

## **STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL**

**Some NOTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

**Present:** Cllr's M Elsbury (Chairman), J Hudson, M Naunton, J Swift, G Roscoe and Ward Cllr. K Warrington.

**Apologies for absence** – An apology was received from Cllr. D Winstone.

**The Ward Councillor's Report** – Cllr. K Warrington stated that the B&NES Council budget should be decided by the end of February. 80% of the available finances are needed to provide for Adult and Children's services. Unfortunately the council will be looking at 300 potential redundancies. They will be trying to encourage the use of digital as the way forward, combining libraries within the 'one stop shops' and keeping all front line services.

**The Neighbourhood Plan – Update** – Cllr. J Swift reported that the pre-submission plan, formulated from the 'Options' circular, has been forwarded to B&NES Council who will be examining it, their feedback is awaited before hopefully formulated the final document.

**Update on Actions** – The Play Area -It was agreed to formulate a working party at the March meeting and to then attend to the minor repairs required as the ground is too wet at present.

**The blocked stile and PROW at Stanton Wick** – Mr G Stark, B&NES PROW manager, had stated that he has again written to the owner of the site to try to reach a suitable agreement, including any possible diversion, but has received no reply to date. It was agreed to await any possible outcome from this source before involving other official departments.

**The War Memorial site** – No further progress to date.

**The provision of improved 'Broadband' speeds** – Rapid progress by 'Truespeed' was reported.

**A replacement Parish Councillor** – There had been no further interest received.

**Planning decisions to date**

17/00781/FUL – Erection of two detached houses and residential conversion and extension of industrial building into five dwellings following demolition of the existing industrial building at 'The Old Colliery' site – Permitted.

17/04949/TCA – To reduce the height of a beech tree, remove deadwood from an ash tree, reduce the canopy of a sycamore tree and reduce laterals of an ash tree at 'The Old Mill' – Permitted.

17/04935/RES – Reserved matters at '53 Highfields' – Permitted.

**New Planning Applications** – The Parish Council have been advised that the conditions that were attached to the planning application for the car-park extension at the Parish Hall have been satisfied.

17/05641/TCA – Stanton Drew Parish Church – Tree works notification to crown reductions to two yew trees by 1.5 metres at the 'church yard' – Council had no objections – subsequently permitted.

17/05819/FUL – Change of use of outbuilding from incidental to ancillary residential use at ‘The Old Forge’ – Council generally have no objection, with some concern over possible future development.

### **Contract work for the Parish Council – 2018/2019**

It was agreed to invite tenders for the next financial year’s contract work – Play Area grass cutting. Allotment site grass cutting. Play Area weekly inspections. PROW Kissing Gates clearances and Parish Cemetery grass cutting. Tenders are to be forwarded to the clerk in sealed envelopes by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The clerk can be contacted for further detail.

### **Allotment Plot rents for 2019**

The Allotment Rules require that the plot holders have to be informed of any proposed alteration to charges twelve months in advance. It was agreed not to change the charges for 2019, they will remain the same as for 2018.

### **Budget and Precept Requirement for 2018/2019**

Cllr. J Swift had prepared a draft budget and precept requirement which had been circulated to the parish councillors prior to the meeting, for which a vote of thanks was proposed and agreed. Cllr. Swift’s proposals were discussed and agreed and the relevant amount would be applied for.

### **Correspondence and Reports**

A request to cut the hedge at the Allotment Site – forwarded to the site owner.

Notification of the name of next year’s external auditor.

The West of England joint Spatial Plan document is available.

B&NES – Draft proposals on new electoral arrangements, Ward council changes, etc. any comments by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Chew Valley Transport promotion – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Clerk attended.

Chew Valley Area Forum Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Main topic was the B&NES budget – Clerk attended.

B&NES – Supported Bus Services – Proposed changes to the local service.

### **Finance**

Cheques were signed for – The external audit. Replacement battery and pads for the defibrillator.

Clerk’s net salary. HMRC. The Surgery coach. Hire of the Hall for 2018 meetings. Computer repairs.

The Allotment site annual rent. Play Area weekly inspections. Printer ink cartridges. Neighbourhood Plan Dropbox fee. Neighbourhood Plan Domain site fee and printing of Neighbourhood Plan flyers.

£110 had been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box.

### **Date of the next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm.

J A HARVEY – Clerk to Stanton Drew Parish Council