

# Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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), Cllr Andy Graham (OCC), 1 x member of the public  
**To receive apologies for absence** –Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Nathalie Chapple, Cllr Matthew Parkinson

No Declarations of interest.

### **21/407 Apologises for absence**

Cllr D Baldwin

### **21/408 Declarations of interest:**

None

### **21/409 Public Participation**

None

### **21/410 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

The minutes were confirmed.

It was clarified that the contribution to the SAFER project came from the **County** Council priority fund for the avoidance of any confusion.

### **21/411 Update on progress from the minutes held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

(21/411.01) Blenheim has given permission to access the land leading to the willows that need pollarding.

(21/411.02) The clerk did have a challenge regarding the PC objection to one of the planning applications – the clerk referred the resident to West Oxfordshire planning.

### **21/412 To receive reports from District or County Councillors and Parish councillor reports**

(21/412.01) Cllr Andy Graham – WODC planning department now has an enforcement officer at District level.

(21/412/02) Bins are being re-assessed in the Parish.

(21/412.03) White Horse Pub – pub group met. The village still supports the pub. Planning are keeping an eye on the pub to ensure the flat is being leased as a standalone and there are no planning breaches why it is closed. It was noted that this had already been checked with WODC in June by the Parish Council and at that time planning was happy.

(21/412/04) County council 20 mph is being rolled out gradually across the county. Stonesfield Parish 20mph will be one of the first (hopefully November)

(21/412/05) Cllr Powell asked Cllr Graham to take back to OCC about the charges of putting rubbish in the tip. It is putting people off and is potentially leading to fly tipping and more waste going in household waste.

(21/412/06) Cllr Gould queried wildflowers at cemetery. The clerk confirmed the cemetery will be cut next month as we didn't want to cut while the flowers still looked pretty.

(21/412/07) A resident asked about streetlights in the village. Cllr Gould said in the past there had been 2 referendums (70s), second referendum (80s), community plan (in the 00s).

(21/412/08) Bus shelter maintenance – the clerk is trying to get someone to get this fixed.

#### **21/413 Financial Matters**

(21/413.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (also listed below). These will be made via cheque payment as online banking is still not finalised.

Clerk paye	£ CONFIDENTIAL	paye
HMRC -PAYE	£ 313.11	paye
Clive Parsons paye	£ CONFIDENTIAL	paye
clerk expenses	£ 36.80	expenses sept
Oxfordshire County Council Pensions	£ 310.63	pensions paye
Moore	£ 240.00	External audit
St James centre	£ 18.00	room hire
Ian Hedges	£ 180.31	fence common works

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

(21/413.02) Councillors acknowledged and accepted the finance report.

(21/413.03) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the grant request for the Scouts for the sum of £1,000 (one thousand pounds). (Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Powell) Unanimous vote. The clerk reminded councillors that we do not have £5,000 in the grant budget requested available – we have circa £1,700 left at the moment. The new budget renews in April 22. It was noted that the scouts are a great asset to the village.

(21/413.04) Councillors acknowledged receipt of and approved the external auditors report. No further comments.

(21/372.05) It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure up to £500 for tidy up works to the Old Jail

(21/372.06) Councillors agreed £200 for the PCC grass cutting. Further money could be considered at budget for future years but a breakdown is requested.

#### **21/414 Planning Applications**

(21/414.01) There was no objection to application 21/03189/HHD

#### **21/415 Neighbourhood plan**

(21/415/01) The group met in September – next steps the group to meet with Charlbury – Tony Merry for more information.

**21/416 Old Lock Up**

(21/416/01) Diocese does not own the lock up. The church thinks they own it. The clerk will ask Richard Bishop.

**21/417 Parish Matters**

No further matters

**21/418 Items for information of next Agenda only**

(21/418/01) Budget setting – will need to set a budget meeting in Nov 2021 to start discussing precept. The clerk and Cllr McArdell will put a draft budget together (defibrillator service costs to be included).

**21/419 Date of the next full council meeting**

(21/419/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

*Meeting ends 20:18*