

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr. M Elsbury (Chair), Cllr. R Hill, Cllr. J Hudson, Cllr. M Naunton, Cllr. G Roscoe, Cllr. J Swift and Ward Cllr. K Warrington.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr. D Winstone.

MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2017, having been previously circulated to the parish councillors, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The report was presented by Cllr. M Elsbury.

It's been another year of busy and proactive involvement by the Council in the life of the Parish. Thank you to all of you councillors for being involved and playing your part in whatever way.

We have dealt with 20 planning applications this year, a process of accessing the documents on line, considering, discussing and passing on our comments.

The legal title ownership of the war memorial site has been established this year which means that we can now consider options for a 'new look' for this part of the village. This I'm sure will become a prominent project for the council in the near future.

The big project that continues to bubble away in the background is, of course, the Neighbourhood Plan and I'd like to thank all those involved in the ongoing creation of this plan. Special mention needs to go to John Swift who is doing a great job in administering this project on behalf of the council.

We welcome a new councillor this year, Roy Hill. We hope that Roy enjoys his time with us even though initially it's just for the one year. I hope he considers standing for election in a year's time.

Finally, a big thank you to our clerk, John Harvey, who continues to hold the whole operation together in such an efficient way.

THE RICHARD JONES FOUNDATION REPORT

The report was presented by John Harvey, who is the incumbent elected trustee who serves a five year term; the other incumbent trustee is Judith Chubb-Whittle who is council's elected trustee and serves a four year term.

At the start of the academic year, 1st September 2017, the finances available for grants for the following year, which is generated from interest on the shares in the foundation and the balance carried over was: - £8,677 carried over, and an estimated £4,000 from interest on the shares. It is the foundations policy to keep one year's income in reserve.

During the year ending 31st August 2017 two meetings were held. Educational grants were paid, subject to receipted invoices being produced, to two Stanton Drew recipients totalling £500 and payments were made for the benefit of the needy at Christmas time to seven recipients totalling £140.

THE PUBLOW WITH PENSFORD AND STANTON'S COMMUNITY TRUST REPORT

The report was presented by John Harvey in the absence of Cllr. D Winstone.

The trust has continued to support some very worthwhile projects and causes making a real difference to some important local landmarks and vital institutions.

The total of grants paid in the year of just over £5,000 tells far from the whole story as we have a number of projects where we have committed funds but these have yet to be called down.

Grants actually paid were: -Acker Bilk memorial bench in Pensford - £1,200. Restoration work at the old lock-up in Pensford - £528.25. Stanton Drew Sports Field for a new mower - £2,000 together with a further grant from restricted funds for the pavilion project - £1,500.

We are delighted to see the first renovated finger post in the middle of Pensford and also to see the Pensford tennis courts fully functioning and being widely used.

Grants approved but not yet paid: - Publow church for the bell tower restoration - £4,000. Stanton Drew church for hanging of 6th bell - £1,000. Stanton Drew church for bell tower restoration - £1,000. Improvements to sports facilities at Pensford School playground £7,500 in principle.

Pending projects: - Publicity and production costs for a series of Heritage walks covering Stanton Drew and Pensford. Further finger post projects. Stretching and mounting of the Stanton Drew WI centenary commemorative embroidery being produced by the ladies for the village hall, and further support for Pensford School to facilitate the additional class they expect to open in September 2018.

The Balance Sheet appears to show a very healthy balance in hand. In the year we benefitted from a full distribution from the 100 Club of £13,000 and the proceeds from the third 'Rok the Stones' marathon of just over £1,400.

The Trustees have met three times during the year and grateful thanks are extended to all members, especially Sue Osborne our unofficial secretary, Ken Payne our treasurer, Mark Finn our Reporting Accountant, and all members of the 100 Club for their continuing support.

THE ADOPTION OF COUNCIL'S UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018

The accounts were not available for adoption.

There were no other issues raised relevant to this meeting and the meeting was declared closed at 8.15 pm.

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE