

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 2023 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE**

Present: Chairman: Mr J Hudson Vice-Chairman: Mrs L Richardson

Mr I Batchelor, Mr G Lewis, Mrs S Cran, Mr M Jones. Cllr David

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg. Mr R Gibson, Mr N Hiscox

1. Public Participation: Representation was made in relation to Planning Application **23/02236/OUT** Halfway Farm Stanton Road. Outline application for the demolition of the existing farm buildings and farmhouse and replace with 5 new dwellings, all matters reserved (Resubmission). The Parish Council made the decision to support this application.

2. Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies to note.

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 the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 6th June 2023: After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (SC) and seconded (IB) and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding: Updates were given about the Westlink Travel Service. The upcoming Road Closures in Chew Magna were noted.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Allotments: Lots of clearing work has been undertaken and a controlled bonfire was held.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Bridge by Brook Cottage: The bowing of the stonework following recent flooding was reported to B&NES who subsequently attended to carry out repairs. The Parish Council are not happy with the work undertaken. Clerk will contact the Structures Department at B&NES for further help. The Bridge is listed as a Community Asset in the Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Local Greenspace Review: A group of Parish Councillors undertook the task of looking at the Local Green Space review and another consultation regarding areas for nature sites. This resulted in a few areas the Parish Council felt were missing. One significant one being a stretch of land along a brook that feeds into the River Chew which is a very well established green corridor and the Parish Council understand it is a core network connection from the Folly Farm area to the river chew following the path of the brook. B&NES will be requested to look at this and designate accordingly.

c) Cemetery Bench: To be progressed.

d) Accounts: All in hand.

e) Parish Council Vacancy: Clerk will arrange advertising the Vacant Seat on the Parish Council.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: The Causeway Upper Stanton: Response from B&NES: Our term highways contractor 'Volkerhighways' have been working with a specialist contractor on a slope stabilisation scheme. We are currently in discussions regarding the investigations and the likely cost for the whole scheme. It is anticipated that we may be able to make a start towards the end of this financial year, but the main works will be in 2024 as we will need to incorporate the scheme in next year's capital budget for funding.

Bromley Road: A parishioner raised a concern with the Clerk regarding the Concrete "Gatepost" type posts which have been put up at the entrance to Curls Farm recently, they are solid posts and quite dark in colour and could possibly cause injury or damage to those not seeing them. They are located at the very edge of the Highway. Clerk has raised this with Highways.

Fix My Street Issues: The 20mph sign just past the Orchard in Stanton Wick Lane was reported as needing repairs. It has now been reported to the contractor to deal with.

The Cove Sign: Repairs to The Cove Sign are awaited. It was suggested that a Parishioner is asked to help with the repainting of the sign in time for the Stukeley event in July. A new hole will need to be dug to enable putting the sign back up.

Play Area: Weekly inspections continue to be undertaken.

The Footpath sign at the exit of the Play Area is broken and has been reported to PROW.

Concerns regarding the entrance to the Play Area was raised by PROW officer as the entrance has a section of broken wire fencing fouling the entrance. Clerk has sent a picture to Vice-Chairman to take a look.

Public Rights of Way: Extensive work has been carried out by PROW Officer (Ed Field), It has been established there are 163 Gates/Stiles and 11 Footbridges in the Parish. A footbridge behind Curls Farm has been discovered which has possibly not been maintained for some 8 years. This has now been cleared and is now accessible.

We now have a contact at B&NES (Eddie Proctor) who will be taking over from Sheila Petherbridge from 10th July 2023.

Footpath adjacent to Bromley Mount: Clerk reported to PROW a device which has been placed within the woodland section of the footpath to the side of Bromley mount. the speaker and light which has been placed by this footpath. PROW are unable to do anything about it as it is not causing an obstruction.

Stukeley 300: A meeting took place on 14th June 2023, WI & Rotary have all in hand. Stalls in hand. Finance update given. A grant has been received from the PPSCOT for £420 towards printing. Decorations for the hall were discussed. English Heritage have agreed for a drone flight. Saturday 22nd July – speakers in place. Sunday 23rd July talks will be bookable on the day. Free admission with donations invited. Tour times were agreed. More publicity is to be completed. Next meeting is Tuesday 11th July at 11.30am

Parish Liaison Meeting: A meeting is scheduled for 19th July at 6pm

Chew Valley Forum Meeting: The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 12 July at 6pm.

Bristol Airport Consultative Committee: No representative to offer from Parish Council.

Correspondence:

Recycling & Waste Collections: Some collections in Stanton Drew were interrupted due to staffing issues. B&NES hoped to re-visit missed collections on the next working day.

Avon & Somerset Constabulary: Police are urging anyone who receives a call or message from somebody claiming to be from a trusted organisation and who suggests money should be transferred to hang up and dial 159. 159 is a short-code phone service that connects people safely to their bank's fraud prevention service. A copy of this has been sent for inclusion in the Parish Magazine.

Bath & North East Somerset Resilience Day: Takes place on 28th September 2023. Parish Councils are invited to attend.

Somer Valley Links project: Public consultation: Began on Monday 26 June 2023.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: 23/02236/OUT Halfway Farm Stanton Road. Outline application for the demolition of the existing farm buildings and farmhouse and replace with 5 new dwellings, all matters reserved (Resubmission)

23/02189/TCA The Cottage Church Lane Stanton Drew T1 - Prunus avium - crown reduce by 1m all around (to leave height of 7m and radial spread of 4m) and thin out by 10% to allow more light in underneath the tree.

T2 - Quercus rubra - crown thin by 10% to allow light through crown. Reduce lower west facing lateral branch over road by 2m to leave height of 14m and radial spread of 6m - due to extensive weight on branch over road. T3 - Liriodendron tulipifera - fell. T4 - Laburnum alpinum - fell. Parish Council Support.

Planning Outcomes Received: None to note

10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00

Mrs J Bragg	Salary	740.80
Donation	Parish Magazine	100.00
Property Services	B&NES Yearly rental of Play Area Land	250.00
PCC	Donation to Parish Magazine	100.00
E Field	Public Rights of Way	803.89

Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	32.00
HMRC	Clerk & Tax	53.59

Receipts to note:

B&NES	Parish Agency Agreement PROW	934.12
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11. Items of Report to carry forward to the next Meeting: Cemetery Bench, Financial, Planning.

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday 8th August 2023 – Due to Holidays this will be a short meeting just discussing those subjects brought forward.