

Stanton Parish Council
Meeting
Thursday 27 November 2014
7.30pm at the 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 7 August 2014)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
7. Finance – including 2015 Precept
8. Village hall and village matters
9. Neighbourhood Plan - update
10. Any other business
11. Date of next meeting

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27 November 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)
- 2. Apologies** PC Joe Sadd
- 3. Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 August 2014 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mrs Hale.
- 4. Matters arising**
- 20mph policy – Mrs Bidmead explained that she had been unable to speak to anyone at the Council regarding this matter. Mr Oatway explained that only two 20mph speed restrictions are approved each year, and that the Parish Council would be contacted by Caroline Brady regarding this in the New Year. In the meantime Mr Oatway has noted that the Parish intends to apply.
 - It was agreed to discuss the overgrown hedge at Coate Road under item 8 of the agenda, Village Hall and Village Matters.
 - The overgrown chestnut tree on the right hand side of the Alton turning into the village was raised as it had been agreed to carry this item forward at the last meeting to review when the leaves had fallen from the tree. It was agreed that as the leaves have fallen the problem no longer exists and this matter was closed.
 - Church Walk overgrown hedges – Mr Read explained that this matter is currently being attended to.
- 5. Police Report** Mrs Tarver read the police report to the meeting, a copy of which is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report** Mr Oatway addressed the meeting as follows:
- Bus consultation – this is still ongoing and there will be an update at the next meeting.
 - Great Stones Way booklet – there has been irritancy regarding this publication and comments contained in it. The county's position is that it is not in agreement and wants the views of the parishes. Mr Oatway will support the view of the parishes, however it is unlikely that a public meeting will be held until the spring. It was noted by Mr Read that an environmental impact study had not been conducted.
 - Pewsey Campus – the planning application has now been submitted. The Shack has closed but alternative venues are available.
 - The Youth budget has been cut, however the funds have gone to the area boards to manage, allowing parishes to apply for funding.
 - Pewsey – a proposal to put a footpath under the bridge by the railway station has been put forward.
 - It was noted that a sign has been put up next to the bus stop notifying of the intent

to build housing for the broadband fibre-optics, it is uncertain who owns the land and Mr Oatway said he would look into this.

- Precept – it was noted that potential capping of the precept level may only be 18 months to 2 years away, following which the precept for each parish will increase by approximately 1%-2% per annum. As this may be less than cost of living increases, it is very likely that the result of this will cause greater pressure on parishes to make a contribution towards the running costs of the parish in the future.

7. Finance

The state of the accounts as at the date of the meeting stand at:

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| Bank: | £1,925.16 |
| Special Fund: | £258.93 |
| Total: | £2,184.09 |

- A bank reconciliation was circulated, reviewed and agreed by all, a copy of which is attached and forms part of these minutes.

Children's Playground

The report provided by Wicksteed Playgrounds (a copy of which is attached and forms part of these minutes) was reviewed in detail, it being noted that the estimate provided in the report to address all issues raised was £1,885 (excluding VAT).

Mr Oatway suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider applying for a grant, which if less than £1000 would probably not need to be pound for pound matched by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would conduct a review of the Children's Playground based on the matters raised by Wicksteed. In the meantime it was resolved that a new flat rubber safety seat should be obtained and fitted by the Parish Council. This was proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mrs Hale and the Parish Clerk was asked to order the replacement safety seat from Wicksteed Playgrounds.

Precept

Having reviewed projected income and expenditure based on the last 12 month's figures, including the estimate received from Wicksteed Playgrounds, it was resolved that the precept should be increased from £2,500 to £3,500. It was noted that this would increase council tax payments by approximately £1 per month per property.

This was proposed by Mrs Hale and seconded by Mr Pratt and the Parish Clerk was asked to submit the necessary paperwork on behalf of the Parish Council

Invoice from Bryan Read Ltd

It was resolved to approve payment of invoice number 1803 from Bryan Read Ltd for £80 for rent of the playing field.

8. Village Hall and village matters

- Pothole – it was noted that potholes have and are in the process of being repaired in the village.
- Coate Road – the state of the overgrown hedge was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk write to the resident and ask for the hedge to be cut back as soon as possible, but by the beginning of the New Year latest.

9. Neighbourhood

It was noted that funding is no longer available for the Neighbourhood Plan and if the village proceeded it would be very expensive as environmental studies are required. It

- Plan - Update** was agreed that it would be a sensible idea to arrange a wider steering group meeting early in the New Year to get input from the villagers as to whether or not to proceed.
- 10. Any other business** None, everything having been discussed during the course of the meeting.
- 11. Date of next meeting** The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 26 February 2015 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.
- Termination** There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed.

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Chairman

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