

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2016 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr. J Chubb-Whittle (Chair), Cllr. M Elsbury, Cllr. J Hudson, Cllr. G Roscoe, Cllr. J Swift, Cllr. D Winstone and one parishioner.

16/45 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. M Naunton and Ward Cllr. K Warrington.

16/46 – CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

16/47 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There were no urgent business requests received.

16/48 – MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Draft Minutes, having been previously circulated to the parish councillors, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

16/49 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Cllr. J Chubb-Whittle provided an update. It was reported that two questionnaires had been circulated since the last parish council meeting – A Housing Needs Survey, to every household in the parish and A Business Survey, to all parishioners who run a business. There will be further surveys to follow which will cover – Transport and Movement, Environment, Landscape and Facilities. The results/comments will be compiled and analysed by an independent collator and will then be used to prepare the draft policies. An exhibition of the Design Statement Draft and all other relevant documentation will be available for inspection at the Village Flower Show to be held on 16th July 2016.

The clerk/RFO provided an up to date statement of the financial position of the Neighbourhood Plan Grant.

16/50 – STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL – STANDING ORDERS

The updated version of The Standing Orders, having been previously circulated to the parish councillors,, was agreed and adopted.

16/51 – ACTIONS AND UPDATES FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Re: The Play Area - It was reported that the sub group had carried out an inspection of the equipment and reported that no major repairs were required at present. Subsequent to that meeting the Annual Inspection had taken place and minor defects had been reported via the weekly play area inspections. These inspections had identified a rotting post at the tunnels/bridges area, and unravelling of tape and the incorrect height of the seat at the basket swing. It was agreed that these repairs would be actioned.

Re: The blocked stile and PROW at Stanton Wick – No progress to date.

Re: The War Memorial Site – Cllr. M Elsbury reported that a discussion point presentation will be on view at the forthcoming Flower Show, which will include a proposed model and updated names. Official ownership of the site is still being investigated.

Re: The Ward Councillor's Grant – No update available.

Re: The intensity of the Village Hall Carpark Light – It was reported that the Parish Hall Committee had stated that a permanent deflector would be designed, manufactured and fitted.

Re: The complaint reference the overhanging hedge near The Triangle – It was reported that the hedge had now been cutback. This minute will now be deleted.

Re: Planning decisions to date: -

16/01705/FUL – Erection of extensions and associated alterations to existing dwelling and erection of two storey carport/home office together with the creation of a new access following demolition of outbuilding at Eastwick Farm – Permitted.

16/01717/FUL – Change of use to facilitate extension of coach parking and turning area (resubmission) at The Coach Yard – Refused.

16/01827/FUL – Erection of new building/garage following demolition of existing garage at Greenhayes – Permitted.

16/02235/FUL – Erection of conservatory to rear at Brookfield – Permitted.

16/52 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new planning applications had been received.

16/53 – CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mr S Budd, who voluntarily maintains the Village Seat area, had asked if council would consider purchasing a small petrol mower to make the task easier as his own mower was too big for the area. He had also offered to store the mower, sharpen it and include it in his house insurance policy. After discussion it was agreed that council could not grant the request at present as budgets and precept requirements for this financial year had already been set and applied, and precedents for similar contractual work could be set. It was further agreed to make a donation towards the cost of the fuel being used.

The clerk reported that there had been a take-up of allotment plots since the last meeting. One vacant plot now remained which Mr A Spooner is maintaining.

The clerk reported that a Transparency Code Grant of £1,490.00 had been received from ALCA.

B&NES Highways had advised that works to the banks in The Narrows at Belluton would commence in September, they will take up to three months and will require road closures.

Chew Valley Area Forum Meeting – 7th July 2016.

B&NES ALCA Clerks Meeting – 17th June 2016 – Clerk attended.

B&NES Group of ALCA Meeting – 19th July 2016.

The Rotary Club Community Award – Advised that council's nominations for consideration, Mr J Swift, Mrs S Edwards and Mrs A Patch had not been successful on this occasion.

West Of England Rural Network AGM – 14th July 2016.

16/54 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS AND VIEWING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A councillor reported that he had been asked if Council could request the installation of a mirror to improve vision for drivers of vehicles trying to access the B3130 at The Toll House junction.

Although this request had been refused by B&NES Highways in the past it was agreed to ask again.

A parishioner asked if B&NES Highways could be requested to inspect the road surface on the B3130 towards Chew Magna where further accidents had resulted in overturned vehicles recently. In particular to inspect for; the alleged slippery surface, the flooding risk and the road camber on the particular corner. It was agreed that B&NES should be asked to inspect but also to inform Chew Magna Parish Council as the location was felt to be just inside their parish boundary.

16/55 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Cllr's J Chubb-Whittle and M Elsbury gave a report. CIL is an amount of money that developers have to pay to B&NES Council when they have been granted permission to build, usually large developments, in locations throughout B&NES Council. The money is then held in a fund and the areas/villages where the developments have been carried out are granted an amount of money to provide community assets that are, or will be, required as a result of the development.

An amount of the CIL monies is allocated to areas/villages, such as Stanton Drew, that are in The Greenbelt and are thus very unlikely to have any large developments within it, but are also entitled to apply for financial help for community projects.

Based on past parishioners requests, surveys and questionnaires, the joint chairs have consulted with B&NES Highways and Broadband service providers, and have formulated and forwarded claims for financial help to provide the nodes/boxes for improved broadband service throughout the parish, and for the installation of LED Warning Lights at the Stanton Wick Junction with the A368 and The Toll House junction with the B3130 to improve traffic speed calming.

16/56 – FINANCE REPORT AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The clerk/Responsible Financial Officer reported that cheques had been paid between meetings to: - Worcester Research – Survey work for the Neighbourhood Plan - £1,920.00.

Came & Company – Council's Annual Insurance Premium - £405.39.

(As agreed at the last meeting, council have agreed to enter into a three year agreement).

G Roscoe – Plants for the War Memorial site - £48.71.

£75.00 has been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box, having been donated in two months.

Cheques for signature: -

J A Harvey	- Clerk's Salary (April – June)	- £1,246.40
HMRC	- Tax on clerk's salary (April – June)	- £ 311.60
Filer's Coaches	- Surgery Coach (May £125) & (June £100)	- £ 225.00
S Edwards	- PROW Clearances (To end of June)	- £ 225.00
S Edwards	- Weekly Play Area Inspections (9 weeks)	- £ 108.00
B&NES Council	- Play Area Annual Rent	- £ 250.00

Proposed: Cllr. J Swift, seconded: Cllr. M Naunton, and agreed.

16/57 – DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Surgery – 4th August 2016 – 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

Parish Council – 1st September 2016 – 7.30 pm.

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE