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## Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 4 November 2021 at 7.30pm

Stanton St Bernard Village Hall

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### AGENDA

#### Items to be considered

1. Those present
2. Apologies for absences
3. Minutes (to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2021)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
7. Finance
  - Bank Reconciliation
8. Village hall and village matters
9. Climate Change
10. Any other business:
  - Planning Application PL/2021/09500 for proposed single storey extension & internal alterations at Orcombe, 6 The Row, The Street, Stanton St Bernard, SN8 4LR
  - Skip Hire
  - Insurance for the Beacon,
  - State of the Canal tow path,
  - Renewal of the Defibrillator
  - Any other business
10. Date of next meeting

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4 November 2021  
at the Village Hall, Stanton St Bernard**

- 1. Present**
- Councillors: Mr Bryan Read, Chairman  
Mrs Joyce Hale, Vice-Chairman  
Mr Dominic Hawker  
Mr Adam Pratt
- Parish Clerk: Mrs Karyn Bidmead
- In attendance: Mr Paul Oatway – Wiltshire Councillor  
(from 8.00pm)
- 2. Apologies**
- Mrs Wendy Tarver
- 3. Minutes**
- The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 5 August 2021 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Hale and seconded by Mr Pratt.
- 4. Matters arising**
- Parish Steward Priority Worksheet  
The pothole outside Cherry Tree Lodge has still not been repaired. Potholes also needing attention are located on the Alton Barnes turning into the Village and past the new turning entrance into Mill Farm. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Parish Steward.
  - Defibrillator Training  
The annual defibrillator training had been booked for 18 November 2021 but it was agreed this should be postponed due to the increasing number of Covid cases, with the possibility of it being rebooked in the New Year.
  - Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme – salt bags  
Mr Read has collected the 40 x 25kg salt bags approved at the last meeting.
  - Skip Hire  
It has not been possible to hire a skip for the village and it was agreed to look at this again in the spring next year.
  - Allotments  
Repairs to the wooden bridge to the allotments is in hand by Mr Read.
- 5. Police Report**
- It was noted that as at the date of the meeting a Police Report had not yet been received but will be circulated upon receipt by the Parish Clerk to the Parish Councillors.
- 6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report**
- It was agreed to hold this item on the Agenda until Mr Oatway joins the meeting at approximately 8.00pm.

## 7. Finance

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

Bank: £9,257.12 (available funds)

- Bank Reconciliation  
A bank reconciliation together with a copy of the latest bank statement had been circulated by email prior to the meeting to all the Parish Councillors. This was formally agreed, and a copy is attached and forms part of these minutes, having been proposed by Mr Read and seconded by Mr Hawker.
- Payments  
The following cheque was approved and signed:  
000285 - £844.80 Mark Goddard & Sons for mowing and spraying the children's playground.
- 2021/22 Quote from Mark Goddard & Sons for mowing and spraying the children's playground  
A quote for £740 + VAT (total £888.60) was approved, this being proposed by Mr Read and seconded by Mrs Hale, but on the condition that the grass cuttings are removed from site by Mark Goddard & Sons.
- Precept  
It was resolved that the precept should not be increased and remain at £3,700 for 2022/23, this being proposed by Mrs Hale and seconded by Mr Hawker. The Parish Clerk was asked to submit the necessary paperwork on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 8. Village Hall and village matters

There were no village hall matters to discuss.

## 9. Climate Change

There was nothing to report

## 6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report

At 8.00pm Mr Oatway joined the meeting and discussed the following:

- Due to the increasing number of Covid cases it had been agreed that all Wiltshire Council workers work from home.
- Covid cases have increased in Wiltshire, which is currently higher than the rest of the country, but the death rates have decreased.
- In the next 6 to 9 months there will be training for Parish Councillors and Parish Clerks.
- Beechingstoke – As no candidates stood for election in 2017 to the Beechingstoke Parish Council, and this was repeated in 2021 including after re-run elections, a review is underway to determine if its governance arrangements remain appropriate and effective. They have the option to either create a Parish Council, have a Parish Meeting or merge with another Parish Council, the latter of which could impact on Stanton St Bernard being a neighbouring parish.  
It was noted by the Parish Councillors that Beechingstoke can only be accessed from Stanton St Bernard by driving through 3 other villages, and the parishes are also divided by the railway track.  
Discussions are ongoing.
- Mr Oatway will chase the signage requested previously with CATG.

**9. Any other business**

- Planning Application PL/2021/09500 for proposed single storey extension & internal alterations at Orcombe, 6 The Row, The Street, Stanton St Bernard, SN8 4LR  
It was noted a site meeting had taken place, the Parish Clerk having declared an interest as owner of the property, and it had been agreed to support the application and the necessary paperwork be submitted.
  
- Skip Hire  
Already discussed earlier in the meeting.
  
- Insurance for the Beacon to be lit to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022  
The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate whether or not this event is, or can be, covered under the Parish Council’s insurance.
  
- State of the Canal tow path  
The canal path between the two bridges in Stanton St Bernard is overgrown causing the pathway to be very muddy and slippery, and in places where the bank is particularly overgrown, it is forcing walkers to have to walk very close to the canal which could be a slip hazard into the canal. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk draft a letter to The Canal & River Trust for consideration by the Parish Councillors.
  
- Renewal of the Defribulator  
It was noted that the defibrillator is due to be replaced next year.
  
- Any other business
  - Playground Fencing  
Mr Read will check the fencing around the playground against the field, parts of which needs repair.

**Next Meeting**      The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17 February 2022 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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Date