

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2025 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 M Jones, Mr D Marchant, Mr I Batchelor, Mr D Harding Ward Councillor.

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

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

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs S Cran.

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 3RD December 2024. After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (IB) and seconded (MJ) as being a true and accurate record.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding. A368 Speed Review: Following the consultation Speed Limits will be reduced to 40mph from Chelwood Roundabout, and 20mph through the village of Bishop Sutton.

Council Tax: There is likely to be a 4.99% rise in Council Tax.

English Devolution Bill 2024 consultation opened in December 2024. Parish Councils await further information.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Allotments: Clerk has e.mailed current tenants to establish who wishes to carry on with their plots prior to sending out the Allotment Tenancy Agreements and invoices for the current year. The Strimming of the entrance and pathways will be arranged. Noticeboard Costs will be looked into. Parish Council to make sure that the diseased Plum Tree has been removed from the site.

b) Play Area: The December Report had been circulated. Clerk to arrange a meeting with GB Sports who undertake the inspections.

c) Tenders: Tender forms are ready for circulation and advertising.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Budget 2025-2026 & set Precept: The Budget was circulated and discussed. The Tax Base figures were considered. It was agreed unanimously to reduce the Precept to £19372.00, meaning that a Band D property will therefore pay the same Council Tax as per last Financial Year.

b) Concerns regarding Stanton Court Nursing Home Wall: Concerns of safety were reported to the Parish Council regarding the large wall at the front of the Nursing Home. Parish Council agreed the Nursing Home should be informed. Clerk to report.

Grade II Listed Bridge: Parish Council noted that repairs are once again needed to the Bridge entering the Village. Clerk to inform the Structures Department at B&NES.

Bridge at Brook Cottage: Repair work is still needed to the Bridge by Brook Cottage. The Parish Council are not happy with the previous repairs carried out. Clerk to progress.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Training for Councillors: Clerk to follow this up.

The Causeway: No update received to date.

Award Nomination for Chelwood Rotary: Submission to be made before the end of January.

Richard Jones Foundation: Donations of £25 were made prior to Christmas. One card of thanks has been received from one of the recipients.

Litter Picking: An e.mail was received informing the Parish Council of the amount of Litter which has been collected from Martins Lea to Bromley Road, turning left and continuing along lane. Litter has also been collected from the Childrens Play Area gateway.

It was suggested that previously the Primary School Children used to undertake a

supervised Litter Pick. This will be followed up with the School. The Parish Council extended thanks to everyone who continues to Litter Pick around the area of where they live.

Play Area: Pictures were sent to the Clerk & duly circulated of cars parked in the Play Area recently.

Clerk wrote to Nick Plumley at B&NES regarding the Play Area and requested B&NES consideration of the Community Asset Transfer or a secured longer term lease to enable the Parish Council to positively replace some of the dilapidated equipment. No response back to date. Ward Councillor will support this request. Clerk to forward a copy of the e.mail.

Centre for Sustainable Energy: The Centre for Sustainable Energy have sent a poster to raise awareness of their advice service. Clerk will send to the Parish Magazine.

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance: The DSAA have e.mailed Clerk to ask if the Parish Council would like to host a clothing donation bank in the Parish. It was suggested that the details be sent to the Hall Committee for consideration.

B&NES Budget: Details of B&NES Budget Plans were circulated.

Strategic Investment Plan: Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body has launched the consultation for its Draft Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). The consultation runs from 20th December 2024 – 2nd February 2025. There is a webinar on Thursday 16th January & Friday 17th January. Clerk has circulated details.

Public Rights of Way: A wooden bridge on a footpath at the bottom of Tarnwell, leading to Kelston Sparkes has woodwork deteriorating. Clerk to report.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: None to note.

Planning Outcomes Received: 24/02722/ADCOU Barn Opposite Rose Cottage, Stanton Wick Lane. Prior approval request for existing barn to be retained and converted into a 1 bedroom dwelling. APPROVE

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

Mrs J Bragg	Salary Including Backpay to April 2024	1084.48
HMRC	Clerk & Tax	238.21

Payments to be authorised:

G B Sport & Leisure	Play Area Inspection December	78.00
Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	36.99

Receipts to note:

11. Items to carry forward to next meeting. Nursing Home Wall, Grade II Listed Bridge, Bridge at Brook Cottage, The Causeway, Tenders, Allotments, Play Area.

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday 4th February 2025