

## Stonesfield Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Stonesfield Primary School on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm

*Meeting starts at 7pm*

**Attendees:** Cllr Mick Heduan, Cllr Phil McArdell, Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Tim Sumner (District), Cllr David Brown, Cllr Andy Graham (DC and OCC)

**Others present:** the clerk, 1 member of public

**23/639 To receive and accept apologies for absence:** Cllr Eleanor Bailey, Cllr Jim O'Brien, Cllr Simon Warr

**23/640 Declarations of interest:** None

**23/641 Public participation:** Ollie Stobo noted to the council that the fence at the common needs replacing / repair – steel posts would be preferable, fence is a problem. Long stretch of fencing. The clerk will look into this with the common volunteers and will ascertain cost, but some work will need to be done prior to April 2024.

**23/642 To approve the minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023. *(There was no August meeting so no August minutes to discuss or approve).*

**23/643 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023:** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023. *(There was no August meeting so no August minutes to discuss or approve).*

**23/644 To receive reports from Parish, District, and County councillors and clerks report.**

*Cllr Andy Graham (DC)* Woodstock buses have now reverted to turning at the Wootton turn instead of turning in Woodstock Town Centre.

*Cllr Andy Graham (DC)* Working on the local walking and infrastructure plan still locally. The VTN group are working with this. The VTN have a list of routes and paths, and this will be used with the DC. This will form part of the OCC active travel plan.

*Cllr Andy Graham (DC)* A44 roadworks are ongoing, they are overdue on completion.

*Cllr Tim Sumner (DC)* The DC has launched West Oxfordshire Local Plan. 25<sup>th</sup> October is last date of consultation. Residents are invited to share their views on development to 2041. The link for comments is on West Oxfordshire DC website and section Your Place, Your Plan page. The clerk will ensure the Neighbourhood Plan group also have this, but individuals need to comment.

*Cllr Tim Sumner (DC)* Met with Citizens Advice active in Witney – good service locally available.

*Cllr David Brown* – Playing Fields have an issue financially., costs are increasing. Looking to

have a new financial model. Children’s playground is costing more. Potentially need a meeting to see if the play area can come back into the parish council so we can help finance it. The clerk and Chair will meet with Andy Tacon and Frank Huddleston to discuss.

*Cllr David Brown* - Wasp nest in bus shelter being dealt with on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The council will pay for this from our maintenance funds and anticipate an invoice next month.

**23/645 Finance**

(23/645.01) Council need to carefully look at next year’s budget as the common could have some major expenses soon including fencing improvements.

(23/645.02) The following payments were RESOLVED to be approved and will be paid via online banking. Confidential figures relate to PAYE and have been shared with council.

Clerk salary	PAYE statutory payment	£ confidential
HMRC PAYE	PAYE statutory payment	£ confidential
Pension	PAYE statutory payment	£ confidential
Clerks expenses	PAYE statutory payment	£ 79.80
Vanbrugh Trust	Blenheim estate allotment rental	£ 200.00
David Brown	paint for bus shetler	£ 99.75
Information commissioner’s office ICO	statutory payment	£ 40.00
Microshade	domain2 year renewal	£ 28.78
grass cutting WODC	grass cutting WODC	£ 118.25
grass cutting WODC	grass cutting WODC	£ 830.47
Clive Parsons PAYE	Clive paye	£ confidential

(23/645.03) The council considered and approved a grant for Stonesfield Players. The clerk will speak with Eleanor Bailey to see if the Village Hall can store the goods instead and will also speak to Andy Tacon regarding this.

(23/645.04) The bank mandate updates is still in progress. Cllr McArdeall continues to work on this.

**23/646 Planning**

Application No. 23/02170/HHD Dartorren Woodlands Rise, Stonesfield – Single & two storey rear extensions and single storey side extensions. The council had no comment or objection.

**23/647 Items for information or next agenda only:** Add playing fields to next agenda.  
Noted the Glebe needs cutting and the common. A local person has been approached to assist with this.

**23/648 Date of the next full council meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7pm – Stonesfield Primary School.

*Meeting ends 8pm*