

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2021 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE**

**Present: Chairman: Mrs L Richardson Vice Chairman: Mr J Hudson
Mr I Batchelor, Mrs J Tibbs, Mr R Hill, Cllr K Warrington. Clerk Mrs J Bragg
There was one member of the public present.**

Everyone was welcomed to the Parish Council Meeting. A minutes Silence was undertaken to remember Mr John Swift who served on the Parish Council for more than thirty years.

1. Public Participation: Gateway: Member of public raised concern regarding the ground at a Kissing Gate which has eroded creating a step up/down which is very slippery. Member of Public reported that Kissing Gates in Pensford although in a good state have been replaced with new ones, they hoped that Stanton Drew were not planning to also replace perfectly serviceable gates.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr M Jones & Mr N Pushman

3. To receive notification of any Members' personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the Agenda. There were no interests to declare.

4. To confirm the Minutes of a Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021: After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (JT) and seconded (JH) as a true and accurate record.

5. To receive an update on District Matters from Ward Cllr Warrington: An update was given on the Councils Budget situation, donations to the council in addition to Council Tax Payments had not been as high as expected. An update was given regarding Virgin Care.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Remembrance Sunday Summary: The Remembrance Service went really well with lots attending. There is a nice write up in the Mendip Times. Clerk will look into a road closure for next year. Thanks were again extended to Mr N Pushman for Project Managing the works.

b) Allotments: A meeting had been undertaken and the Tenancy Agreement Signed with the Landowners. It was agreed that Allotment Rental would stay the same between the Parish Council and the Owners.

A meeting will now be arranged with the Allotment Tenants to issue the new contracts. The Parish Council agreed that the rent for the Allotment tenants will remain the same. A padlock will be put on the gate with a code to access. The initial maintenance and clearing needed will be undertaken by the Parish Council. Allotment Tenants will then be responsible for maintaining their boundary. Ideas suggested for the future are a Noticeboard for the Allotments. An award at the Flower Show for the Best Kept Allotment.

c) Stukeley 300 Update: The date of the event is the weekend of Saturday 22nd July & Sunday 23rd July 2023. A Zoom meeting had been held. Practicalities and suggestions for the days were discussed. Parking, Toilets and the possibility of Disabled Access to the Stone Circle being among them.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Surgery Bus: There was no update due to absence.

b) Budget 22/23: The Budget had been circulated. There were no queries raised. Figures remain similar to last year. The B&NES Tax Base figure is awaited to enable the setting of the Precept. An increase in Insurance is anticipated due to the War Memorial increase. The Budget will be agreed in January along with the setting of the Precept.

c) Bench Location: After consideration the Parish Council were unable to offer suggestions for a suitable location.

d) Tenders: Tender invitations will be advertised by the Clerk as per last year. The Parish Councils Standing Orders now state that a Tender can be for 1,2, or 3 years. All agreed for the Clerk to proceed with this.

e) Parish Councils response to W of E A37 Survey: Parish Council agreed for Mr Batchelor to draft a reply.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Parish Noticeboard: Delivery still awaited.

War Memorial: Clerk received an e.mail from Chew Stoke Parish Council. Asking where our Memorial Came from and an idea of the Cost as they would like to have something similar in the Rectory Field in Chew Stoke. Clerk has replied to say that it is very Bespoke to Stanton Drew. Also in relation to cost that time and materials were donated which did keep the costs down.

Bristol Airport: The Parish Council have been sent an invitation to attend a Christmas Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Event at Bristol Airport.

Garden Waste Recycling: Wednesday 17th November many residents in Stanton Drew at Upper Stanton and the Crescent had their Garden Waste Recycling missed.

Stanton Drew Bromley road Drainage Works: Details of the drainage works proposed to start on 24th January 2022 had been circulated. Currently there are test holes being dug. Details have been sent to be put into the Parish Magazine. Clerk will add details to the noticeboards. Access arrangements will be confirmed with the Officer in charge.

Richard Jones Foundation: The Parish Magazine has been contacted and requested that the contact names are changed to Jenny & Julie for contact. A meeting was held on 25th October - discussed applications for grants received, only one for Stanton Drew Village - which was for education equipment for the School. It was discussed and confirmed that £25 each is to be given to 4 people at Christmas living in the Parish of Stanton Drew that are classed as underprivileged. Jenny & Julie discussed further and agreed on whom would receive the Christmas Gifts. The next Meeting is in April 2022

Chew Valley forum Meeting: The Forum Meeting took place on 23rd November. Details of the meeting can be found on the Council's YouTube Channel here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxMQP2XYSjk>. **Winter Pressures:** The main topic of the meeting was the winter pressures being faced by the council and local health services. The Forum received a presentation from Council Cabinet Members Cllr Dine Romero and Cllr David Wood; Chief Executive, Will Godfrey and Director of Public Health, Becky Reynolds. Also, the BANES, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Chief Operating Officer, Corinne Edwards and Director of Nursing & Quality, Gill May.

Light Pollution: Clerk received a complaint from a Parishioner regarding Light Nuisance from a neighbouring properties garden. Clerk advised that this is not something that the Parish Council would get involve with, it would be a B&NES Environmental issue.

Mobile Covid Testing: Clerk has circulated details of where and when the Mobile Testing Unit will be. The closest will be Thursday 16th December when it visits the Pelican Car Park Chew Magna and the Red Lion Bishop Sutton.

Play Area: Regarding the concern about the oak trees all along the lane at the side of the Play Area and the fact that they all have ivy growing nearly to the top of them. Clerk has enquired and the Ivy is not detrimental to the trees. Ivy only pulls down older dying /dead trees and recommendation would be not to remove the ivy. Also Ivy is home, and security for many small birds such as tree creepers, and the nectar from the flowers is great for insects

in October, with berries available for eating (for birds and others) in the early new year when not much else is around.

Correspondence: Clerk circulated details of the WECA Consultation with local residents about subsidized bus routes. This consultation ended on November 28th.

<https://consultation.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/infrastructure/west-of-england-supported-bus-services-survey/>

A Grant Application has been received from Midsomer Norton Dial A Ride. This will be added to the January Agenda for consideration.

Details of Free Fraud Webinars have been circulated. They are organised by Avon & Somerset Police.

b) Report on Councillor Training: There was no report due to absence.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: 21/05074/FUL Chalfont Lodge Stanton Wick Lane. Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor extension over garage, enlargement of porch, replacement of two dormer windows with large dormers with Juliet balconies and new detached garage. Parish Council Support following Site Visit.

21/05128FUL Greenlands Stanton Road Stanton Drew. Erection of commercial mechanics workshop and extension to existing mechanics building (Resubmission). Parish Council Support following Site Visit.

Planning Outcomes Received: 21/0452PIP Land South of 2 The Orchard Stanton Drew. Development of 2-3 dwellings with associated access, drainage and hard/soft landscape Works. **REFUSED**

10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00

Mrs J Bragg	Salary	717.67
N Pushman	Reimbursement for Remembrance Tankards	200.00
N Pushman	Reimbursement for Remembrance Bugler	100.00
B&NES	Rent for Play Area	500.00
Filers Coaches	Surgery Bus – October & November	270.00

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Imprest Use of Home as Office	42.34
HMRC	Clerk NI & Tax	46.72
British Legion	Donation to Poppy Wreaths	50.00
ALCA	Councillor Training MJ & NP	80.00
Mrs L Richardson	Remembrance Sunday Refreshments	30.38

Receipts to note:

Member of Public	Poppy Print	50.00
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11. Items of Report to carry forward to the next Meeting: Tenders, Budget & Precept, Allotments, Surgery Bus.

**12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday 4th January 2022**