

NOTICE

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30pm

Stanton St Bernard 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 28 July 2016)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
7. Finance
 - Bank Reconciliation
 - Grant Thornton invoice
8. Village hall and village matters
9. Any other business
 - Complaint received regarding a homemade footpath sign at Bridleway 10
 - BT pay phone consultation
 - Further complaints received about dog mess around the village
 - Ratification of Planning Application 16/06009/FUL Forge Cottage, Stanton St Bernard – additional roof light 13 August 2016
 - Ratification of Planning Application 16/08513/FUL The Beeches, Stanton St Bernard – staircase and attic conversion 13 October 2016
 - Wicksteed – Children's Playground annual safety inspection
 - Right of Way signage & costings
 - Precept
10. Date of next meeting

A bank reconciliation was circulated and reviewed, and having been agreed by all was signed. A copy is attached and forms part of these minutes.

- The Parish clerk explained that an invoice is due to be received from Grant Thornton for £25 + VAT in respect of the 2016 Annual Return, but as at the date of the meeting the invoice had not been received.

8. Village Hall and village matters

- Generator update – it was noted that the quotes received for an emergency generator were in excess of the £20,000 grant funding available. It was unanimously agreed not to proceed as the cost is too expensive.
- A complaint has been received from a villager who had a note put on his car whilst it was parked in the Village Hall car park asking for it to be removed to enable attendees of a village event being held in the village hall. It was noted that due to the works currently being undertaken to the Church roof, a number of car parking spaces are unavailable due to the contractor's equipment. Notwithstanding this, it was further noted that the Village Hall car park is being used on a regular basis by occupants of properties owned by Wiltshire Council as there are insufficient car parking spaces available onsite, causing inconvenience for the occupiers affected. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk contact Wiltshire Council and ask that the existing car parking spaces for the properties affected are increased by at least 3.

9. Any other business

- Homemade footpath signage complaint
It was noted that a complaint had been received regarding a homemade footpath sign at Bridleway 10, however since receiving the complaint the signage has been removed and replaced by Wiltshire Council.
- BT Pay Phone Consultation
Correspondence has been received from BT in respect of the proposed removal of public payphones with low usage. The payphone in the village has been used once in the last 12 months and is on the list for removal. BT are offering a scheme whereby the phone box kiosk can be adopted for £1, however it was noted that the kiosk is not a traditional red "heritage" phone box, it is a modern kiosk which is not wind and watertight (it has open vents at the base) and not therefore suitable for another purpose, such as a second hand book exchange which the redundant phone box in the neighbouring village All Cannings is used for. It was resolved that BT remove the phone kiosk, this being proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mr Hawker. The Parish Clerk was asked to notify BT accordingly.
- Further complaints about dog's mess around the Village
Following on from the discussions at the last Parish Council meeting, was noted that further complaints had been received regarding the increasing amount of dog's mess left around the village, despite the email reminder which had been sent to all villagers who subscribe to the village email, reminding dog walkers that by law they are required to clear up after their dogs. It was noted that a number of signs had been put up around the village, but the problem was still ongoing. It was agreed that the Parish Council send a further email to villagers asking dog walkers to be responsible for clearing up after their dogs and be aware of other villagers, and that notices be put up in the 3 notice boards around the village.
- Planning Application 16/06009/FUL Forge Cottage – additional roof light
It was agreed to ratify the decision of the Parish Councillors made on 13 August

2016 to support this application, this having been proposed by Mrs Hale and seconded by Mrs Tarver

- Planning Application 16/08513/FUL The Beeches - staircase and attic conversion
Mr Pratt declared an interest and did not participate. It was agreed to ratify the decision of the Parish Councillors (excluding Mr Pratt) made on 13 October 2016 to support this application, this having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mr Read.
- Wicksteed – Children’s Playground annual safety inspection
It was agreed that the Parish Clerk arrange the annual playground inspection, it being noted that the cost of this will be £45 + VAT.
- Right of Way signage and costings
It was agreed no further discussion was required given the update provided earlier in the meeting by Mr Oatway.
- Precept
Having reviewed projected income and expenditure based on the last 12 month’s figures, it was resolved that the precept be increased by a nominal 2% to reflect inflation – the amount to be applied for therefore being £3,500 + 2% = £3,570. This was proposed by Mrs Hale and seconded by Mr Read and the Parish Clerk was asked to submit the necessary paperwork on behalf of the Parish Council
- Grant applied for by the Village Hall Committee for Bench
It was noted that the application by the Village Hall Committee for a bench to commemorate the Queen’s 90th birthday had been successful and that the bench had been delivered to Mr Read. It was noted the bench would be located in the area near the phone box, and it was agreed Mr Read would keep the bench in safe keeping for the Village Hall Committee until such time as the phone kiosk is removed. The Parish Clerk was asked to relay this to the Village Hall Committee.
- Potholes along Coate Road and Fowlers Lane at junction by Lydnarda
The state of the potholes along Coate Road was raised, it being noted that whilst the road is on the list for resurfacing it is not deemed a priority so it could be some time before it is resurfaced.
A pothole at the junction of Fowlers Land near Lynarda was also raised.
The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Parish Steward.

10. Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 23 February 2017 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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