

Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present –Cllr David Brown (Vice Chair), Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Andy Graham (OCC), Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Jim O'Brien, Cllr Nathalie Chapple, Cllr Matthew Parkinson,

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), 2 members of the public

Absent –Cllr Mick Heduan

No Declarations of interest.

It is noted that Cllr David Baldwin has not attended enough meetings now. Therefore he is unseated as a councillor. The clerk will advertise the casual vacancy and will notify WODC.

22/444 Apologises for absence

Cllr M Heduan

22/445 Declarations of interest:

None

22/446 Public Participation

None

22/447 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 12th January 2022

The minutes from 12th January 2022 were confirmed.

22/448 Update on progress from the minutes held on 12th January 2022

None

22/449 To receive reports from District or County Councillors and Parish councillor reports

Cllr Andy Graham

(22/449.01) The District and County Council are now separated.

(22/449.02) Exploring the options of a shuttle bus from Stonesfield to Woodstock for youth services.

(22/449.03) Consultation document regarding bus services on Lets Talk Oxfordshire – important to try and retain bus services. Rural areas can be cut first so please take a look and comment.

(22/449.04) The health services in Woodstock are being discussed by the council at County level.

Cllr Matthew Parkinson & Cllr Nathalie Chapple

(22/449.05) People are encourage to put holes in hedges etc. to encourage hedgehogs (Hedgehog Highways).

(22/449.06) 1712 businesses to date have received Covid support funding from District level.

(22/449.07) There will be a Thames Water surgery end April / May for District Councillors and Parish clerks. Details to follow from District.

(22/449.08) Cllr Brown asked if we could put a brass plaque on the war memorial to thank Frank who looked after the war memorial for over 40 years and also ran the poppy appeal for the village. Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve this. Cllr Brown will take this action forward and will arrange.

22/450 Queens Jubilee / Canopy

(22/450.01) Councillors discussed options for the Queens Jubilee / Canopy in the village.

The village hall may coordinate some type of event / various celebrations. Lots of ideas are being discussed. Open gardens will be on during June. Oxfordshire community foundation is challenging arts funding across the jubilee – arts based (theatre, visual, library and museum activities etc.). If groups can come up with ideas that the village might like to do they should contact the village hall committee as soon as possible. The clerk will add a note to the slate to say the parish council are supporting this.

The clerk will cost an aerial photograph of the village as a potential option. Frank Huddleston has a drone.

22/451 Financial Matters

(22/451.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (also listed below). These will be made via cheque payment.

(22/451.02) Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept and acknowledge the finance report.

(22/451.03) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure for the Queens Jubilee / Canopy.

(22/451/04) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the grant request for £828 for the Carers Café in Stonesfield. Cllr Andy Graham has also offered £250. Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr O'Brien.

(22/451/05) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the common maintenance money for the saplings £35.95 x 15 and stakes / protectors.

Payment list of approvals – Feb 2022 meeting

Clive Parsons	102435	Confidential
Clerk	102436	Confidential
HMRC	102437	Confidential
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	102438	£310.63
St James Centre	102439	£18.00
Paul Bates	102440	£298.00
Clerk	102441	£78.60
HMRC	102442	Confidential

Councillor expenses, cheque 102443 - £15 for key cutting added
Carers Café, cheque 102444 £828 also added (Grant awarded)

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

22/452 Planning Applications

(21/452.01) There was no objection to 22/00149/FUL

PROPOSAL: Erection of two semi-detached dwellings and associated works
Town and Country Planning Act

LOCATION: 16 Combe Road Stonesfield Witney

APPLICANT: Mr David Hackett

REGISTERED: 18th January 2022

22/453 Neighbourhood plan update

(21/453.01) Cllr Gould sent her Neighbourhood Plan update to councillors and this will be published in the slate.

22/454 SAFER updates

Circulated in advance and update will go in the slate.

22/455 Parish Matters

(22/455.01) Richard Morris would like to purchase some Alder trees to plant along the riverbank on the cricket pitch for the common. A pack of saplings costs £35.95; we also need some stakes and protectors for the trees. There is budget for this set aside in the common budget. It was **RESOLVED** to approve this expenditure.

22/456 Items for information of next Agenda only

None

21/457 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/457/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 2nd March 2022 - St James Centre. Councillors requested that to keep this face to face we would prefer if people did lateral flow tests before the meeting.

Meeting ends 20.35