

**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING FOR  
STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 7.30 P.M.**

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

Mrs J Tibbs, Mr I Batchelor, Mr M Jones, Mr R Hill.

Ward Councillors Mrs K Warrington and Mr V Pritchard. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

- 1. Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present. All issues raised had been dealt with via the Clerks Progress Report.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr N Pushman.
- 3. To receive notification of any Members' personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the Agenda.** Interests were declared by Mrs L Richardson in relation to item 9b on the agenda. Mrs J Tibbs declared an interest in relation to item 9a) 20/04975/FUL on the agenda.
- 4. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021:** After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (RH) and seconded (MJ) as a true and accurate record and will be signed at a later date.
- 5. To receive an update on District Matters from Ward Councillor:** Ward Councillor gave an update on Vaccination Centres and reported plans for a Wind Farm at Stowey.
- 6. To receive updates on current matters: a) War Memorial Update:** Fund raising is going well. Grants & Donations received are now in excess of £10,000. The works are scheduled to start around Easter 2021. The Planning Conditions have been clarified. The Cap badge designs are being worked on.
- b) Allotment:** Currently there has been no movement on the Sale of the Allotment Land. Chairman and Clerk will arrange another Zoom meeting with Allotment holders later in the month.
- c) Local Plan:** Chairman attended the Zoom Meeting for a briefing on the Update of the Local Plan organised by B&NES. There are possible issues which may affect the Parish such as Climate & Nature Policies – Solar & Wind energy will affect rural areas. Land supply shortfall and changes around Housing Development Boundaries. A response will be submitted from the Parish Council.
- 7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) To approve Budget:** The budget had been circulated. It was proposed (IB) and seconded (JT) that the budget is approved.
- b) To Set the Precept:** All agreed that in line with the budget the precept would be raised by 2% to £18,385.00
- c) Tenders:** This agenda item was discussed after the Clerks Progress Report.
- d) Traffic - B3130:** Concerns were raised regarding the speed of the traffic again along the B3130. Traffic appears to speed up once through Belluton narrows heading towards Chew Magna. The amount of traffic movements from the farm on the B3130 is a hazard for speeding motorists with no signage to warn motorists of the hidden entrances. Ward Councillor advised that the Clerk should keep a record of all incidents to submit to B&NES. Parish Council would like to see the speed limit reduced along this stretch of road which has suffered fatalities in past years.
- 8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Members of the Public Concerns Raised:** Litter along the A368 was reported via Fix My Street.
- Blocked Drains:** The drains in Stanton Wick and around other parts of the Parish have now been cleared.

**Litter Picking:** The next Great British Spring Clean 2021 is scheduled for 28 May - 13 June 2021

**Play Area:** We await the January Inspection Report. The Odd Job list will be altered according to the findings in the report.

**Footpath at Stanton Wick:** Clerk has no update.

**Landslip at the Causeway:** This has been reported on Fix My Street and the latest update reads "Internal referral".

**National Lockdown:** Details of support available through Bath & North East Somerset Council for local communities during the new Lockdown have been added to the Parish Council Website. [www.stantondrewpc.co.uk](http://www.stantondrewpc.co.uk)

**Increase in Coronavirus Cases:** An update from the Director of Public Health B&NES regarding the rise in cases in B&NES was added to the web site.

**Covid 19 Scam:** Trading Standards have made us aware of a new scam being used by criminals. A text message, claiming to be from the NHS, is going around asking you to register to receive the immunisation, but which also asks for your personal information and debit/credit card details.

**Stone Circle:** The Stone Circle remains closed.

**Visitors to the Parish:** It has been noted that since Lockdown there has been a huge increase in visitors and walkers to the Parish. The Police have been out moving people on and also putting up Coronavirus Aware posters.

Clerk also found out that The Druids Arms had been listed on a Dog Walking Site on Facebook as offering free car parking and an ideal spot to park and do a lovely walk from Stanton Drew to Pensford. A message was sent to the site.

**Parish Online Old Maps:** Nothing more to update.

**Census:** Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021 Details have been circulated to all.

**Highways report regarding Toll House Junction:** Highways responded to the concerns raised by the Parish Council on behalf of Members of the Public that the fence and stones are on the owner's land and have been there for more than 10 years, although the owner of the toll house may have put down more stones recently.

A speed limit review will be undertaken in the next financial year i.e. 2022/23 as the programme of works has already been put together for 2021/2022.

Mirrors could not be considered on the B3130 as they are not permitted on the highway because their shape can distort people's perception of how close a vehicle is and could also cause dazzle at night. Clerk has received a telephone call from a B&NES representative who is going to take a look at the Junction and see if there is any way of improving it. An e.mail of confirmation is awaited.

**Flooding:** An e.mail has been sent to the Flooding & Drainage Team regarding the continued problem of flooding by Brook Cottage on Pensford Lane and also highlighting the ongoing problem of the flood by South Bristol Service Centre on the B3130 and the dangers of the flood here. The owner of the wall adjacent to the road has also reported that the flood water is causing the wall to erode.

**Clerks Training:** Clerk is booked to attend a Year End Accounts & Audit Training Session on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.00am – 11.30am

**Correspondence: Stanton Drew & Pensford Pre-School:** A letter was received from the Pre-School and subsequently circulated to all Councillors. The letter asked that an agenda item was added to the Parish Council Meeting to discuss the "Tripling of the rent" for the Pre School. The letter also stated that the Pre School were advised to contact all stakeholders involved in the provision of services for the local community and requested that the Parish Council discuss the matters set out in the letter at their next meeting.

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On discussion between the Chairman and the Vice Chairman it was agreed that this is not a Parish Council matter as the Parish Council are not Stakeholders in the Hall. The Parish Council are not duty bound to partake in anything to do with the provision of Childcare in the Parish. Pre School were informed that the item would not be added as an individual item on the agenda. Clarity was sought from the Ward Councillor attending the meeting who confirmed that the Parish Council has no responsibility to provide Childcare in the Parish. The resolution offered by the Village Hall was a good one. Comments will be fed back to the Village Hall Committee.

**Grant Funding Application Chelwood Community Fund:** The Parish Council were unsuccessful in their application for a grant but a lovely reply was received from one of the Fund Trustees explaining why we were unsuccessful.

**Parish Councils Airport Association:** Details of the PCAA Meeting for the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were circulated.

**War Memorial Donations:** Clerk has sent a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council and the Publow, Pensford & The Stanton Community Trust to all of those who have donated.

**7c) Tenders:** Clerk had received two tender applications. The Parish Council unanimously proposed to accept the two applications received. One in respect of the Play Area Grass Cutting and the second in respect of Hedge Cutting at the Play Area.

Clerk will advertise the vacancy for someone to maintain the Footpaths.

**9. Planning: a) Planning Applications Received: 20/04975/FUL** Quoit Farm Stanton Road Stanton Drew. Extension to agricultural building to house cattle. PC Support.

**21/00108/FUL** Bromley House Bromley Road. Erection of a single storey timber orangery. Parish Council Support.

**21/00124/FUL** The Sidings Upper Stanton Stanton Drew. Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension, front porch replaced with a single storey extension and reconfigured pitched roof over existing flat roof and garage. Parish Council Support.

**21/00105/FUL** Ottery Villa Sutton Road Chelwood. Erection of a single storey side and rear extension incorporating access to existing external garage. Refurbishment of garage to raise the ridge and install a first floor. Erection of front porch following demotion of existing front porch and outbuildings at rear. Parish Council support on paper, assuming that the proposal does not exceed the allowed volume.

**Planning Outcomes Received: 20/04781/FUL** Druids Garth Upper Stanton Drew. Single Storey Extension. **PERMIT**

**b) Ash Die Back at the Winding House:** There are a significant number of trees along Wick Lane which now have Ash Die Back. It may not be necessary to fell the trees to the ground but to lower them to 6 feet and see if they regrow. There is a danger of them falling into the road if they are not tended to. Confirmation is awaited from B&NES as to the requirement of a planning application.

**10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00** Proposed (JB) Seconded (IB)

Mrs J Bragg	Salary for February	716.67
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R D Stevens	Hedge Cutting at Play Area & Roadside Hedges	102.00
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**Payments to be authorised:**

Mrs J Bragg	Imprest Use of Home as Office	18.00
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Mrs J Bragg	Postage	9.06
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K C Printing	War Memorial Printing	26.40
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Mrs J Bragg	Zoom Licence	14.39
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**Receipts to note:**

Pensford Miners Welfare Trustees Grant to War Memorial Project 1000.00

**11. Items of Report to carry forward to the next Meeting:** War Memorial. Allotments.  
Date for Annual Parish Meeting. Stanton Drew Parish Council name/logo. Country Code.

**12. To Note Future Meetings:**

**Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

**Clerk YE Accounts Training**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**