

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 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 G Lewis, Mr I Batchelor, Mrs S Cran, Mr M Jones. Cllr D Harding.

Mr D Marchant. Clerk: Mrs J Bragg

1. Public Participation: There were no members of the public present.

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: No interests to note.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 6th February 2024: After being circulated and read the Minutes were proposed (IB) & seconded (MJ) and duly signed as a true and accurate record.

5. To co-opt new Councillor Mr D Marchant: Mr Marchant was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Proposed (LR) & Seconded (JH)

6. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding: Budget: BANES set their Budget for 2024/25. Big problems with inflation and social care costs. Council tax covers only approx 1/3rd of revenue spend. And none of capital spend. Bath Heritage assets have contributed over £10M to budget. £5.8M more allocated to social care. Department of Transport grants static despite greatly increased costs, but B&NES have increased money for potholes, and 4x increase for pavement repairs. Transport Improvement Programme (roads etc) has been increased, partly paid for by money raised from Bath Clean Air Zone. Over 50% of TIP budget spent in NES.

Clean and Green: Clean and Green Weeks have ceased as this was delivered by external contractors, to a cost of approx £1m. But they have put more money into regular Clean and Green teams to provide same overall capacity and saved £250k. Encouragement is to use the Fix My Street for reporting.

Environment: Nature Action Plan. Ways for Parishes to identify existing natural assets and how to develop them. Advice from stuart.gardner@bathnes.

Local Plan: Sets planning direction until 2040. BANES Local Plan Consultation : Chew Valley meeting now arranged- in person with Cabinet lead and an officer. 21st March. Thursday. 7pm. Compton Martin Village Hall. District wide consultation ends 8th April.

7. To receive updates on current matters: a) Allotments: Three allotment rentals remain outstanding. It was reported that a Plum Tree on site has Silver Leaf Disease and should be removed as soon as possible.

b) Play Area: No progress had been made regarding repairs. It was agreed to progress with Signage. Sticker for the Goal Posts were suggested to ask users not to swing on the bars.

Ward Councillor will follow up the Community Asset Transfer but explained the Policy is still being prepared.

c) The Causeway – Upper Stanton Drew: Clerk had circulated details regarding the future closurers and when they are expected. The Parish Council will ask for some dates for the Village Consultation and then arrange to circulate details.

d) Clerks Pension - Chairman and Vice chair to sign for a Direct Debit relating to pension payment. The Parish Council agreed to a Dual Signature Direct Debit for the Clerks Pension. The enrolment date will start at 1st April 2024.

8. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Local Plan Options: Chairman & Vice-Chairman consulted the Local Plan Options. Vice Chairman circulated details.

b) Flooding: The Culvert by Brook Cottage had been reported. Parish Council agreed this needs fixing prior to works on the Causeway. It was suggested at the recent Chew Valley Forum Meeting to set up a Live App where flooded roads can be added.

9. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Nominee for Chelwood Rotary Community

Award: The nominee submission was submitted.

Play Area: Jobs to be undertaken when weather allows.

Defibrillator Pads: The Pads for the Defibrillator at the Carpenters are due to expire, the spare set purchased by the Parish Council are in date until October 2024. Clerk to add the purchase of new pads to the April Agenda for agreement.

Public Rights of Way: Clerk has received an enquiry regarding the Footpaths Officer position. Although another follow up e.mail has been sent a response is still awaited from the PROW regarding the Kissing Gate entrance to the Play Area.

Bridge at Brook Cottage: As reported in February the officer dealing with this has now retired a response is still awaited from the new Structures Inspector for dates to arrange a site visit. A report was added to Fix My Street regarding the blocked Culvert.

Flood by Brook Cottage: This was reported by a member of the public via Fix My Street. The report on 1st March is that B&NES have looked at the issue and included it in an existing programme of work. Car parts left in a gateway near the flood have also been reported via Fix my Street.

The Cove Sign: The refurbished Cove Sign was put up on 12th February 2024.

Portrait of HM The King: The Chief Executives Office at B&NES have offered all Parish Councils a Free Framed Portrait of HM The King. Clerk has successfully requested one.

Richard Jones Foundation: The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 10th April 2024.

WECA: Bus service changes across the WECA have been received and circulated amongst the Parish Council.

Nature Action Plan: Further information on how to produce a Nature Action Plan as a Parish Council has been received and circulated.

Chew Valley Forum Notes were received and circulated.

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

Planning Outcomes Received: 23/04764/FUL The Cottage Church Lane. Demolish and rebuild front boundary wall and raise height of front party boundary wall. PERMIT

23/04765/LBA The Cottage Church Lane. External alterations to demolish and rebuild front boundary wall and raise height of front party boundary wall. CONSENT

23/03817/FUL Fern Cottage Church Lane. Construction of new access/driveway, reconfigured stepped access path and the installation of E.V charging point. WITHDRAWN

23/03818/LBA Fern Cottage, Church Lane. External work to facilitate construction of new access/driveway, reconfigured stepped access path and the installation of E.V charging point. WITHDRAWN

It was suggested that EV Charging Points could be a good addition to the Parish.

Suggestion made to follow up with the Village Hall Committee.

11. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00 Proposed (SC) Seconded (IB)

Mrs J Bragg	Salary (SCP 21)	830.86
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Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.99
HMRC	Clerk NI & Tax	91.73

Receipts to note:

Allotment Rental Summary

12. Items to carry forward to next meeting. Parking at Causeway, Play Area, Parish Council Insurance, Local Plan Options Response, Defibrillator Pads.

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

Tuesday 2nd April 2024