

NOTICE

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 6 February 2020 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 7 November 2019)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
7. Finance
 - Bank Reconciliation
 - Invoice from Bryan Read Ltd for rent of the playing field
8. Village hall and village matters
9. Any other business:
 - Adoption of National Association of Local Councils Model Financial Regulations
 - Painting of the equipment in the Children's Playground
 - Date for the 2020 Annual Defibrillator Awareness Session
 - Village Litter Pick
 - Climate change, is there anything we should be doing?
 - Carpark Resurfacing
 - Any other business – Street Lights
10. Date of next meeting

9. Any other business

- Adoption of the National Association of Local Councils Model Financial Regulations
Having been circulated prior to the Meeting and read by all, and proposed by Mrs Hale and seconded by Mr Hawker, it was agreed to adopt the Financial Regulations and that a copy be attached and form an integral part of these minutes.
- Painting of the equipment in the Children's Playground
The paint has been delivered and it was agreed to obtain quotes for the painting of the playground equipment, which will be considered at the next meeting, it being agreed that the current weather conditions were unsuitable.
- Date for the 2020 Annual Defibrillator Awareness Session
Bryan Read will arrange for the training to take place on 18th November 2020.
- Village Litter Pick
It was agreed the litter pick be on Sunday 15 March 2020 at 10.00am. Mr Read will arrange a tractor for the litter pick and the Parish Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council for the loan of litter picking equipment. Mr Bidmead will be asked to circulate an email and put a notice on the website asking for volunteers.
- Climate change, is there anything we should be doing?
A community garden where the allotments are currently located was suggested as there are several allotments which are not being used. It was agreed to seek the villagers' opinions on this and Mr Bidmead will be asked to circulate an email around the village.
- Carpark Resurfacing
It is hoped that a charitable donation will be received following the sale of The Crown Hotel in Devizes which will contribute towards the cost of resurfacing. The Village Hall Committee are dealing with this.
It was suggested if additional funding was required by the Village Hall committee that the Parish Council might consider providing a grant towards the cost. This was proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mrs Hale.
- Any other business:
 - Street Lights
It was noted a villager had contacted the Parish Council regarding the street lights in the village and to enquire if the lights could be switched off during the hours in the middle of the night, or possibly got rid of altogether, to conserve energy and reduce light pollution.
It was mentioned that the turning of lights between 12pm and 5am had been considered previously when comment from the village had been sought. Wiltshire Council had been approached, but permission had not been granted.
However, it was noted Wiltshire Council is conducting a Street Lighting Project to convert its street lighting to LED lighting which is more energy efficient and has a reduced carbon footprint. The Wiltshire Council website explains LED lights are being installed instead of turning lights off due to the benefits street lighting has in terms of road safety, public safety, supporting night time economy and reducing the fear of crime. In Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty the lighting will have the 2,700k warmer appearing light and most units will be installed at 0° inclination to reduce light spill, with lighting levels dimmed later in the evening. The new lighting will reduce light spill and contribute to improving the dark skies. The Project started in 2019 and is expected to take 2 years.
After discussion it was agreed the Parish clerk reply to the Villager explaining the above.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th May at the Village Hall and will be held after the Annual General Meeting.

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

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Chairman

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Date