

**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Chairman: Mrs L Richardson Vice-chairman: Mr J Hudson.

Mr I Batchelor, Mr R Hill, Mr N Pushman, Mrs J Tibbs, Cllr K Warrington.

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

1. Public Participation: There were no issues from Members of the Public.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr M Jones

3. To receive notification of any Members' personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the Agenda. There were no interests to note.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020. After being circulated and read the Minutes were proposed (IB) and seconded (JT) as a true and accurate record and will be signed at a later date.

5. To receive an update on District Matters from Ward Cllr Warrington: Following a successful trial in a different authority B&NES will be asking residents if they wish to contribute more than their set Council Tax amount in the next financial year.

The Chew Valley Forum had been cancelled.

A Chew Valley Climate Emergency Working Party has been formed. The Working Party are looking for One Parish Councillor and One Resident from each Parish to join. If anyone is interested they should contact the Clerk who will put them in touch with B&NES Officers. The next Meeting takes place on Sunday 18th October 2020. **Clerk** to make contact with resident who has previously shown an interest.

The River Chew now has a new gauge at Chew Magna. Cllr Warrington will obtain the telephone number for updates.

Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund: The application was successful. Clerk awaits a confirmation e.mail.

Webinars are being held regarding Neighbourhood Initiatives. Safe Routes to School and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. Chairman asked if the Virtual Pavement would be included in this. Clerk will be required to send a separate e.mail requesting this.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) War Memorial Update & War Memorial Fund Raising: Mr Pushman was thanked for his sterling work to date regarding the War Memorial. Chairman had completed all of the information requested by B&NES planning including the paving and submitted it. A rebuttal had been written in response to a comment made by the War Memorial Trust. The old Plaque from the War Memorial will be re-homed possibly at the Village Hall. Feedback from Planning to date is encouraging.

It was agreed to move the project back to be started in the New Year. In the meantime the Cap Badges and Monoliths can be worked on. A site visit will be made to look at the stone.

With regards to funding a kind donation of £500.00 from the Community Café had been offered. **Clerk** to contact them with bank details. The PPSCT had agreed £4,000 to go up to another £1,000 conditional on match funding. Anyone wishing to donate can do so through the Community Trust who will Gift Aid the donation. A Grant will be applied for through the Pensford Social Welfare and also the Chelwood Community Grant.

The existing War Memorial will be cleared of weeds and old plants to tidy it up. Clerk to add this to the job list.

d) Litter Pick/Bins: The Parish Council took the decision to postpone a Litter Pick due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and not being able to meet in a large group.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) **PCAA Request for Funds:** Chairman asked if in principal did we as a Parish Council wish to donate an amount to the PCAA. A vote was taken and two Parish Councillors were in favour with Four against. It was agreed that when our subscription is due a amount will be added to this.

b) **Allotment Site:** An update of where we are with the Allotment Site was given by the Chairman. The advert for Land will remain in the Parish Magazine for the next two months. It was agreed to see what happens up to December in respect of the Land.

c) **Budget:** Parish Councillors discussed items for the budget. It was agreed to add in a contingency for Legal Fees in relation to the transfer of the Play Area to the Parish Council from B&NES.

d) **To agree Purchase of a Zoom Licence: Parish Council agreed to the purchase of a Zoom Licence.** Clerk will pay monthly and re-claim at each meeting.

e) **Remembrance Sunday:** Takes place on 8th November 2020. Clerk will obtain a Poppy Wreath from the British Legion. A donation will be made to the British Legion after Remembrance Sunday. It is understood that St Marys Church hope to be able to hold the service at 11am. If not the Parish Council will try hope to find someone with a Military background to lead the Service. Mr Hill suggested that son who was of a senior rank may be able to attend. A local Parishioner was suggested to lay the wreath. **Mr Pushman** will make contact.

8. Reports: a) **Report from Essential Councillor Course:** Mr Batchelor had attended the recent Essential Councillors Course and found it very informative and useful. Clerk will circulate further training dates in the New Year for Councillors Courses and Planning Courses.

b) **Clerks Update Report: Play Area:** All Woodwork has been replaced and repaired. The concrete edge under the slide has been taken back and is no longer a hazard. The weekly inspections are being carried out. The bark area has been weeded. The seat still needs to be moved to the bark area from the hedge.

Stanton Drew Neighbourhood Plan: No further update.

Highways: Highways did not respond to the Clerks e.mail regarding signs in the Parish which were obscured by overgrowing vegetation. Hedges have now been cut back. It was reported at the meeting that the School sign is still obscured and a Speed Sign along Bromley Road has been knocked down by the Hedge trimmer.

Fingerpost sign: Awaits attention to turn it the right way.

Drains: The Council were out clearing drains, however the amount of rain proved far too much for any drain at the weekend!

Speeding in the Village: Another location for the camera in the village was suggested to the Beat Manager.

Defibrillator at Carpenters Arms Stanton Wick: The Rotary will be adding a small plaque to the Defibrillator to give recognition to those who have donated towards the cost of the Defibrillator. Training venue and training dates are still to be arranged however this is still very difficult due to the current pandemic.

Footpaths: Clerk still making enquiries regarding the blocked footpath at Stanton Wick.

Public Rights of Way: Clerk has received the final invoice for the footpaths clearance for this financial year. As the growing season has almost stopped there will be no more work carried out unless there is a specific request.

Footpath Stone Bromley Road: Clerk received an e.mail and also a telephone call from parishioners regarding the stone which was thought to have disappeared. The Footpath Stone is still there and an offer to cut vegetation around it and put it in a more upright and visible position has been put forward by a nearby Parishioner.

Bulb Planting: Instead of a Litter Pick this year a Parishioner is liaising with the school to arrange the planting of daffodil bulbs along the Causeway coming down towards Tarnwell. Clerk was asked if the Parish Council would agree to this. The Causeway is Highways responsibility. Clerk advised making contact with them. Contact was made and a site visit undertaken. Highways have suggested that the railings would benefit from a coat of paint. Volunteers have been found to help with this. Clerk has offered for the Parish Council to pay for the paint and an invoice is awaited. A local builder has offered to provide a base for the plaque.

Parish online updates/training: Parish Online have been in touch with all clerks. They currently cannot offer any training/physical meeting in groups but are looking at their options of virtual meetings. Parish Council will take up the offer of training in the New Year.

Parish Online Old Maps: As part of a rationalisation of the archive of old ordnance survey maps a number of historic maps from 1900-1939 and also national grid equivalents mainly from the 1960's and 1970's are being offered for free. Stanton Drew Parish Council have registered their interest to take up the offer of the free maps.

Parish Magazine: Clerk had a conversation with the Editor of the Magazine, currently it is still being circulated in paper form and it is hoped to continue to do so in the future. A link from our Parish Council web site to the online version is still available.

Light Pollution from a site in Stanton Drew: A Parishioner enquired if there had been any further update on the Lighting at the Bromley Pit Yard. Condition 9 of the 2007 planning application (07/00727/FUL) required that external light fittings should not be installed until a lighting plan had been submitted and approved by the local authority, there has been no approved plan submitted and Application 19/04777/VAR, which requested removal of this condition was refused in April 2020. Clerk is following this up.

Odd Job List: Next prioritised job will be fitting the new Defibrillator Cabinet followed by the bark area at the Play Area and the clearing of vegetation from the Bus Stop.

Chew Valley Forum Meeting: The Chew Valley Forum meeting scheduled for 15th October has been cancelled and the next proposed date is **2nd November, 6pm.**

Bridge Coping Stones: Clerk was asked to contact someone regarding the lose Coping Stones on the bridge coming into the Village.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: 20/03357/FUL Glass House Farm Stanton Wick Lane. Two storey extension to form a granny annexe. The Parish Council have considered this application and are of the opinion that they cannot fully support it due to the size proposed.

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Planning Outcomes Received: None to report

10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00 Proposed IB Seconded NP

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| Mrs J Bragg | Salary for September 2020 (incl £123.48 back pay) | 804.24 |
| S Edwards | Footpaths 20.55 hrs @ £10 | 205.50 |
| Filers Coaches | Surgery Bus September 5 Weeks @ £30.00 | 150.00 |

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Payments to be authorised:

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| Mrs J Bragg | Imprest Use of Home as Office & Postage | 21.04 |
| Mrs J Bragg | Zoom Licence (incl VAT) | 14.39 |
| HMRC | Clerk NI/Tax | 32.16 |
| ALCA | Essential Councillor Training Mr I Batchelor | 60.00 |

Receipts to note: No receipts to note.

The Clerks Salary is now set at SPC 20 which was the old SCP 27. It rises from £13.15 per hour to £13.51 per hourly rate. All Parish Councillors supported this.

11. Items of Report to carry forward to the next Meeting: Tenders, Flooding, Budget, War Memorial.

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Parish Liaison Meeting Thursday 22nd October 2020