

Stonesfield Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting held at Stonesfield Primary School on Wednesday 1st February 2023 commencing at 7pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 1900

Councillors Present – Cllr Geraldine Lawrence, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Phil McArdell (Chair), Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Jim O'Brien,

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), 1 members of public

No Declarations of interest.

23/579 Apologises for absence

Apologises accepted for: Cllr Eleanor Bailey, Cllr David Brown, Cllr Matthew Parkinson, Cllr Andy Graham

23/580 Declarations of interest:

None

23/581 Public Participation

None

23/582 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 11th January 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2023.

Proposer Cllr S Powell, Seconded Cllr M Heduan

23/583 Update on progress from the minutes held on 11th January 2023.

Covered in agenda items

23/584 To receive reports from County, District & Parish Councillors and questions arising from the clerk's report.

No County or District representatives at the meeting to report.

Member of public has reported wobbly stile near scout hut, this has been noted to the Scouts as this is part of their property.

Cllr Wendy Gould

Diocese own Churchfields allotments, clerk confirmed money is coming in for the allotments we handle.

Noted drains unblocked, potholes being repaired (circles drawn indicating on council list to repair),

Cllr David Brown

Reported via email a name is misspelt potentially on the war memorial.

Cllr Jim O'Brien

The weeds in the old jail / lock up could do with clearing.

Cllr M Heduan

Village Travel Network - Waiting for a statement from Blenheim. Next action is OCC meeting.

23/575 Financial Matters

(23/585.01) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve payments listed below. All payments are made by online this meeting.

Clerk salary	online payment	£ confidential
HMRC PAYE	online payment	£ confidential
clerk office expenses (wifi, printing, postage, home office)	online payment	£ 57.00
Pension	online payment	£ 351.83
Survey Monkey - NP	online payment	£ 384.00
Paul Bates - village website annual	online payment	£ 298.00
Scouts Grant	online payment	£1,000

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

(23/585.02) The parish council **RESOLVED** to receive and acknowledged acceptance of the finance report.

(23/585.03) There was a grant request for the consideration at the meeting for the Scouts. Grant awarded for the sum of £1,000. Councillors have **RESOLVED** to pay this grant in full. Proposed Cllr O'Brien, Seconded Cllr Powell.

(23/585.04) The council considered and rejected a grant submitted by the Stonesfield food group. Although council thought the case for the grant was good the bank details were for a personal bank account which is not permitted. The clerk will advise the group to resubmit when they have a bank account for the organization.

(23/585.05) The council are starting to use online banking. They will look to approve standing orders for the year at the next meeting for regular payments so they can be set up in advance (salaries, payroll etc.)

23/586 Planning Applications

4 Limbeck Way, Stonesfield (Cllr M Heduan declared conflict of interest) – No Objection or comment
11 Cockshoot Close (notification of appeal) – not a consultee as this has gone to a higher level so no comment.

The Cottage at the Cross – Council supports the work but **OBJECTS** on the grounds that Stonesfield slate roof material is being changed to replica. This goes against the heritage of the area. We expect this work and all remedial work on properties in Stonesfield to be repaired using Stonesfield slates.

23/587 Items for information or next agenda only

Council have been asked if they can put up a sign directing people to the social club – the clerk has asked OCC

It was noted there have been lots of accidents at Ditchley gate / A44 junction at Duke of Marlborough pub – the clerk has reported to OCC and highlighted to TVP as this is a concern although outside of the parish.

23/588 Date of the next full council meeting

(23/588.01) The date of the next full council meeting is 1st March 2023 at Stonesfield Primary School.

Meeting ends 20:25