

Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present – Cllr David Brown (Vice Chair), Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Jim O'Brien

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), Cllr Matthew Parkinson, Cllr Richard Morris

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr David Baldwin, Cllr Phil McArdell

No Declarations of interest.

21/420 Apologises for absence

Cllr D Baldwin, Cllr P McArdell

21/421 Declarations of interest:

None

21/422 Public Participation

None

21/423 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 6th October 2021

The minutes were confirmed.

21/424 Update on progress from the minutes held on 6th October 2021

Updates throughout the meeting on agenda points.

21/425 To receive reports from District or County Councillors and Parish councillor reports

(21/424.01) Cllr M Parkinson has received a lot of emails about planning application for number 1 Farley Lane – it has been granted permission but there is a clause for the DC that is pending. No further update.

(21/424.02) Cllr M Parkinson has received a lot of emails regarding the White Horse pub, he wishes to assure residents that he is aware of the situation and is supporting Cllr A Graham with this too. The clerk of this council has also received some emails from members of the parish asking about the pub status. SPC has no updates.

(21/424/03) Cllr M Parkinson – Pond Hill between Pumbro and Longore (dangerous section) – Cllr Parkinson has pitched to OCC a road safety measure, which may allow a full pavement to be put in. Should this be done then the Parish Council would have to contribute to the cost of the works, as District Council would not cover the cost fully. Further information will follow. To enable this to move forward the Parish Council needs to set a resolution at the December meeting. A request would then go to Cllr Andy Graham. Cllr Heduan of the SAFER team will discuss this further ahead of the Dec meeting.

(21/424/04) The Ridings – drains need clearing. Very slippery, potentially dangerous. The clerk will add to Fix My Street.

(21/424.05) Hedgerows – the clerk has asked WODC about this, they are behind schedule and it is on the works list. The clerk has also booked WODC to cut the hedge at the overspill on the Village Hall car park end November. The remaining of the hedgerow in the Village Hall car park is not Parish Council.

(21/424.06) Street lighting – The Parish Council is not in support of having street lighting at this time.

(21/424.07) Cllr G Lawrence – Village Hall is being put in to good order – outside being fixed, being painted etc. They have £36k circa at the moment. SPC welcomed this news.

(21/424/08) Defibrillator – Cllr O’Briens wife and Harry Holland have said they are happy to keep check on the defibrillator.

(21/428.09) Cllr S Powell met the tree surgeon at the common, 12 willow trees need pollarding. The waste removal is an issue – we could not get chippings out. A combination of burning the brush and stacking (pinned) the big stuff makes sense. We will do in a cycle of 2- or 3-years dependent on cost for getting these pollarded. Richard Morris also noted at the moment when it rains heavily the rain floods underneath the gate. The gate needs a trench to divert the water. Cllr Brown will ask Ollie Stobo if he can help.

(21/428.10) Cllr S Powell – art project update is behind schedule. The clerk will nudge this along.

21/429 Financial Matters

(21/429.01) 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	paye
HMRC -PAYE	£ confidential	paye
clerk expenses	£ 35.20	oct expenses – wifi, home office, printing, postage
Oxfordshire County Council Pensions	£ 310.63	pensions paye
Cllr David Brown	£ 16.98	broom for parish
West Oxfordshire District Council	£ 711.97	june grass cut
West Oxfordshire District Council	£ 99.40	august grass cut
West Oxfordshire District Council	£ 99.40	july grass cut
West Oxfordshire District Council	£ 612.58	sept charges grass cut
St James centre	£ 18.00	meeting room hire
Stonesfield Gardening Club	£ 100.25	war memorial planting

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

(21/429.02) Councillors acknowledged and accepted the finance report.

(21/429/03) Councillors will meet in November to discuss the budget and precept for next year. The clerk will arrange a date.

21/414 Planning Applications

(21/414.01) There was no objection to application 21/03457/FUL – Erection of scout hut.

(21/414.02) There was no objection to application 21/03248/HHD – Construction of detached garden office building

(21/414.03) The council Objected to application 21/03528/FUL Land South of Davis Close (policy H4 suggests type and mix of new homes, local plan to put a mixture of smaller properties 2 and 3 bedroom needed mostly). These 4 bedrooms are not a requirement for villagers.

(21/414.04) The council Objected to application 21/03290/FUL – Erection of replacement two storey dwelling. It is Overbearing with other bungalows on the same side of the road (St James Close, Stonesfield).

21/415 Neighbourhood plan

(21/415/01) The group met Peter Merrick and Tony Merry of Charlbury. The neighbourhood plan took 9 years to do the plan at Charlbury Council. Charlbury costing came in circa 20k. Stonesfield are not expecting it to cost this for our much smaller parish. The meeting with Charlbury was extremely helpful and despite their own plan taking 9 years and costing over 20k the outcome was very satisfactory and we were very reassured that our own much smaller village would be more manageable, less time consuming and less expensive than Charlbury. The team will set a meeting up in Hailey to get their views too. Next step is to get a steering group together – probably in the New Year.

The clerk is continuing to prepare paperwork to get designated status.

21/416 SAFER update

(21/416/01) Cllr M Heduan circulated the SAFER report ahead of the meeting.

21/417 Parish Matters not already covered

Old Lock Up – it is listed – the clerk will ask the church if they can pass it across to the Parish Council. There is still no definitive paperwork confirming who owns it.

21/418 Items for information of next Agenda only

(21/418/01) Budget setting – there will be budget meeting late Nov 2021 to start discussing precept.

(21/418/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 1st December 2021 – 7pm – St James Centre

Meeting ends 20:45