

Stonesfield Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting held at St James Centre on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 1930

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

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

No Declarations of interest.

22/547 Apologises for absence

Apologises accepted for: Cllr M Parkinson (DC),

22/548 Declarations of interest:

None

22/549 Public Participation

September beer festival – plans for this to take place in 2023. Raising funds for the Stonesfield play park, Cancer Research and Berks, Bucks, Oxon wildlife trust. Advanced fundraising taking place. The group will submit a grant form in the future. 9th September is the date in 2023.

White Horse pub update – Prior to moratorium pub group has explained to Mr Bowers they can offer funds and there is still interest in the pub. Jim Astle is planning to speak to Mr Bowers in a neutral capacity but at the moment this has not happened. WODC are discussing the gate and there will be a response regarding the gate, which potentially changes access to the property.

22/550 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 5th October 2022.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2022.

Proposer Cllr S Powell, Seconded Cllr M Heduan

22/551 Update on progress from the minutes held on 5th October 2022.

No further updates

22/552 To receive reports from County, District & Parish Councillors and questions arising from the clerks report.

Cllr A Graham

Budget setting for OCC is in process – looking for savings of around £50million. £30 million of this is a direct result of inflation. 20 million is as a result of lack of government support for adult and social care. OCC working with Oxfordshire community foundation asking people who do not need £400 energy rebate to donate it to help those in need.

OCC hosted national 20 is plenty national conference last week. Roll out in Fawler shortly. Wootton is

joining soon and Bladon will also be joining the scheme shortly. Woodstock likely to join the scheme in 2023.

WODC allocation of 100k and a youth champion for the DC in place to represent the youths in the District.

WODC 200k has also been put in place to support larders and similar organisations.

WODC rural prosperity fund has been set up. £750k has been put aside to support rural initiatives. This is to help support farmers and village shops with diversification amongst other things.

The cabinet meetings are now touring, held across District. Members of the public are welcome to attend. It will be in Woodstock in January.

Town shop in centre of Witney will now be handling queries for Council tax and benefits predominantly. Local plan process has commenced.

Waterways day is on 18th Nov. The council is bringing Thames Water and campaigning groups fighting for cleaner water together. It is at Woodgreen in West Oxfordshire for those that would like to visit.

Cllr Geraldine Lawrence

Footpaths at bottom of Combe road seem to be attracting anti social behaviour. This has been reported to police.

Cllr Wendy Gould

Neighbourhood plan report circulated separately. Things are moving along. There will be some expenditure to come but this is budgeted.

Cllr Mick Heduan

Speed checks being done in the village. Some local children showed an interest in the survey.

22/553 Financial Matters

(22/553.01) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve payments listed below. All payments are made by cheque.

Stonesfield Gardening Club	memorial plants	102528	£ 40.23
St James Centre	meeting room hire	102529	£ 37.50
Clive Parsons	salary	102530	£ 127.08
Clerk	salary	102531	£ 907.07
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	Pensions	102532	£ 334.15
HMRC	PAYE	102533	£ 318.79
West Oxfordshire DC	grass cutting	102534	£ 754.98
Ubico Ltd	hedge cutting	102535	£ 896.64
Ubico Ltd	wildflower cutting and clear	102536	£ 187.63
SAFER equipment	Morelock	102537	£

	signs		1,440.00
clerk	office expenses	102538	£ 59.19
West Oxfordshire DC	grass cutting	102539	£ 662.48
Ian Hedges	step repair glebe	102540	£ 85.00
Royal British Legion	wreath	102541	£ 50.00

£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.

(22/553.02) The parish council **RESOLVED** to receive and acknowledged acceptance of the finance report.

(22/553.03) The parish council **RESOLVED** to agree to pay £200 for the war memorial plaque in memory of Frank Hall.

(22/553.04) The parish council **RESOLVED** to agree to pay costs to cover 50% of the church clock repair when this comes in (up to £150).

(22/553.05) The parish council **RESOLVED** to agree to pay a contribution of £200 towards the church burial ground grass cutting costs which we had budgeted for.

(22/553.06) The council **RESOLVED** to agree to pay costs of £50 for a wreath for the Royal British Legion.

(22/533.07) The council discussed the playing fields association. We will likely receive a grant form from them in December.

22/554 Planning Applications

22/02751/HHD – Middlecote, High Street, Stonesfield

There is no objection to this planning application.

22/555 To discuss support the council can offer in the community during the cost of living crisis

(22/555.01) Susan Rudlin is ready to help push out information on the reverse advert calendar but we do not have a list of those who need at the moment. The clerk can assist with speaking to local groups to identify who are in need (school) and Cllr Bailey will speak to school governors and voluntary transport. We do not need to know names but would be keen to know numbers of those who might need support.

Community café group advised it has approx. £500 that can be distributed to those in need. Community café takes place next on 3rd Dec. This is not parish council money.

22/556 Items for information or next agenda only

None

21/557 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/557.01) The date of the next full council meeting is 7th December 2022 – 7pm

Meeting ends 20:55