

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th February 2024 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE
TO ALL PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Present: Chairman: Mr J Hudson Vice chairman: Mrs L Richardson.

Mr I Batchelor, Mr G Lewis, Mr M Jones. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

Member of the Public: Mr D Marchant.

1. Public Participation: Mr Marchant addressed the Parish Council with a view to joining the Parish Council.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs S Cran & Ward Councillor D Harding.

3. To receive notification of any Members' personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the Agenda. None to note.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024: After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (IB) and seconded (LR) as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding: An update had been received and circulated. Updates included B&NES Preliminary Budget. SEND, SEND Transport & Social Care have had a big increase in needs. Maximum Council Tax rises and social care precept 4.99% rise. Mobile Library services will be unaffected.
5 Liveable Neighbourhoods in Bath have been given the go-ahead.
Highways Maintenance Policy: Is currently being revised.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Allotments: Clerk to update Parish Council on rentals once the bank statements are received.

b) Play Area: A response is still awaited from GB Sports regarding advice on signage for the Play Area. Cars which had been parked in the Play Area Car Park had now been removed. The inspection report had been circulated with a list of jobs to be completed.

c) Nature Designations in Stanton Drew: Clerk had e.mailed the Principal Ecologist to progress this. No response to date.

d) Nominee for Chelwood Rotary Community Award: Nominee suggested and agreed. Clerk to submit.

e) Tenders Received: Tenders were received and accepted for the cutting of the Outside Hedge at the Play Area. The Cutting and Strimming of the Play Area. In respect of the Internal hedge trimming at the play area there were no tenders received.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Public Rights of Way Officer Vacancy: Suggested to contact the Ramblers Association. Also advertise the Vacancy in the Parish Magazine.

b) Proposed Speed Limits on B3130 Consultation: B&NES will be thanked for the Consultation. The Parish Council welcome the speed reductions, but are disappointed that the speed by the round house will only be reduced to 40mph.

c) Parish Councillor Vacancy: Confirmation has been received from the Election Office that the Parish Council can now co-opt a new Parish Council Member. Clerk to add this to the March Agenda.

d) To set dates for Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting Dates: It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM on Tuesday May 7th. The meeting will start at 7pm.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Clerks Pension: Further advice to be obtained and agreed at the March meeting. Clerk to meet with Chairman and Vice-Chairman before the March meeting to discuss.

Public Rights of Way: Although a follow up e.mail has been sent a response is still awaited from the PROW regarding the Kissing Gate entrance to the Play Area.

Clean & Green: Clerk e.mailed with the suggestion of clearing leaves from drain surfaces. Parish Councils have been informed that there will be no further Clean and Green weeks planned due to financial pressures. Parishes are being encouraged to report issues via Fix My Street.

Parish Precept Requirements Form: Form submitted to B&NES.

Parish Councillor Vacancy: Contact made with Elections Officer for the poster to advertise the vacancy. Clerk was informed that the Parish Council can go ahead and co-opt.

Bridge at Brook Cottage: Ongoing as the officer dealing with this has now retired. Clerk is awaiting a response from another Structures Inspector for dates to arrange a site visit.

The Causeway Upper Stanton Drew: Clerk has been informed that the Stabilisation work has been funded in the 2024/25 Capital programme. Once a definitive timescale is known, B&NES will be back in touch.

Richard Jones Foundation: The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 10th April 2024. Advert has gone in the Parish Magazine. No applications received by the Trustees to date.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: No applications received.

Planning Outcomes Received: None to note

10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00 Proposed (IB) Seconded (LR)

Mrs J Bragg	Salary (SCP 21)	830.66
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Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	24.03
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Receipts to note:

Allotment Rental Summary (Awaiting Bank Statement)

11. Items to carry forward to next meeting. Co-option of Parish Councillor, Insurance Policy, Allotments, Play Area.

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday 5th March 2024