

STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL

Some NOTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th July 2018.

Present: Cllr's M Elsbury (Chairman), R Hill, M Naunton, J Swift and D Winstone.

Apologies for absence: Cllr's J Hudson, G Roscoe and Ward Cllr. K Warrington.

The Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. J Swift reported that the draft plan was just about ready to forward to B&NES for their assessment. The next stage, hopefully, will be its issue for the final vote. Following discussion on the finances involved in producing the plan there appeared to be some confusion on what had been received to date from 'Locality', if any, and what had been acquired in loans. The clerk/RFO and the chairman of the steering group were asked to investigate.

Parish Councillors elections: As two councillors had already indicated that they would not be seeking re-election at the May 2019 elections, it was felt that now might be a good time to advise parishioners that the elections will be taking place and to encourage their interest in standing for election. Cllr. M Elsbury would produce a suitable insert for the Parish Magazine.

Update on actions:

The Play Area – An inspection of the equipment had taken place, a report of the findings and recommendations had been circulated and it was agreed to seek quotations for the work required. It was also reported that an e mail from a parishioner had been received asking if equipment for younger children could be provided.

Since the inspection was carried out Cllr. R Hill had most generously offered a substantial amount of second hand play equipment which is in very good condition, this offer was gratefully accepted. Cllr. D Winstone has carried out the dismantling of the equipment and has transported it to his yard pending council's decision as to where it will be sited, what equipment will be removed or re-sited and what will be repaired.

The blocked PROW and stile at Stanton Wick – Cllr. K Warrington had reported that the landowner had been given two options by B&NES PROW Department to come to a solution and he is considering them. The B&NES Officer will follow up and hopefully the landowner has reached a conclusion.

Planning decisions to date:

17/05819/FUL – Change of use of outbuilding from incidental to ancillary residential use at 'The Old Forge' – Refused.

18/01218/COND – Discharge of conditions 3 and 6 of application 17/03823/FUL – Conversion of redundant barns to three self-contained holiday lets at 'Twinway Farm' – Discharged.

18/00735/FUL – Change of use for the siting from agricultural to tourist accommodation and the erection of four Shepherds Huts at 'Bye-Mills Farm' – Refused.

The War Memorial site – It was reported that there had been no further action to date. It was agreed that a working party would be formed to discuss the future actions.

The Surgery Coach – Filer's Coaches had agreed to extend the pick-up points to include 'Tarnwell'.

Re- Furbishment of Finger Post signs – It was agreed that a survey should be carried out initially to establish how many posts there are and in what condition they are. Council are aware of the damaged post on the B3130 which had also been identified by Norton Malreward Parish Council. Cllr. M Elsbury agreed to carry out a survey and report back.

The External Audit – It was reported that the Internal Audit had been completed, Council's Accounts for the year ending 31 – 3 -18 had been circulated, The relevant paperwork had been advertised, The Accounting Statement 2017/18 and The Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 had been completed correctly and were recorded, and the return had been forwarded to the External Auditor.

New Planning Applications – 18/01825/OUT – Outline application for the erection of one dwelling at 'Broadoak Sidings' – This application site is actually located within the parish boundary of Publow with Pensford. Council reiterated their comments which were for two dwellings on the site – A quality built building in place of the ramshackle arrangement might be a good thing, however as the application is for outline permission at this stage no real detail is provided. Also the 'Green Belt' regulations must be adhered to.

Annual Review of the Parish Cemetery Fees – It was agreed to leave the fees as they are at present.

Correspondence and Reports –

Filer's Coaches had stated that their charge for providing the Surgery Coach will increase by £5.00 to £30.00 per trip starting from 1st June 2018.

AED Locator had stated that the free monitoring service of the defibrillator is due to cease on 30th June 2018 but they can provide the service for £58.80 per annum.

B&NES had advised that following a recent revue the subsidised bus service 672 which serves the village will not change but there will be fare increases.

Bristol Water had forwarded a 'River Chew Restoration Plan' in which levels and flows will be altered and monitored.

Finance

Cheques were raised for – The Clerk's salary, HMRC, The Surgery Coach, Weekly Play Area Inspections, Plants for Village Planters, PROW Clearances, Play Area Annual Rent, Play Area Maintenance, Allotment Site Maintenance and Defibrillator Monitoring System.

Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7.30 pm.

J A HARVEY – Clerk to Stanton Drew Parish Council