

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE**

Present: Chairman: Mr J Hudson Vice Chairman: Mrs L Richardson
Mr G Lewis, Mr I Batchelor, Mrs S Cran, Mr D Marchant, Mr M Jones.

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

1. Public Participation: Member of the Public reported two road signs at The Crescent.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr D Harding.

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 5th March 2024. After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (SC) and seconded (IB) as being a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding. Updates were circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The Parish Council noted that the West of England Rural Fund had now closed. The Community Asset Transfer Policy is still in the process of being re-written and will take some time. The date for responses to the Local Plan had been extended to the 16th April 2024. Storm Overflow information was noted. A Good Neighbourhood Workshop will take place at the Millennium Hall, Chew Magna on Friday 10th May 10am-12pm.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Allotments: All plots looking vastly improved.

b) Insurance Comparison: Clerk had obtained a quote from Zurich. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman and Clerk will progress the Insurance. The renewal date being 1st June 2024.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Local Plan Options Response: The Parish Council agreed to respond to the Policy Options they saw most appropriate to the Parish. These were Rural Exception Sites: Community-led housing for rural exception sites: Renewable Energy Approach: Greenbelt. The response will be submitted by the Vice-Chairman.

b) To agree the purchase of a new set of Defibrillator Pads: Parish Council agreed for Clerk to purchase new Defibrillator pads from Defibrillator Warehouse at a cost of £120.00 + VAT for a double pack of pads.

c) Parking at The Causeway – Upper Stanton Drew: Parish Council agreed to seek advice from Highways regarding vehicles parking at the end of the Causeway causing possible access issues.

d) Parish Council Website – Purchase of an SSL Certificate: Parish Council agreed to the purchase of an SSL Certificate in order to keep the Web Site accessible.

e) Play Area Equipment: Ongoing issues with wooden equipment decaying were noted from the January Report. Parish Council agreed to send the report to B&NES.

It was noted that an offer of moving the Play Area to another part of the village had been made. It would be necessary to canvass the village to determine support or otherwise. Clerk will write to B&NES in the first instance.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report The Causeway Upper Stanton: The closure did not take place on W/C 25th March. B&NES reported that they are still determining dates with the contractor and once they have the resource in place and dates confirmed, they will write to residents with details (and inform the Parish Council). No updates received so far.

Nominee for Chelwood Rotary Community Award: Certificates for winners and nominees will be sent out this month.

Curo Works: An e.mail was received from CURO seeking a location for a welfare facility

and storage containers whilst works are carried out on approximately 50 of their properties in Stanton Drew.

Chew Valley Area Forum Working Group on Flooding: The first meeting will take place on Thursday, 4 April 11.30am – 1pm via Zoom. Clerk has circulated the agenda and joining details.

Flooding Upper Stanton: Flooding outside of Victoria Cottage was reported. Contractors have now completed their work by clearing the drains.

Public Rights of Way: Clerk has received an enquiry regarding the Footpaths Officer position.

Bridge at Brook Cottage: Another follow up e.mail has been sent to the new Structures Inspector (Simon Worlock) regarding repairs to the bridge. A site visit has been requested again.

Chew Valley Sprint: An open meeting to launch the membership for the new WESTlocal bus route starting in the Chew Valley on April 10th took place on 16th March. The X91 Chew Valley Sprint will operate Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) as a once a day return service.

Speed Limits on B3130: The Final Notice for the changes along a stretch of the B3130 was received and circulated.

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

Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting will take place on 26 June at 6.30pm and focus on the topic of Community Safety. There will be an additional Parish Liaison meeting on 17 July, 6.30pm.

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

Council Audit: Information for the Audit 2023-24 has been received. Clerk to finalise account details and arrange for Audit. The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) Form has to be submitted by 1st July 2024.

Nature Action Plan: Information on how to produce a Nature Action Plan as a Parish Council was received and circulated last month. Clerk has received details that the public consultation on the Local Nature Recovery Toolkit, which acts as the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for the region, is now live and can be accessed on a dedicated consultation web page.

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

Planning Outcomes Received: No Outcomes received.

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

Mrs J Bragg	Salary (SCP 21)	815.56
D Lucas	Cut & Strim Play Area 1 st Cut	120.00

Payments to be authorised:

Chew Valley Signs	Play Area Signage	54.00
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.99
HMRC	Clerk NI & Tax	91.53
GB Sport	Play Area Inspection – January	78.00

Receipts to note:

B&NES	1 st Part Precept	9847.00
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11. Items to carry forward to next meeting. Insurance, Play Area, Halfway Farm, Causeway Parking.

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

Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.00pm This will be the AGM & Annual meeting of the Parish Council.