

# Stonesfield Parish Council

Minutes of the full council meeting held at Stonesfield Primary School on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 McArdeall (Chair), Cllr Wendy Gould, Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Jim O'Brien,

**Also in Attendance** – Clerk to the Council (K East), 3 members of public

No Declarations of interest.

### **23/569 Apologies for absence**

Apologies accepted for: Cllr Eleanor Bailey

### **23/570 Declarations of interest:**

None

### **23/571 Public Participation**

Scouts representatives attended the meeting. Scouts have the planning permission and fundraising to date has been relatively successful. Further monies are needed but work can commence. Scouts will be letter dropping those nearest to the scout hut to provide further information and an update will go in the February slate. The builder for the scout hut is a local person.

It is noted that the steps at the scout hut need to be made safer. The scouts are looking in to this.

Right of way needs to be re-routed as it is unsafe. The clerk will link the scouts to the officer at WODC.

### **23/572 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Proposer Cllr S Powell, Seconded Cllr D Brown

### **23/573 Update on progress from the minutes held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

It was noted that Stonesfield Parish Council supports Bladon's response to the Botley West solar park, the Bladon response was very detailed.

### **23/574 To receive reports from County, District & Parish Councillors and questions arising from the clerks report.**

*Cllr A Graham*

There is a £2 bus scheme in place for reduced travel. There may be a scheme for a reduced bus scheme for young people on the buses coming in.

Cabinet is touring, the clerk will liaise with Cllr Graham to see if we can host a cabinet meeting in the village.

*Cllr Matthew Parkinson*

The cabinet has decided not to have pavement licences, which should encourage people back on to the High Street.

*Cllr Wendy Gould*

Residents complaining about blocked drains and potholes – the clerk will contact Cllr Andy Graham. Neighbourhood plan meeting held recently focussed mainly on the survey. Councillors have been sent the survey to complete.

Survey printing – coloured £995. Coloured will be need for the maps. The council has encouraged the NP plan team to apply for grants and the clerk can add any finance information from the parish council.

Suggestion to also look at social media options.

Community Trust are meeting with NP w/c 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Graffiti at bus shelter – the clerk can arrange cleaning but Cllr Brown will also ask Ian Hedges if he can paint it in anti graffiti paint in the first instance.

Overgrown hedge on Pond Hill is causing a problem. The clerk will ask OCC to cut it as it is blocking the highway view. Councillors are asked to log this on fix my street too.

White Horse pub is on the market (as a pub) for £550k.

*Cllr David Brown*

Information has been shared regarding the defibrillator – the clerk confirmed it is registered with SCAS (Ambulance service) – the clerk will see if we can encourage people to sign up as first responders in the village.

Playing Fields Association wish to buy a hedge cutter – suggestion is that they look at grants and potentially put a grant form in the future. It is possible the parish council could use them for hedge cutting.

*Cllr Mick Heduan*

There have been 4 incidents of vandalism on the SID at the war memorial. The SID will be moved to another location. Outstanding order at Morelock has been chased up by Cllr Heduan.

*Cllr Simon Powell* – Susan Rudlin has advised that the reverse advent calendar was a success.

### 23/575 Financial Matters

(23/575.01) Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve payments listed below. All payments are made by cheque. No payroll cheques this month as post-dated payments set up and paid in December.

St James Centre	St James Centre meeting room hire	102559	£ 130.00
Clerk	clerk	102560	£ 64.00
VOID	VOID	102561	£ -
VOID	VOID	102562	£ -
Stonesfield community pub ltd	Stonesfield community pub ltd	102563	£ 1,500.00 - This is a refund of monies paid to the PC by the pub group
Vanbrugh Trust (Blenheim)	Vanbrugh Trust (Blenheim)	102564	£ 200.00
Stonesfield Church	grass cutting	102565	£ 200.00

	church yard contribution		
Stonesfield pre school	defib pads	102566	£ 63.59
Playing Field Association	Grant	102567	£ 1,932.00

£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.

It should be noted that the £1,500 to the pub group is a refund of monies paid to the Parish Council by the pub group. The MJD Hughes valuers cheque was cancelled and therefore the pub group did not need to reimburse the parish council.

(23/575.02) The parish council **RESOLVED** to receive and acknowledged acceptance of the finance report.

(23/575.03) There was a grant request for the consideration at the meeting for the Playing Fields

Association for the sum of £1,932. Councillors have **RESOLVED** to pay this grant in full. Proposed Cllr McArdell, Seconded Cllr Heduan.

(23/575.04) The council considered and **RESOLVED** to approve the precept % for 2023/24 at 2% of Band D properties, which is an increase of £1.02 per Band D household. This comes to a precept figure of £37,299. Proposed Cllr McArdell, Seconded Cllr Brown.

(23/575.05) The council considered and **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed budget for 2023/24, which was circulated and discussed with councilors ahead of and during the meeting. Proposed Cllr Brown, Seconded Cllr Powell. The budget figure is £38,415 – we expect grants from OCC for grass cutting and an expected common grant from rural payments agency in addition to the precept.

### **23/576 Planning Applications**

23/03472/HHD – Mr Mee, Middlecote, High Street, Stonesfield Erection of single and two storey front extension and conversion of garage to habitable space together with associated works. – NO OBJECTION

23/03434/HHD – Ms Armando Zozaya, 16 Busby Close, Stonesfield – Garage conversion and extension – NO OBJECTION

### **23/577 Items for information or next agenda only**

Cllr Geraldine Lawrence advised that she is standing down as councillor at the end of this term and will not be re-standing at election. It should be noted that this is an election year for ALL seats and the District will share information for elections soon.

### **23/578 Date of the next full council meeting**

(23/578.01) The date of the next full council meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at Stonesfield Primary School.

*Meeting ends 20:45*