

# Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

*Meeting commenced 19.00*

**Councillors Present** – Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Andy Graham (OCC), Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Jim O’Brien, Cllr Nathalie Chapple,

**Also in Attendance** – Clerk to the Council (K East), 3 members of the public

**Absent** – Cllr David Brown, Cllr Matthew Parkinson

No Declarations of interest.

### **22/458 Apologises for absence**

Cllr David Brown,

### **22/459 Declarations of interest:**

None

### **22/460 Public Participation**

None

### **22/461 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

The minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were confirmed.

### **22/462 Update on progress from the minutes held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

None

### **22/463 To receive reports from District or County Councillors and Parish councillor reports**

*Cllr Andy Graham*

(22/463.01) Bus services are going to be retained as is – initially for the first six months since April.

(22/463/02) Capacity is down so this service really needs to be used in order to keep this service past the six months.

(22/463.03) Oxford is one of the first cities in the UK to have approx. 100 electric buses – this is great news. There is going to be a bus lane introduced south of Woodstock to fast track buses in to Oxford. The clerk asked if Cllr Graham could share any transport plans with the parish.

(22/463.04) Pavement outside of shop needs to be dropped; the clerk asked Andy Graham if he can assist with pushing this and ascertaining an OCC site visit.

(22/463/05) Cllr Andy Graham will circulate his council report and the clerk will share it with councillors.

### **22/464 Queens Jubilee / Canopy**

(22/464.01) Suggestion of circular Jubilee walk around the village 2 or 3.5 miles with benches / information plaques (perhaps QR codes) placed at various points around the village.

There is a jubilee committee that met with the Village Hall who have lots of ideas.

The council **RESOLVED** to permit 3 fruit trees on Longore. The council agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the trees.

Request that we remember the Heros of the village – this could go on the website with detail and info. Cllr Andy Graham suggested Oxfordshire Museum having an updated exhibition.

## 22/465 Reports

(22/464.01) Charlbury car share – Stonesfield residents are welcome to join this, info in the slate.

(22/464.02) The council would like to move back to the village hall for meetings – the clerk will ask Claire Renshaw from Sept.

(22/464.03) Leases – the library lease is with us. This is up for renewal in 2023.

(22/464.04) The clerk will add to next agenda to put resolution in to register the lock up to the parish council.

## 22/466 Financial Matters

(22/466.01) We currently have circa 2k to spend in this financial year. Any unspent will be ringfenced for next year where required (Common, legal).

(22/466.02) Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept and acknowledge the finance report.

(22/451.03) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve the grant request for the Stonesfield Repair Café for £500. Proposer Cllr Jim O'Brien, Seconded Cllr Mick Heduan.

Payment list of approvals – Mar 2022 meeting

Oxford Diocese	lease payments - glebe		£120.00
Clerk salary	Staff Salaries		confidential
HMRC PAYE	HMRC PAYE		confidential
Pension	Pensions		confidential
Venue Hire	Venue hire Feb		£18.00
Advantage Annual Plan - Survey Monkey	Neighbourhood Plan		£384.00
Common expenses	Common		£48.69
OALC Annual membership	Running costs		£343.80
Clerk expenses	office expenses	£	66.44
Common expenses	common expenses - padlock	£	31.98
SAFER equipment	20 mph signs	£	12.40
Repair Café GRANT	grant awarded	£	500.00

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

## 22/467 Planning Applications

(21/467.01) There was no objection to  
22/00384/HHD – Glebe Cottage, The Ridings ((Mr Richard Froggatt)  
22/00385/HHD – 24 Greenfield Crescent (Mr Richard Noonan)  
22/00329/HHD – Green Furlong, Churchfields (Mrs Emma Theodorou)

**22/468 Neighbourhood plan update**

(21/468.01) Cllr Gould asked if the Chair could speak at the NP village meeting. Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Village Hall.

**22/469 SAFER updates**

Circulated in advance and update will go in the slate. The village is now 20mph and signs have been displayed.

**22/470 Parish Matters not already covered**

New Councillor – vacancy advertised. WODC handle the initial stages of this process.

**22/471 Items for information of next Agenda only**

Audit starts in April. Financial year ends 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May and also standard parish meeting on the same date is planned (to avoid elections).

**21/472 Date of the next full council meeting**

(21/472/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - St James Centre, 7pm. Councillors requested that to keep this face to face but we would prefer if people did continue to do lateral flow tests before the meeting.

*Meeting ends 20.35*