

Stonesfield Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting held at Stonesfield Primary School on Wednesday 7th December 2022 commencing at 7pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 1900

Councillors Present – Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr David Brown (Vice Chair), Cllr Eleanor Bailey, Cllr Andy Graham (DC), Cllr M Parkinson (DC), Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Eleanor Bailey

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

No Declarations of interest.

22/558 Apologises for absence

Apologises accepted for: Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Jim O'Brien,

22/559 Declarations of interest:

Cllr Eleanor Bailey husband is a trustee for the CPRE

22/560 Public Participation

Mr Bowers has agreed a date for the valuer of White Horse pub to be done in January.

22/561 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 2nd November 2022

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2022.

Proposer Cllr S Powell, Seconded Cllr D Brown

22/562 Update on progress from the minutes held on 2nd November 2022

No further updates

22/563 To receive reports from County, District & Parish Councillors and questions arising from the clerks report.

Cllr A Graham

Report submitted ahead of the meeting which will be shared on the website and has been circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting.

S3 service is potentially under threat, use it or lose it. The clerk has added a note to the web and a note will go in the slate. At the moment the bus company gets a subsidy, which ceases in 2024. The council feels this bus can be a lifeline and is needed so we will encourage people to use the service.

Cllr Matthew Parkinson

DC are aware of the new gate at the pub and Matthew Parkinson is pushing planning to look at this.

Waterways day was a great success. The District held this event.

Cllr Simon Powell

Neighbourhood plan meeting held recently focussed mainly on the survey. Councillors have been sent the survey to complete.

Cllr David Brown

Playing Fields group – they had a ROSPA report in the summer. Going forward it has been identified that the children's play area is going to cost money to maintain, possible replacement of some pieces in the

next three years. It was highlighted that if the park was a parish asset we could precept or claim some S106 money potentially. Cllr Brown will discuss with the PFA. The council could not grant large sums of money to replace the park but if it was an asset of the parish council we could potentially raise funds. The Common – discussed getting a trench dug at the gate. Potentially need a fence for the common. Trees on the straight – these have been planted. Glebe – from scout hut (before steps) perhaps would like to plant trees. The clerk will ask again but in the past we have been told no previously. The clerk must remain the liaison between Carter Jonas / Diocese who own the land.

Cllr Geraldine Lawrence

There are some maintenance requests for the village hall. The clerk has passed this on to Jacqueline at the village hall..

Cllr Eleanor Bailey

Suggested local community meeting, perhaps a lunch at the village hall. Council supported this.

22/564 Financial Matters

(22/564.01) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve payments listed below. All payments are made by cheque.

White horse pub appraisal	102542	£ 1,800.00	
Ubico Ltd	102543	£ 197.02	
Clerk salary	102544	£ confidential	includes back pay due
HMRC PAYE	102545	£ confidential	
clerk expenses	102546	£ 58.13	nov expenses
Pension	102547	£ confidential	
Clive Parsons PAYE	102548	£ confidential	includes back pay due
Clerk salary	102549	£ confidential	January post dated
HMRC PAYE	102550	£ confidential	January post dated
Pension	102551	£ confidential	January post dated
OALC	102552	£ 66.00	Eleanor course
Ubico Ltd	102553	£ 402.00	
Defribillator pads	102554	£ 84.88	reimburse clerk
Venue Hire	102555	£ 37.50	replacement cheque for 685 as last post
void	102556	£	

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void	102557	£	
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Memorial Plaque	102558	£	200.00
			memorial plaque (Frank)

£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.

Two cheques have been re-issued as lost in the post. Statutory payments have been raised for January (post-dated).

(22/564.02) The parish council **RESOLVED** to receive and acknowledged acceptance of the finance report.

(22/564.03) There were grants for consideration at the meeting. There will be grants to consider in January from Playing Fields Association.

(22/564.04) The parish council considered and **RESOLVED** to budget £1,000 for the SAFER working group for 2023/24 financial year. Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Bailey.

(22/564.05) The parish council considered and **RESOLVED** to agreed salary scales for 2023/24 financial year. The parish council agreed SCP33 for the clerk and SCP10 for Clive Parsons hours. Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Powell.

(22/564.06) The council considered and **RESOLVED** to approve the precept % for 2023/24 at 2%. Proposed Cllr McArdell, Cllr Brown.

(22/564.07) The council considered proposed budget for 2023/24, which was circulated and discussed with councilors ahead of and during the meeting. Further discussion will take place in January to reaffirm this.

22/565 Planning Applications

22/02972/HHD – Cambo, Peaks Lane, Stonesfield – chimney and flue works. – No objections

22/03244/HHD – Mr David Thornton, 2 Longore, Stonesfield – first floor extension and replacement garage with glazed link between garage and dwelling. – No objections

22/566 To discuss a response regarding proposed solar farm

(22/566.01) The proposed solar farm, which will partly be in West Oxfordshire, (within 6 miles of Stonesfield), has stirred much discussion. This is a huge development – 4th largest development in the world. CPRE (Campaign for Rural England) are interested to talk to Stonesfield PC.

General consensus from the council is that the solar farm is not a good idea. Solar panels should be going on buildings not farm land. This changes the look of the area fundamentally. It is a huge impact on the community. The planning inspector will look at this development in isolation.

There was a good article from James Price or Perdiswell Farm, which has been shared with councillors.

The clerk will write a response against the solar farm and will submit to WODC. Cllr Matthew Parkinson will link the clerk to Bladon parish councils clerk so we can link relevant information together.

22/567 Items for information or next agenda only

It was agreed that the venue of the school is better as acoustically better. The clerk will look to book this again in January.

21/568 Date of the next full council meeting

(21/568.01) The date of the next full council meeting is 11th January 2023 at Stonesfield Primary School.

Meeting ends 20:55