

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 12TH JULY 2018 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr. M Elsbury (Chairman), Cllr. R Hill, Cllr. M Naunton, Cllr. J Swift and Cllr. D Winstone.

18/48 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. J Hudson, Cllr. G Roscoe and Ward Councillor K Warrington.

18/49 – CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

18/50 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

Cllr. M Elsbury suggested that with recent notifications from two councillors not to stand for re-election at the May 2019 Parish Councillor's Elections in mind, now might be a good time to advise parishioners of the pending election and to encourage their interest in standing.

This suggestion was supported by the other councillors and it was agreed that Cllr. Elsbury would produce a suitable insert for the Parish Magazine.

18/51 – MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD MAY 2018

The draft minutes, having been previously circulated to the parish councillors, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

18/52 – THE WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. K Warrington was unable to attend the meeting but had provided some up-dates on actions, they will be reported on under the relevant minute.

18/53 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Cllr. J Swift reported that following the returns and comments of the recent survey the steering group, in consultation with the B&NES Advisors, were still making alterations and amendments to the draft plan. These will be then assessed by B&NES and amended if required before the final draft is then issued for the final vote.

Following discussion on the finances involved in producing the plan there appeared to be some confusion on what had been received from 'Locality', if any, and what had been acquired in loans, to date. The Clerk/RFO and the chair of the steering group would investigate.

18/54 – ACTIONS AND UPDATES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Play Area – Cllr's R Hill, M Naunton and Mr J Harvey (Clerk) carried out an inspection of the play area equipment on 10th May 2018, a detailed report of their findings had been circulated to the other councillors. Comments on the report suggested that costs for the work required should be sought.

Since the inspection was carried out Cllr. R Hill has most generously offered a substantial amount of play area equipment to the parish, which is in very good condition, he would be most grateful if the parish council could arrange the dismantling, transportation and re-erection.

Cllr. Hill's offer had been gratefully accepted, and he was sincerely thanked. Cllr. D Winstone had carried out the dismantling and had transported the equipment to his yard pending the final location decision.

Cllr. Winstone agreed to assemble the equipment, with some help! he would also produce an equipment location proposal which would include the removal of some equipment and the required repairs as suggested in the original inspection.

The blocked PROW and stile at Stanton Wick – Cllr. K Warrington had reported that the landowner had been given two options in order to come to a solution and he is considering them. The B&NES officer will chase up to discuss and hopefully the landowner has come to a conclusion.

Planning decisions to date –17/05819/FUL - Change of use of outbuilding from incidental to ancillary residential use at 'The Old Forge' – Refused.

18/01218/COND – Discharge of conditions 3 and 6 of application 17/03823/FUL – Conversion of redundant barns to three self- contained holiday lets at 'Twinway Farm' – Discharged.

18/00735/FUL – Change of use for the siting from agricultural to tourist accommodation and the erection of four Shepherds Huts at 'Bye Mills Farm' – Refused.

The War Memorial site – It was reported that there had been no further action to date. It was agreed that a working party would be formed to discuss the future actions.

B&NES Group of ALCA Meeting – 9th May 2018 – Clerk attended, paperwork circulated.

Parishes Liaison Meeting – 30th May 2018 – Clerk attended, paperwork circulated.

The Surgery Coach – Filer's Coaches had agreed to extend the pick-up points to include 'Tarnwell'.

Chew Valley First Responders – Appeal – Subsequent to recent reports reference finance it was agreed not to donate at present.

Finger Post Signs – The general opinion of the councillors was that they should receive attention. It was estimated that there are five finger post signs throughout the parish all of which are generally in reasonable condition except the one on the B3130 which had been identified by Norton Malreward Parish Council. Cllr. M Elsbury agreed to survey and report back.

18/55 – THE EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk/RFO reported that a copy of council's accounts to the year ending 31st march 2018 had been circulated. An extension to the return date to the external auditor had been applied for and granted. Mr R Taylor had completed council's internal audit and a suitable gift had been given, and the relevant paperwork had been placed on the noticeboards and the website.

As the return date to the external auditor of the official paperwork expired between meetings the chairman and the clerk had made a decision to forward the returns on the due date and report/record at this meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that – Council's Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018. The Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 and The Accounting Statement 2017/18 had been completed correctly and should be so recorded.

18/56 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

There were no parishioners present, but attention to pot-holes and road markings throughout the parish were requested.

18/57 – SPEEDING AND DANGEROUS DRIVING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Cllr. R Hill reported on a recent road traffic accident between a tractor and a bus which had occurred just outside of his property, which in his opinion, could have been avoided if the vehicles were driving slower. He was also of the opinion that the 20 mph speed limit was very rarely adhered to or monitored by the police.

Following discussion it was agreed that the 20 mph speed limit was generally ignored and the police should be asked to monitor. There was also a query raised as whether the speed limit was advisory or compulsory, Cllr. R Hill agreed to investigate.

18/58 – BRISTOL AIRPORT EXPANSION CONSULTATION

Cllr. R Hill reported that he had attended the consultation at Bristol Airport only to be told on arrival that it had been cancelled. However he had acquired a hard copy consultation which is now in circulation. Initial observations are that the consultation does not include proposals for improved access to the airport, especially via the B3130.

18/59 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/01825/OUT – Mr T Budd – Outline application for the erection of one dwelling at ‘Broadoak Sidings’ – This application is actually within the parish boundary of Pensford with Publow. General comments were to re-iterate council’s previous comments on the two dwelling application. – A quality built dwelling in place of the ramshackle arrangement might be a good thing, however as the application is ‘outline’ any detail is not known at this stage. Also the ‘Green Belt’ regulations must be adhered to.

18/60 – REVIEW OF THE PARISH CEMETERY FEES

The clerk reported that council had always tried to keep their fees in line with those of Whitchurch Parish Council, they had been contacted and have not altered their fees for this year. At present council are spending £490 per year on maintenance and the last internment in the cemetery was in 2007.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to leave the fees as they are at present.

18/61 – CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Clerk & Councils Direct – May and July Issues – Circulated.

Filer’s Coaches – Notification that their monthly charge will increase by £5.00 per month from June 2018 to £30.00 per trip.

AED Locator – The free monitoring service of the defibrillator is due to cease on 30th June 2018, AED will provide the same service for £58.80 per annum, inclusive of VAT. Agreed to pay.

B&NES have advised that council will receive a CIL payment of £366.95 for the Twinway Farm development. Clerk reported that this has now been received.

B&NES have stated that following the review of subsidised bus services, the 672 service that serves the village will not change but there will be fare increases.

Bristol Water has forwarded a River Chew Restoration Plan in which levels will be altered and monitored – Circulated for information and comment.

18/62 – FINANCE REPORT AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The clerk/RFO reported that £6,000.00 had been switched between accounts to balance on 15th May 2018.

£58.00 had been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box.

£60.00 had been received as an Allotment Plot Rent.

Bank Statements at 27th June 2018 – Business A/C - £9,083.82. Community A/C - £6,562.27.

Cheques for signature:

J A Harvey	- Clerk's net salary (April to June)	- £ 1,322.40
HMRC	- Tax due on clerk's salary (April to June)	- £ 330.60
Filer's Coaches	- Surgery Coach (May £125), (June £120)	- £ 245.00
S Edwards	- 9 weeks Play Area weekly inspections	- £ 108.00
J B G Roscoe	- Plants for War memorial	- £ 49.00
S Edwards	- PROW Gate clearances (To end of June)	-£ 192.50
B&NES	- Play Area annual rent	-£ 250.00
D P M Lucas	- Play Area maintenance (£450), Allotment maintenance (£200)	-£ 650.00
AED Locator	- Defibrillator Monitoring System	-£ 58.80

Proposed: Cllr. J Swift, seconded: Cllr. M Naunton and agreed.

18/63 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7.30 pm.

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE

