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**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2023 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE**

Present: Chairman: Mrs L Richardson.

Mr I Batchelor, Mrs J Tibbs, Mr N Pushman, Mr R Hill. Cllr K Warrington.

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg. There was one member of the public present.

1. Public Participation: Member of public raised concerns regarding the landslides along the Causeway, reporting that trees were cut down some 15 years ago, since then the land slippage has occurred. It was asked if Village Trees can be surveyed in some way and be protected for the future. Also could there be an option for re-planting trees.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr J Hudson & Mr M Jones

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

4. To confirm the Minutes of a Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

The minutes were corrected Item b) wording changed from Fairs to Donations. They were proposed (JT) and seconded (IB) and signed as a true and correct record.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor: Updates were given on the Budget. The TRO for the B3130 has been delayed until May/June. Road resurfacing is to go ahead for Upper Stanton Drew. A reminder was given regarding the need to show ID when voting at Elections. Details how to obtain ID will be on the Parish Council Web Site. ID can also be obtained at the One Stop Shops.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Chew Valley Forum – Presentation:

Mrs Richardson and Mr Batchelor attended the Forum Meeting. The Parish Council were then shown the presentation on Demand Responsive Travel which is due to launch 3rd April 2023.

b) Community Bus: It was proposed unanimously to end the support of the Community Bus with effect from 31st March 2023. Parish Council will promote the new Demand Responsive Travel. Clerk to write to the Bus Operator. Clerk & Chairman will finalise the accounts.

c) Play Area: Repairs were required to the Play Tower Roof, this has been completed.

d) Stukeley 300 Update: The next meeting takes place on 8th March 2023.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Defibrillator: Proposed to allocate £500.00 if there is a surplus from the 2023-24 Budget and add in £500.00 for the budget the year after in order to purchase a new Defibrillator.

8. Reports: a) Chew Valley Forum: Clerk had circulated the notes from the Meeting.

b) Clerks Update Report: Resurfacing Upper Stanton: Details have been circulated to all Parish Councillors/Parish Magazine regarding the proposed works in April. Resident letters have been sent out by B&NES. Advance warning signs will be put up 2 weeks in advance of works starting. No parking signs have gone up already. B&NES are aware of the land slip and report that works to manage this are being planned, therefore the resurfacing of this part will possibly be omitted and then revisited at a later date.

Fix My Street Issues: A black bag of gas canisters was reported to B&NES. It was dumped behind the litter bin by the Primary School.

Litter along the B3130 from Stanton Drew to Chew Magna was reported.

Parish Precept: Clerk has received confirmation for the Precept request.

Setting the precept for 2023/24 at £18,936.00. The first payment of £9,468.00 will be on or around 3rd April 2023, and a second payment of £9,468.00 on or around 2nd October 2023.

May Elections: An online briefing is set for the 14th March, Parish Councillors have been sent the link to join. It was agreed to arrange to have Election Papers printed locally.

Stukeley 300: The next meeting takes place Wednesday 8th March 2023 and will be held in the Village Hall.

The Cove Sign: The Cove Sign opposite the pub has been broken and leaning on the wall for a good while. A parishioner has asked if it can be reported. Clerk has reported this to English Heritage before but has raised the issue again.

Parish Cemetery: Clerk has been asked by a local funeral director for the cost of a double plot in the Cemetery.

NPPF Consultation: A very detailed response has been put together and submitted.

Bridge by Brook Cottage Pensford Lane: A report was made to B&NES Structures regarding the condition of the Bridge. B&NES agree the structure does need some attention, some stone resetting and repointing in lime mortar. It will be added to the list of works for the contractor. B&NES report a backlog of work but hope to carry out these works in the next couple of months when the temperature has risen slightly and the lime mortar will stand a better chance to cure.

Trees by the Play Area: Clerk received an enquiry from a parishioner regarding the Oak Trees which run along the hedgeline of the road side of the Play Area. The concern is that the trees are covered in ivy and the trees may not survive. The question was asked if there is a budget to remove the ivy from the trees to keep them healthy. Clerk responded to say that we have asked this question before and the advice from a local gardener is that the ivy should not be removed. It will only pull down older or dying/dead trees and it is home for many small birds and great for insects in October with berries available for eating for birds etc in the early new year when nothing much else is around. It is only if the tree does look diseased then that is a health & safety issue & the tree should be felled.

Bike ability Courses: Clerk has received dates from the Bikeability Team at B&NES for courses running through the Easter Holidays to learn to ride a bike. Details have been forwarded to the Parish Magazine.

Public Rights of Way: Parish Council welcomed the support of another Parishioner to help the PROW Team. The Tender application already agreed remains the same.

Meeting re Planning Applications: Following practical issues relating to Planning Applications being raised at a recent Liaison meeting there has been arranged an opportunity to give parishes to take part in a follow up meeting to discuss these in more detail. The meeting will be taking place **online on Friday 17 March at 10am for an hour**. Chairman will attend. Clerk has responded to register interest.

Play Area: No update on the Asset Transfer.

Planning: Planning application Greystones 23/00309 A site visit was made. The proposed building sits neatly between the boundary hedge and existing dwelling and does not overlook adjacent properties. The overall height of proposed building is at eaves level of main dwelling, roofing materials match existing and cedar wood cladding. Clerk submitted the Parish Councils support to this application.

Planning: Following an e.mail sent to the Case officer dealing with the Planning Application 22/02212/FUL to ask if the pre-commencement conditions in the Construction Management Plan were signed off, Clerk sent photographs of works to date. B&NES responded to report that they have confirmation that works carried out are in relation to the ground work investigation only, required to discharge the pre-commencement condition. B&NES note that the scout hut has almost gone, however, whilst this could be considered as commencement, they are of the view that as the demolition of the hut was not within the description of development, and as its demolition in its own would not require planning permission, it is considered that development of the permission has not commenced. The applicant is looking to submit the findings to be able to discharge the pre-commencement condition soon.

Footpaths: The Parish Council have received notification of the proposal to close footpaths

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS CL17/32 AND CL17/38 due to works being carried out on the Viaduct. CL17/32 works will be directly under the Viaduct and are anticipated to be completed between 10th April and 28th April 2023. CL18/38 works will be directly under the viaduct and 10 metres either side between 1st May – 19th May.

There will also be a road closure in Stanton Lane, West of Guys Farm between 5th June & 23rd June, The road and footpaths will only be restricted as and when traffic signs are in position and may not be affected for the whole period.

B&NES Information: ALCA Meeting: The next ALCA Meeting takes place on Wednesday 15th March 2023 where they will be discussing changes to Transport.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received:

Planning Outcomes Received: 22/03529/FUL Brook Cottage Pensford Lane. Proposed two storey side extension. PERMIT

10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00 Proposed (JT) Seconded (RH)

Mrs J Bragg	Salary	740.60
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Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.99
Mrs J Bragg	Defibrillator Cable	56.05
HMRC	Clerk & Tax	53.59
Filers	February Bus	120.00
Mrs S Cran	Allotment Land Rental Year 2022	400.00
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Receipts to note:

Allotment Rents	Rentals Received	480.00
Hall Committee	Poppy Print	50.00

11. Items of Report to carry forward to the next Meeting: Kings Coronation, Annual Parish Meeting, Elections.

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday 4th April 2023