

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr. M Elsbury (Chairman), Cllr. R Hill, Cllr. J Hudson, Cllr. J Swift, Cllr. D Winstone and Ward Cllr. K Warrington.

19/17 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. G Roscoe.

19/18 – CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

19/19 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business requested.

19/20 – MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD JANUARY 2019

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

19/21 – THE WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. K Warrington reported that following correspondence received and councillor's discussion it had been agreed that some cars will be exempt from charges in the Clean Air Zone proposed for the City of Bath.

The pending Council Tax charges will include a 2.9% increase, plus a 1% increase for Adult Care, plus Police charges and Council Precepts.

The new Community Libraries at Timsbury and Bishop Sutton are now up and running with many modern facilities incorporated.

A new Mobile Library will be introduced next year at a cost of £120,000, it will be smaller to enable easier access to villages and will include facilities for demonstrations and screen access.

Elections will be held on 2nd May 2019 for new Parish Councillors and Ward Councillors. The Parish of Stanton Drew will be moved from the Clutton Ward to the Chew Valley Ward for which two Ward Councillors can be elected.

19/22 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Cllr. J Swift stated that there was no update to report at this stage.

19/23 – ACTIONS AND UPDATES FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Play Area – Cllr. D Winstone reported that the new play equipment had now been installed and the minor repairs to the wood facias at the tunnels/bridges area would now commence. The clerk reported that council's insurers had been advised of the additional play equipment on site and

an additional insurance valuation of £10,000 would be added making the total insurance valuation of the site £49,805.72. The extra premium due to cover the additions is £48.16 but no pro rata amount is due as our policy only runs to 31st May 2019. However our premium for next year is estimated to be increased from £422.94 to £488.02.

During discussion on the play area, and in particular reference the valuation of the equipment on site, the question was asked as to whether council should consider asking B&NES Council if they would be prepared to sell the site to the parish council. It was agreed that the question should be asked.

The War Memorial site – Cllr. M Elsbury stated that there was no update to report at this stage.

The Finger Post Signs – A report and estimated costs to repair the four finger post signs had been received from Kelston Forge totalling £7,154.00. After discussion it was agreed to ask Kelston Forge to proceed with the repairs and to investigate sources of financial support.

The requested repairs to a footbridge on a PROW near Bromley Batch – It was reported that these repairs had been completed. This minute will now be removed.

The blocked PROW and Stile at Stanton Wick – The clerk reported that senior management of the B&NES PROW Department had been contacted suggesting a joint meeting of all concerned parties in an effort to resolve the problems but there had been no reply to date.

Cllr. K Warrington offered to make further contact with them.

The garage repairs at The Drive and Highfields – The clerk reported that there had been no progress from CURO since the last meeting.

Non completed road repairs – It was reported that the B&NES Council identified repairs had still not been completed.

Issues on the B3130 – Correspondence received by Cllr. R Hill from the B&NES Cabinet Minister for Transport and Highways had stated that speed restriction measures on the B3130 could be installed when finance permits but the installation of traffic lights in the Belluton Narrows area was highly unlikely due to the length of parking/waiting space and time divisions that would be required.

Lifeskills – Teach Child Safety – The clerk reported that the local Primary School do use the facility.

Planning decisions to date:

18/04747/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension at 3 Old Tarnwell – Permitted.

19/24 – AIRPORT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Cllr. R Hill suggested that it might be beneficial for council to become a member of the Airport Association especially following the recent planning application, and to receive all updates. It was agreed to ascertain more detail of what membership involves before deciding.

19/25 – PROVISION OF DOG WASTE BINS

Cllr. R Hill proposed that some dog waste bins and additional litter bins would be beneficial to the parish, especially following the recent anti-litter promotions. The clerk stated that at present all the litter bins in the parish have been provided by B&NES Council, dog waste can be deposited in them, and they are emptied by them. The last time council had asked B&NES Council for an additional litter bin the request had been refused by them as their policy at the time was trying to reduce the number of bins, and the cost to them would be in the region of £700 each to supply, install and provide the emptying service.

It is also understood, by the clerk at this stage, that if the parish council purchase additional bins they are responsible for the installation, the emptying and the insurance cover!

Following discussion it was generally agreed that some additions could be beneficial but clarification of the present B&NES Policy should be sought first. Cllr. R Hill agreed to pursue with B&NES Council and Cllr. K Warrington advised that Clutton Parish Council were at present reviewing their litter bins situation and may be a useful contact for information.

19/26 – LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING

Cllr. R Hill stated that there was to be a national week of litter picking, 22nd to 29th March 2019, and suggested that the parish could get involved. He also reported that he had held discussions with Mrs S Edwards, our resident, in house, chief litter picking organiser. It had been agreed to move our litter picking day to later in the year, for different reasons, but to also encourage parishioners to pick litter and deposit it in the bins on their walks throughout the parish.

19/27 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS

The Chair and Cllr. K Warrington reported that they had received additional comments reference the increase in lighting levels, and for longer periods of time, at the Sparkes site, with a suggestion that the planning conditions had not be adhered to.

The clerk stated that he had spoken to Mr R Stark about the complaints. He had stated that there were only two additional lights, both pointing towards the Tarnwell location, the lighting had been uprated to LED, and complied with the requirements. He had further stated that he invited anyone who wished to discuss the inferred problem to contact him.

19/28 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/00006/TCA – Mr C Seaton – Tree works in the Conservation Area at Rectory Farm House – Council had no objections and support – Subsequently permitted.

19/00569/FUL – Mr & Mrs Osborne – Single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory and part lean-to. Erection of single storey front extension. Conversion of garage to living space with ground floor study and first floor bedroom to include raising roof and installation of two dormer windows at Chalfont Lodge – Council had no objections and support.

19/00760/FUL – Erection of pitched roof garage following demolition of existing garage at Green Acres – Council had no objections and support.

19/00815/FUL – Mr & Mrs Aitken – Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension at The Leas – Council had no objections and support.

19/00873/FUL – Mr & Mrs Thomas – Erection of new dwelling and garage including parking and provision for host dwelling at 53 Highfields – No comments to date, application is in circulation.

19/29 – CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

A request to rent an allotment plot has been received, there is one plot available, but there was also an enquiry received some months ago for plot availability reference the intention to provide a plot for the local play-group. To date there has been no further communication from this source. Cllr. J Swift agreed to ascertain if the source is still interested in renting the plot so that the situation can be progressed.

It was reported that council's comments reference the Bristol Airport Planning Application has been forwarded. General concerns included increase in traffic using the B3130, increase in noise, possible pollution, environment, greenspace and a request that a solution to the obvious increase in local traffic should be addressed first.

Confirmation of council's precept request and confirmation that the £17,500 will be paid in two halves, April and October 2019.

Chew Valley Area Forum Meeting – 25th February 2019.

Parishes Liaison Meeting – 6th March 2019.

19/30 – FINANCE REPORT AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The clerk reported that a cheque had been paid to Mr P Edwards between meetings for Neighbourhood Plan Drop Box Fee - £79.00 and Web Hosting - £24.00 totalling £103.00.

£50.00 had been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box.

£420.00 had been received to date for 8 Allotment Plot rentals; there are 5 plots rents still awaited.

Bank Statements at 29th January 2019

Business A/C - £11,844.61, Community A/C - £1,721.97.

Cheques for signature

Filer's Coaches	- Surgery Coach – (Jan £120), (Feb £120)	- £	240.00
M Sherborne	- Cemetery Maintenance – (Oct to Mar)	-	245.00
J A Harvey	- Clerk's net salary (Jan, Feb, Mar)	-	1,322.40
HMRC	- Tax due on clerk's salary (Jan, Feb, Mar)	-	330.60
S Edwards	- 12 weeks weekly play area inspections	-	144.00
Lifeskills	- Donation – Young children's training	-	75.00

Proposed: Cllr. J Swift, seconded: Cllr. R Hill and agreed.

19/31 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2019 – Parish Annual Meeting/Council's Annual /Parish Council Meeting.

Two items were discussed IN CAMERA after the main meeting:

19/32 – TENDERS FOR PARISH COUNCIL WORK – 2019/2020

19/33 – ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CLERK’S SALARY

The clerk left the meeting whilst this minute was discussed.

It was agreed to increase the clerk’s annual gross salary in line with the budgeted proposal.

The clerk expressed his grateful thanks and reiterated his intention to retire as soon as a replacement can be found.

----- CHAIRMAN ----- DATE