

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 6TH JULY 2017 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr. M Elsbury (Chairman), Cllr. J Hudson, Cllr. M Naunton, Cllr. G Roscoe, Cllr. J Swift, Cllr. D Winstone, Ward Cllr. K Warrington and one parishioner.

17/52 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

17/53 – CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations received.

17/54 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business stated.

17/55 – MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY 2017

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

17/56 – THE WARD COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr. K Warrington reported that there had been a reshuffle of the Councillor Members of the Cabinet and she had been given the responsibility for ‘Policy & Transportation’ in the new Cabinet. She further reported that the Cabinet/Ward Councillors were still looking at ways to make savings and thus keep Council Taxes down. The release of finance to enable the Ward Councillors to provide their grants to the parish council’s was still awaited.

17/57 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Cllr. J Swift reported that there would be public consultations on the ‘Options Document’ to be held in the Parish Hall on 12th July – 7.00 to 9.00 pm. At the Flower Show on 15th July – 2.00 to 4.30 pm, and at the Big Breakfast on 16th July – 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. The document and the comments document can also be viewed on line at www.stantondrewpnp.co.uk until the end of August. Due to the size of the document and the potential printing costs it had been decided not to post it to every property in the parish.

17/58 – ACTIONS AND UPDATES FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Play Area – Following a report of damage to the ‘basket swing’ two councillors and the clerk had visited the site to assess the damage. Cllr. D Winstone had ‘made safe’ the area and removed sections of the swing pending a decision on how to proceed.

It was agreed that Cllr. D Winstone would purchase a replacement ‘cross beam’, Cllr. J Swift would purchase replacement ‘bolts’ and the repair would be carried out by the councillors as soon as possible.

Any other repair requirements would be attended to, if possible, at the same time. The clerk also stated that the annual inspection of the site was due to be carried out in June. As no report had been received to date it was not sure if the damage had been/will be reported by the inspectors.

The blocked PROW/stile at Stanton Wick – As the resolution of this problem can only be solved by B&NES and the landowner it was agreed that the clerk should ask B&NES again.

The War Memorial site – Cllr. M Elsbury reported that a reply reference the 'Land Registry' was still awaited. Cllr. K Warrington offered to make enquiries.

The Risk Assessments report – It was agreed that when the working party meets to carry out the repairs at the Play Area they will also attend to the items highlighted.

The provision of 'Broadband' – There had been no update received from 'Truespeed'.

'The Green' at The Circle in The Drive – As there had been no interest shown by parishioners/local residents in planting/creating a garden it was agreed not to continue with the initiative.

The garages at 'The Drive' and 'Highfields' – There had been no reply from 'CURO' to date reference the request for a refurbishment.

The Rotary Club Community Award – They had advised that council's nomination, Mrs Penny Cross, had been unsuccessful on this occasion.

A replacement Parish Councillor – B&NES had advised that initially the vacancy should be advertised.

Planning decisions to date

17/00145/FUL – Change of use of land, Parcel 3274, at Pensford Lane, to recreational use – Permitted.

17/00781/FUL – Erection of two detached houses and residential conversion and extension of industrial building into five dwellings at The Old Colliery site – No decision to date.

17/01121/FUL – Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing uninhabitable building at Copse Corner – Withdrawn.

17/01775/FUL – Creation of enlarged access with a new wall and increased car parking at The Parish Hall – Council supported, with reservations about the proposed large gravelled area – No decision to date.

17/59 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS AND VIEWING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no comments received.

17/60 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/01569/OUT – Mr T Budd – Erection of two dwellings at 'Broadoak Sidings' – Council believe that this location is within the Publow/Pensford Parish Boundary, it has been confirmed that they have also been informed. General comment is that if there is a chance of getting quality dwellings in

place of the current ramshackle arrangement then that might well be a good thing.

17/02384/FUL – Mr Young – Erection of roofed structure to cover existing silage pit at ‘Valley Farm’ – Council supported. Comments from a parishioner living close to the site reference possible screening of the site and potential smell from the silage which would now be unwrapped were noted.

17/02818/FUL – Mr T Cowman – Erection of double storey extension at ‘Copse Corner’ – Council supported – They considered that this application to be an improvement on the first application which was withdrawn. By retaining the original building the application fits in better with the setting of the adjacent buildings and the locality of the nearby stone circles site and conservation area.

17/61 – REVIEW OF THE PARISH CEMETERY FEES

The clerk reported that he had contacted Whitchurch Parish Council reference their fees, they have made some small increases. After discussions it was agreed to leave our fees as they are.

17/62 – CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

It was agreed to support the new Parish Charter, which had been circulated to all the councillors.

B&NES Group of ALCA AGM – 25th May 2017 – Clerk attended – Paperwork circulated.

The clerk and Mrs J Chubb-Whittle had attended a Neighbourhood Plan Workshop – 31st May 2017.

Parishes Liaison Meeting – 12th July 2017.

Council had been informed that Mr & Mrs A Strickland had entered an appeal against the refusal of planning permission at Box Bush – 16/05453/FUL.

The Pensford, Publow & The Stanton’s Community Trust had advised that following the resignation of Mrs J Chubb-Whittle as a parish councillor, council was entitled to elect a replacement trustee, normally the incumbent chair. Following discussion, the clerk would seek clarification on some points before a decision is made.

17/63 – FINANCE REPORT AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The clerk reported that £120 had been received as allotment plot rents. £101.55 had been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box and £5,000 had been transferred between accounts to balance.

Cheques for signature:

S Whittle	- Stanton Drew Parish Council Domain registration	- £	15.58
Filer’s Coaches	- Surgery Coach (May £125),(June £ 100)	- £	225.00
G Roscoe	- Plants – War Memorial site, etc	- £	48.86
D Lucas	- Play Area and Allotment site grass cutting	- £	480.00
S Edwards	- PROW Gates clearances	- £	242.50
J Harvey	- Clerk’s net salary (April – June)	- £	1,284.00

HMRC	- Tax on Clerk's salary (April – June)	- £ 321.00
S Edwards	- Play Area Weekly Inspections (9 weeks)	- £ 108.00
B&NES	- Annual Play Area Rent	- £ 250.00

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

17/64 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting – 7th September 2017 at 7.30 pm.

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ DATE