

Stonesfield Parish Council

Meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 6.30pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 1830

Councillors Present – Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Matthew Parkinson (DC), Councillor Natalie Chapple (DC), Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Eleanor Bailey, Cllr David Brown,

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), 4 members of the public

No Declarations of interest.

22/487 Apologises for absence

Cllr A Graham (OCC /DC), Cllr Jim O'Brien

22/488 Declarations of interest:

None

22/489 Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Councillors elected Cllr Phil McArdell as Chairman & Cllr David Brown as Vice Chairman
Proposed Cllr W Gould, Seconded G Lawrence

22/490 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 7th April 2022

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2022.

22/491 Update on progress from the minutes held on 7 April 2022

Old Jail claim by Stonesfield PC – the clerk will instruct solicitors once the councils internal audit is complete. The legal process could take 12 months.

Bins have been moved at William Buckland Way to a new location on PC land.

A complaint was received from a member of public regarding the residue that comes off the newly installed bench. Genny Early is going to treat the surface to try and reduce this but it is an expected part of the wearing process of this metal. Cllr Simon Powell is maintaining the grass / branches around the bench to ensure tidy.

22/492 Financial Matters

(22/492.01) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve payments listed below - May 2022

Clerk salary	£ confidential	
HMRC PAYE	£ confidential	
Pension	£ confidential	
Clerks expenses	£ 149.19	Print, post, wifi, home office and Annual Norton

		virus for PC which is £94
Vision ICT	194.40	Annual hosted email
St James Centre – APM venue hire (inv 653)	£ 54.00	3 hires – NP meetings and PC

£Confidential relates to payroll figures – these figures are shared with councillors along with invoices prior to the meeting. Two councillors sign the cheques.

(22/492.02) Cllr McArdell shared the updated council budget for 22/23 with councillors. He confirmed that £7,500 has been ring fenced for NP as per last meeting and £2,500 ring fenced for the Old Lock Up legal and repair work. There is still £5,000 remaining from the Empire Homes Donation. There is £3,700 left in the general budget unallocated.

(22/492/03) The Council did say at budget meetings that we would give Playing Fields some more money. No grant application has been received yet. The PFA are just breaking across in to the new North Field. They are also putting the outdoor gym in soon.

Cllr Brown made the council aware that there was a near miss incident with cricket as ball went in to the playground.

22/493 Planning Applications

(21/493.01) There was no objection or comment to the below planning applications:

21/03290/FUL at St James Close, Churchfields, Stonesfield.
The Cottage, Pond Hill, Stonesfield. 22/00984/HHD

22/494 Items for information of next Agenda only

The clerk advised that preparation for the annual audit has commenced.

The parish council is aware that the White Horse pub is for sale and the community group will make a bid for it. The clerk will add item on next agenda for this.

21/495 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/495/01) The date of the next full council meeting is 8th June 2022 – St James Centre at 7pm

Meeting ends 19:00