

STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL

Some NOTES of the Parish Council Meetings held on 3rd May 2018.

Present: Cllr's M Elsbury, R Hill, J Hudson, M Naunton, G Roscoe, J Swift and Ward Cllr. K Warrington.

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

THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

The Chair's Annual Report, The Richard Jones Foundation Report and The Community Trust Report were presented to the meeting; the full reports can be viewed on Council's Website.

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING/PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr. M Elsbury was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. J Hudson was re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Cllr. D Winstone and Mr K Payne will continue to be the Parish Council's representatives on the Community Trust and Mrs J Chubb-Whittle and Mr J Harvey will continue to be Trustees of The Richard Jones Foundation.

The Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. J Swift reported that following the recent survey returns, parishioners comments were being assessed and with the advice and help of the B&NES mentor some word and phrase changes were being installed in the documentation.

The Ward Councillor's Report – Cllr. K Warrington's report included – an update on the staff number reductions at B&NES Council, and the development of the remaining staff. Pending road safety improvements on the A39 at Bences' Corner, Marksbury. The introduction of the 'Fix My Street' initiative, and discussions, but no further progress to date, on the blocked stile/footpath situation at Stanton Wick and the possible changes to the 'transport to the local Primary School' proposal.

Update on Actions –

The Play Area – The revised date for the inspection of the play area equipment is 10th May 2018.

The War Memorial site – No further action to date was reported.

Planning decisions to date

17/05819/FUL – Change of use of outbuilding from incidental to ancillary residential use at 'The Old Forge' – No decision to date.

18/00735/FUL – Change of use for the siting from agricultural to tourist accommodation and the erection of four shepherd's huts at 'Bye Mills Farm Access Road' – No decision to date but the Case Officer has advised that she is minded to recommend refusal.

New Planning Applications

Tree works notification in the Conservation Area – To fell sycamore, beech and hawthorn trees at 'Court Farm' – Council had no objections – subsequently permitted.

Notification of application to discharge conditions 3 and 6 of previous permitted planning application at 'Twinway Farm', to convert three barns into three self-contained holiday lets.

Correspondence/Reports/Parishioners Comments

The clerk reported that two parishioners had complained about the tarpaulin type advert at the entrance to The Nursing Home, stating that it was not in-keeping with the Conservation Area. Council stated that the complaint should firstly be received in writing before any advice could be sought and secondly a similar previous complaint had advised that temporary signs can be sited.

An e mail from a parishioner had requested tidying up of the bus shelter and the garages in The Crescent and The Drive.

The Community Trust had advised that they would help subsidise the refurbishment of 'finger post signs' throughout the parish, similar to Pensford, if council wished to carry-out the project.

An appeal from the 'Chew Valley First Responders' for help towards purchasing additional equipment had been received.

A letter had been received from a parishioner asking if the Surgery Coach pick up points could include Tarnwell.

Finance

Cheques were raised for – Petty Cash for the Clerk. Play Area weekly inspections. The Surgery Coach. ALCA Annual membership subscription. NALC Annual membership subscription and Council's Annual Insurance Premium.

Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 12th July 2018 at 7.30 pm.

At the conclusion of the meeting the incumbent parish councillors and the last chair of the parish council, Mrs J Chubb-Whittle, presented a very surprised clerk, Mr John Harvey, with an emotionally worded card, a bottle of champagne and a cake, enjoyed by all present, to celebrate his completion of 30 years as the clerk to Stanton Drew Parish Council.

John stated that he had enjoyed being of service to the community but he was getting too old for the job and was looking to retire. Any-one interested please contact me and I will help you all I can.

J A HARVEY

Clerk to Stanton Drew Parish Council