

Stanton Parish Council
Meeting
Thursday 7 August 2014
7.30pm at Village Hall

AGENDA

Items to be considered

1. Those present
2. Apologies for absences
3. Minutes (to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2014)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Finance
7. Village hall and village matters
8. Any other business
 - 8.1 PCAP – any issues
 - 8.2 Gypsy and traveller needs assessment 2014
 - 8.3 Any other matters
9. Date of next meeting

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7 August 2014
in the Village Hall, Stanton St Bernard**

- 1. Present** Councillors: Mr Bryan Read, Chairman
Mrs Joyce Hale, Vice-Chairman
Mrs Wendy Tarver
Mr Adam Pratt
Mr Dominic Hawker
- Parish Clerk: Mrs Karyn Bidmead
- Members of the Public: Mr Paul Oatway (Wiltshire councillor) – arrived during the meeting
- 2. Apologies** There were no apologies (please see “out of meeting” comments below)
- 3. Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 May 2014 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mr Hawker.
- 4. Matters arising**
- Mrs Tarver has been unable to get through to Wiltshire Council regarding the 20mph policy and request and asked if Mrs Bidmead would look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.
 - It was noted that the hedge at Coate Road had not been cut back and was still overgrowing onto the road. Mrs Bidmead was asked to arrange for a general notification to be posted on the village website reminding villagers to cut back overgrown hedges and trees on their property, and also put a polite notice on the notice boards.
- 5. Police Report** A police report was not available for the meeting (please see “out of meeting” comments below)
- 6. Finance** The state of the accounts as at the date of the meeting stand at:
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| Bank: | £2,521.61 |
| Special Fund: | £258.93 |
| Total: | £2,521.61 |
- A bank reconciliation was circulated, reviewed and agreed by all, a copy of which is attached and forms part of these minutes.
 - A letter addressed to Lloyds Bank was signed by the authorised signatories, Mr Read, Mrs Hale and Mr Hawker, authorising the issue of all correspondence to Mrs Bidmead, the Parish Clerk.
 - It was note that the reserve in the Special Fund of £258.93 relates to the children’s play area.
- 7. Village Hall and village matters**
- It was reported that an anonymous complaint had been received via Highways and Transportation regarding an elder bush shading a street light near the junction of Coate Road. It was noted that the owner of the property had been spoken to and has the problem in hand.
 - Mrs Tarver explained that she had received a complaint about an overgrown chestnut tree on the right hand side of the Alton turning into the village. It was agreed to carry this matter forward to the next meeting and review the position

when the leaves have fallen from the tree.

- It was noted that hedge cuttings and other garden waste had been dumped in the gravel pit layby and adjacent ditches. In this regard Mr Hawker explained that it had been highlighted at the recent PCAP meeting he had attended the importance of keeping ditches clear to avoid flooding. It was agreed that Mrs Bidmead include this in the general notice to be posted on the village website.

**Wiltshire
Councillor's
Update:**

Mr Oatway addressed the meeting regarding cut backs and maintaining services, mentioning that recent press coverage had been over dramatised.

Mr Oatway explained that there are still funds available to Parish Councils for specific projects, and that projects up to £1000 do not need to be Parish matched.

Mr Oatway provided an update on the Pewsey Vale Community Campus, explaining that a planning application would be submitted in September, with building anticipated to start in 2015.

**8. Any other
business**

Neighbourhood Plan

Mrs Tarver read a report (a copy of which is attached) to the Parish Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. There was discussion regarding a suitable date for an open day/coffee morning for villagers to attend if they wished to find out more and ask any questions. September/October was suggested and Mr Hawker said he would discuss this with the Steering Committee.

Mr Read asked Mr Oatway if there was an agreed quota for houses in Stanton St Bernard – Mr Oatway confirmed that there was not.

It was suggested that Mrs Bidmead approach Caroline Brailey at Wiltshire Council, to see if a grant could be applied for to cover the cost of printing the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires.

PCAP meeting update

Mr Pratt provided the meeting with an update of the PCAP meeting he attended on 24 July 2014. There had been a lot of discussion, complaints and annoyance about the state of the roads, the number of potholes and the need to clear ditches to avoid flooding, and the inefficiency of Wiltshire Council in getting these matters sorted. There have been various meetings regarding this and a pressure group has been set up.

Also discussed at the meeting had been the Neighbourhood Development Plan and that the plan put forward by Pewsey was a very good example for other villages.

Gypsy and traveller needs assessment 2014

It was agreed by all that as the village is not really affected by gypsies and travellers that there was no need to complete the assessment.

Canal and River Trust

It was noted that the police are asking for villages to monitor their own stretch of the canal. Mrs Tarver explained that she regularly walks along Stanton's stretch of the canal and there are currently no problems.

**WW1 Service of Remembrance and Commemoration held at East Grafton on Sunday
3rd August 2014**

It was noted that Stanton had been well represented at the service, which had been very moving.

Church Walk overgrown hedges

It was noted that the hedges on two of the Church Walk properties were overgrown

and needed cutting back as the occupiers were only cutting back the garden side of the hedge. It was queried if this formed part of the contract with Mark Goddard. Mr Read said he would look into this.

Planning Application Ref: 14/05104/FUL

It was noted that a round robin meeting had been held on 29 June 2014 (as attached) at which, with the exception of Mr Read who had declared an interest, the Parish Councillors agreed that they had no objections to the proposed planning application.

Planning Application Ref: 14/02484/LBC – Mill Farm

It was noted that a round robin meeting had been held on 2 July 2014 (as attached) at which the Parish Councillors agreed that they had no objections to the proposed works.

Dropbox

Mrs Bidmead suggested that the Councillors may like to have access to the village files, which include correspondence, minutes, accounts etc., which are now all saved via dropbox. It was agreed that this would be sensible and Mrs Bidmead will look into this further.

9. Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 27 November 2014 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Termination There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed.

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Chairman

Date:

Out of Meeting

The police report, which had not been received in time to be presented at the meeting, together with apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, was circulated by email to all the Councillors. A copy of the report is attached and forms part of these minutes.

Date

Chairman