/HHD – **Objection** on over development, out of keeping with the area. Loss of light for the neighboring property. Parking will also be an issue. Yellow notice not visible as on property front door.

Application 21/02788/HHD – Noted that this build is already almost complete. **Objection** on loss of light.

21/402 SAFER Working Group

Report circulated in advance of the meeting. 20mph will be discussed in September cabinet meeting with the chance of it being in place for end year.

21/403 Neighbourhood Plan

Not a quick process. Councillors **RESOLVED** to move the neighbourhood plan forward. Next step is public consultation. Proposed: Wendy Gould Seconded: Jim O'Brien
Next steps is a meeting.

21/404 Parish Matters

(21/404/01) Boundary change review discussion – clerk has submitted comments for the village regarding this on behalf of the council.

(21/404/02) Tidying up the village – the clerk will add another note to the slate reminding people to keep tidy.

21/405 Items for information of next Agenda only

(21/405/01) Nothing to add.

21/406 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/3406/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 6th October 2021 – St James Centre, 7pm

Meeting ends 20:50pm