

Stonesfield Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 6th July at 7pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 1900

Councillors Present – Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Eleanor Bailey, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Jim O'Brien, Cllr David Brown, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Andy Graham (OCC / DC)

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

No Declarations of interest.

22/511 Apologies for absence

Apologies accepted for: Cllr M Parkinson (DC)

22/512 Declarations of interest:

None

22/513 Public Participation

None

22/514 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 8th June 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2022.

22/515 Update on progress from the minutes held on 8th June 2022.

Stonesfield Community Trust – NP representative is Bill Oddie. Cllr McArdell will be the communications officer for SCT. Planning to get some SCT info on the village website – linking to SPC. SCT will put quarterly updates in to the slate and the parish council. SCT are looking to see if they can support with planting trees in the village.

Audit is now with external auditors.

Old Jail attempt to take ownership is on-going, the clerk will continue to work with the solicitor.

22/516 To receive reports from County, District & Parish Councillors and questions arising from the clerks report.

Cllr Andy Graham

- Combe & The Bartons are getting their 20mph approved. Wootton and Bladon are also looking at this as part of the West Oxfordshire division (Tackley and Woodstock will follow next year). The more villages that take this in the more it will impact motorists taking notice.

- Cllr Graham has taken on leadership of WODC. WODC are making Welch Way the Town Council access point for many of the services in town. WODC will tour cabinet meetings so that some meetings are held in local villages and towns rather than always in Witney.

- WODC are about to announce regeneration schemes in towns and villages which will help to reflect cost of living and support for small businesses and start ups. Looking at retention of pubs, village shops as a policy that the council takes (representing the rural landscape).

- Cllr Graham is on the Cotswold landscape board.

- Cllr Gould noted that the verges still seem to not be cut – the clerk will raise to WODC / OCC. Well Lane, Brook Hill specifically need a cut as well.

- Cllr D Brown – the outdoor gym is in around the Playing Fields. The North Farm field has been leased to the playing fields association from the PC. The PFA are starting work on this site and are looking for volunteers. There is another meeting of the PFA, which Councillor Brown will attend next week. It was noted that the area on the field and the social club was looking very tidy and smart.

22/517 Financial Matters

(22/517.01) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve payments listed below – July 2022 (This also includes post dated cheque approvals for statutory payments for August). All payments are made by cheque.

Venue Hire	venue hire	£ 18.00
SAFER equipment	SAFER	£ 86.40
Plants - war memorial	war memorial repair materials	£ 46.70
Grass cutting churchyard contribution	grass cutting	£ 98.32
Clerk salary	PAYE	£ confidential
HMRC PAYE	PAYE	£ confidential
Pension	PENSIONS	£ 334.15
clerk expenses	office expenses	£ 59.99
Clerk salary - post dated Aug	PAYE	£ confidential
HMRC PAYE – post dated Aug	PAYE	£ confidential
Pension	PENSIONS	£ 334.15
Venue Hire	meeting room hire	£ 18.00
Clive Parsons PAYE	salary	£ confidential
Annual Citrix	Annal Citrix fee - storage IT	£ 440.40
Venue Hire	Village Hall venue hire	£ 47.40
West Oxfordshire DC	grass cutting	£ 98.32
SAFER equipment	safer	£ 75.85

£Confidential relates to payroll figures – these figures are shared with councillors along with invoices prior to the meeting. Two councillors sign the cheques and all councillors are provided information on invoices ahead of the meeting.

(22/517.02) The parish council **RESOLVED** to receive and acknowledged acceptance of the finance report.

22/518 Planning Applications

(21/518.01) The parish council considered the below planning applications listed below:

APPLICATION NO: 22/01776/HHD

11 Cockshoot Close – first floor extension (amendment 21/01747/HHD)

Comment from the council is this will set a precedent and as this is a link detached if the neighbor did the same it would become semi detached.

APPLICATION NO: 22/01643/HHD

27 Busby Close – single storey extension

No comment or objection.

APPLICATION: 22/01636/HHD

8 Greenfield Crescent – single storey front extension

No comment or objection.

APPLICATION 22/01675/HHD

Greystones – Demolition of rear extension and replace with two and single storey rear extensions.

No comment or objection.

APPLICATION: 22/01722/HHD

Clappers, Dormer roof extension

No comment or objection.

22/519 SAFER Update

(21/519.01) SAFER has heard that some members of public have been standing in the middle of the road to slow cars down (early in the morning). The parish council does not condone these actions. SAFER continues to monitor speeds and carry out surveys. Cllr Bailey noted that some people in the village do have some concerns on the number of surveys etc.

Cllr Lawrence indicated that there are some e-scooters in the village. The clerk advised this is not for the Parish Council but problematic incidents can be reported to non-emergency police.

Cllr M Heduan has submitted potential routes for Stonesfield for the Village Travel Network (VTN). The council noted that we absolutely must not cycle on the common, as this is not permitted due to the protected status of it. The VTN is trying to arrange a publicity event, which may help OCC see evidence of the use of them. The council reminded Cllr Heduan that any decision making should come to the councils.

22/520 Items for information or next agenda only

(21/520.01) The clerk will remind residents in the slate to keep hedgerows for
The common needs some work – perhaps needs a working group. Julie Curran – environmental group
The clerk, Simon and Richard to meet at the common to discuss scheduling work ongoing.

21/521 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/521.01) The date of the next full council meeting is 7th September 2022 – St James Centre at 7pm (no meeting planned for August)

Meeting ends 20:35