

STONESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Stonesfield Primary School on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 7pm

Meeting starts at 7pm

Attendees: Cllr Ursula Rice (Chair), Cllr Claire Renshaw (Vice Chair), Cllr Simon Powell, Cllr Simon Warr, Cllr David Brown, Cllr Jessica Huband, Cllr Laura Bate, Cllr Philippa Lowe.

Other present: The Clerk, Cllr Genny Early (WODC) and 2 members of the public

24/823: Public Participation: None

24/824: To receive and accept apologies for absence: CCllr Andy Graham (OCC), DCllr Tim Sumners (WODC).

24/825: Declarations of interest: Cllr Claire Renshaw and Cllr Laura Bate as they are Village Hall Committee Members. Note: There is no item on the agenda relating to this. Cllr Simon Warr is a Governor at the Primary School. There is no item on the agenda relating to this.

24/826: To approve the minutes of the meeting 4th December 2024. It was *RESOLVED* to approve the minutes.

Proposer : Cllr Ursula Rice **Seconder :** Cllr Phillipa Lowe – all in favour.

24/827: Questions on the Clerks Report on matters arising from them: It was agreed to trial an Actions Register rather Proposer Cllr Simon Powell, Seconder Cllr Claire Renshaw.

- Laughton Road Mirror – Paul Bates had submitted a report with a proposed small amendment to the current design making it fit for purpose. It was agreed to discuss this as an agenda item in February.

24/828: To consider and receive reports from District Councillors: DCllr Genny Early updated the following:

- **Devolution:** WODC have been informed of the potential strategic policy to devolve into areas of a Mayoral Authority, Unitary Authority (OCC and WODC merging), and then Town and Parish Authority. There is a conflict between how this would serve urban against rural needs. Timeline – 2028.
- **Biodiversity Policy:** draft for next agenda.
- **Stonesfield Scout Group:** Fundraising for the replacement roof via Westhive is going well but they still need the match funding to hit their target of £30,000. She asked if the PC could assist in any way – next agenda item.

24/829: To consider and receive reports from the County Councillor: None.

24/830: To consider and receive reports from Parish Councillors.

- Recruitment of New Clerk:** Cllr Claire Renshaw confirmed this was ongoing.
- Defib at Village Hall:** Cllr David Brown advised that Tracey O'Brian has been the volunteer checking the defib pads and batteries for many years, which the PC thanked her for. He asked if a Cllr could take over this role. Cllr Claire Renshaw agreed. Refresher training is to be provided.

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24/831: To receive reports from Stonesfield PC working groups:

i. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:

- a. Cllr's review of Draft NP - Next steps for Cllr feedback (inc. SPC branding) with NPSG: It was agreed that Cllr's Simon Warr, Jess Huband, Simon Powell and David Brown will attend a meeting with the NPSG, to finalise comments made by the Cllr's.
- b. Processes, systems, responsibilities, resources required for Regulation 14 consultation and feedback gathering: The Clerk will investigate setting up a Google form for responses.
- c. Regulation 14 village presentation (Cllrs availability/attendance): defer to Feb meeting.
- d. Local Green Spaces: 2 email responses have been received, both acknowledging receipt of the Greenspace letters.
- e. Locality Grants – 2024 and 2025 application: Richard Morris confirmed that the PC has previously received a Locality Grant to cover costs for the landscape assessment for approx. £5,000.
- f. Agenda item required for Feb 2025 PC meeting for Plan sign off.

- ii. **The Common:** - Richard Morris advised that the water from the two bad autumn floods have subsided, it has exposed damage to fencing which is extreme. High probability that replacement fencing is required.

24/832: Communications Plan: Agree channels of communication and publishing date for Cllr introductions: Considered in Clerks report

24/833: Planning:

- i. 24/03151/HHD | Erection of a single storey rear extension to form an orangery | 1 The Paddocks Stonesfield Witney Oxfordshire OX29 8GG
No Comment
- ii. 24/03148/FUL | Erection of a single dwelling with associated landscaping. | Land North Of 1 Davis Close Stonesfield Oxfordshire
No objection but wish to comment that the PC supports the consultees comment in the need to sort out the water issues, therefore Grampian policy can be instructed – it can be built but not occupied until the sewage issues are resolved. Proposer Cllr Ursula Rice, Seconder Cllr Claire Renshaw – All in favour.

24/834: To consider matters of finance and policies.

- i. **Ratification of Payments** – all are paid via bank transfer: The council **RESOLVED** to approve the payments. Proposer: Cllr Ursula Rice, Seconder: Cllr David Brown

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Gross Amount (£)	VAT Value (£)	Payee	Details	Power
1350.00		Locum Clerk & RFO	October 2024	LGA 1972 S112
250.00		St James the Great	Mowing Grant	LGA 1972 S137
25.50		Richard Morris	Reimbursement for NP Green Space consultation letters	LGA 1972 S112

24/835: Items for the next agenda:

- Mirror at Laughton Road – Feb agenda
- ACV Shop – postpone to March agenda
- Biodiversity policy – postpone to March agenda
- Scout Hut additional funding, Grant extension – Feb agenda
- Defib training – postpone to March agenda

24/836: Date of the next Full Council Meeting: 5th February 2025 at 7pm (Stonesfield Primary School)

24/837: AOB:

- Cllr Jess Hubnad noted that John Sampson has prepared the H&S documents The Glebe, she asked Cllr David Brown to sign them off.
- Cllr Simon Warr: asked if the PC had received a response from SCT, to the letter sent by the PC regarding Glovers Yard.

Meeting closes 8:23pm