

MINUTES OF THE STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2015 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr. J Chubb-Whittle (Chair), Cllr. M Elsbury, Cllr. J Hudson, Cllr. M Naunton, Cllr. J Swift, Cllr. G Roscoe, Cllr. D Winstone, Ward Cllr. K Warrington, Guest Speaker Ms. S Jenkins and eight parishioners.

15/47 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

15/48 – CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

15/49 – ‘WILD THINGS FARM’ – PRESENTATION BY MS. SALLY JENKINS

Ms. Jenkins gave an interesting presentation about the enterprise which is situated near the River Chew and the Pensford Viaduct, off Pensford Lane but is in the parish of Stanton Drew, the whole site covers 25.5 acres.

The main objective is Community Supported Agriculture, a partnership where participants share in the risks and rewards of farming in return for a share in the harvest. But there will also be a facility for a farm style shop to purchase seasonal fruit and vegetables, eggs, honey, plants and home grown meat.

Community involvement is encouraged to assist with soil preparation, planting and harvesting and consultation is on-going with local primary schools and pre-schools on partnerships to provide educational opportunities.

Permission to erect a barn for storage, working space and preparation has been granted and permission for a temporary dwelling on site, mainly for security purposes will be sought.

During the following question and answer session some concerns were raised over the limited vehicular access to the site, and Ms. Jenkins stated that planning permission for the barn had been granted under ‘Permitted Development’, hence the reason why the Parish Council had not been consulted.

15/50 – URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business stated.

15/51 – MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST MAY 2015

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

15/52 – THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. J Swift, the chairman of the Steering Group, gave a presentation on the plan to date, which included the legalities, the visions, the organisation of the working groups based mainly on the comments from the original Parish Plan Survey, the preparation, the consultations, the surveys and

the questionnaires.

The next steps will be to evaluate the parish survey and consult with parishioners, and to then compile the draft plan. The plan will then be examined by an independent inspector and then hopefully formally approved by B&NES Council.

Financial assistance totalling £5,400 has been received to date from B&NES Council to pay for expenses incurred in the plan's compilation, further funding for specific professional advice can be made as the plan develops.

Cllr. J Chubb-Whittle, chair of the Parish Council, read a statement thanking the Steering Group, working group members for their hard work thus far, welcoming further constructive participation by the community and recognising the challenges presented by three parishioners in recent weeks.

15/53 – THE PLAY AREA

It was reported that work had started on the required repairs but hidden problems had been discovered in the form of some of the underground supports and the deterioration of un-treated wood, which would require urgent and expensive replacement. It was agreed that a sub group of Cllr's. D Winstone, J Swift and M Elsbury would further investigate and produce estimated costs.

15/54 – ACTIONS FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Re:05/54 – The Play-Area – Cllr. D Winstone reported that the required repairs were underway and should be completed within the week. But as reported in the previous minute, to maintain the standard of the equipment more comprehensive maintenance work will be required.

Re:09/21 – The blocked stile and footpath at Stanton Wick – It was reported that Mr S Rustom had forwarded his proposal for a PROW diversion to the B&NES PROW Officer but to date there had been no contact from B&NES. It was agreed that the officer should be asked to provide an up-date.

Re:13/63 – Defibrillator/First Aid Training – It was reported that there had been no further contact from the trainer suggested by AED, the defibrillator provider. Cllr. J Chubb-Whittle stated that she would contact another possible training provision source.

Re:14/96 – The status of Featherbed Lane – It was reported that there had still been no up-date from B&NES Highways department. It was agreed that the clerk would provide Cllr. K Warrington with detail of the requests to date and she would then pursue.

Re: The 'Give Way' sign at the Stanton Wick junction – It was reported that the sign had been replaced.

Re: Anti-Slip material on wooden footpath bridges – It was reported that the working party had not yet been formulated.

Re: A noticeboard at Tarnwell – It was reported that there had been no interest shown by parishioners. It was agreed therefore to not pursue.

Re: The damaged railings at 'The Causeway' – It was reported that there had not been any up-date received from B&NES Highways, Cllr. K Warrington agreed to pursue.

Re: The untidy state of the layby on the B3130 – It was reported that ‘Hibernia’, the fibre optic installer had cleared the layby’s but a large builders’ rubble fibre sack had been left, presumably as it did not belong to them. It was suggested that B&NES Highways should now be asked to remove it.

Re: Subsidence and garden rubbish at ‘The Causeway’ – B&NES Highways had been asked to assess the situation but there had been no reply to date.

15/55 – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15/02754/TCA – Mr W Bolton – Permission to fell one Lawson Tree to the rear of 1 Gloucester Cottages (In the Conservation Area) – Council support, no objection.

15/56 – THE WAR MEMORIAL

It was reported that research had revealed that there should be two additional names recorded on the plaque of the War Memorial. A proposal was made that these names, and any others that further research may reveal, should be added to the plaque, if possible for it to be made more visible, and for it to be hopefully completed by 2018, the commemoration of the end of the First World War. It was agreed that the question of ownership of the land and the memorial and further research reference names should also be pursued.

15/57 – VILLAGE SEATING

Mrs K Mountford circulated photographs of simple, more robust, inexpensive seating, made from concrete blocks and railway-sleepers that she had seen in use and suggested that something similar could be an alternative to the wooden structures that have been prone to vandalism, additional locations for such seating were also discussed.

Mrs Mountford was thanked for her suggestion and it was agreed that this type of seating could certainly be considered at the play-area.

15/58 – REVUE OF THE PARISH CEMETERY FEES

The up-dated fees of Whitchurch Parish Council had been received and circulated to the parish councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Stanton Drew Parish Cemetery Fees should be amended to coincide with theirs.

15/59 – CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

The B&NES Group of ALCA AGM was held on 27th May 2015 – The chair and the clerk had attended, relevant paperwork had been circulated.

Cllr’s M Elsbury and J Hudson had attended a Broadband Presentation by ‘Truespeed’ – The provision of fibre-optic cable would by far exceed the broadband speed experienced at present with copper. The question of “what percentage of our area would be required to agree to the provision before it can be installed” could not be answered at this stage. Estimated cost of connection, at this stage, would probably be about £100 per household and £47.50 per month thereafter.

It was agreed that council should support the principle of bringing fibre-optic to Stanton Drew and Stanton Wick.

NALC had advised of possible financial assistance for councils' to enable them to comply with the new Transparency Code requirements.

Clerk & Councils Direct and an Avon & Somerset Police Newsletter had been received and circulated.

15/60 – PARISHIONERS COMMENTS AND VIEWING OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr P Filer thanked council for their support of his planning application at the Coach Yard.

Mrs K Mountford suggested that council should apply to the Community Trust for financial support to help with the anticipated high cost of the repairs at the play-area.

Mr V Clarke requested that any 'Brownfield Sites' and/or 'In-fill Locations' should be considered for any future housing needs before 'Greenfield' locations.

It was reported that Cllr. P May, Ward Councillor for Pensford & Publow, will be proposing that improved safety measures are introduced on the A37. It was agreed that council should support.

15/61 – FINANCE REPORT AND CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE

The clerk reported that the payment of £822.83 for PROW Clearances had been received from B&NES Council. £82.50 had been received from the Surgery Coach Honesty Box and the last Allotment Plot Rents totalling £90.00 had been received.

Cheques paid prior to the meeting: -

Mr S Whittle	- Renewal of Parish Council Domain	- £ 7.20
Mr G Roscoe	- Plants for Village of the Year planters	- £ 50.97
Gaming Int.	- Colour Drawing for the Neighbourhood Plan	- £ 12.85

Cheques for signature: -

J Harvey	- Clerk's salary (April – June)	- £ 1,233.60
HMRC	- Tax due on clerk's salary (April – June)	- £ 308.40
Filer's Coaches	- Surgery Coach (May £100, June £125)	- £ 225.00
B&NES Council	- Annual Play-Area Rent	- £ 250.00
S Edwards	- PROW Clearances (To end of June)	- £ 339.50
S Edwards	- Play-Area Inspections (9 weeks to end of June)	- £ 108.00
ALCA	- Training – 'Being A Good Councillor' – J Hudson	- £ 60.00
D Lucas	- Play-Area Grass Cutting	- £ 281.25

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

15/62 – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Parish Surgery – 6th August 2015 – 6.00 to 7.00 pm. Parish Council – 3rd September 2015 – 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE

