

# NOTICE

**Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday 4 August 2022 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 25 May 2022)
4. Matters arising
5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
6. Finance
  - Bank Reconciliation
7. Village hall and village matters
8. Climate Change
9. Any other business:
  - Defibrillator replacement
  - Any other business
10. Date of next meeting

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4 August 2022  
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  
Mrs Wendy Tarver
- Parish Clerk: Mrs Karyn Bidmead
- In attendance: Mr Paul Oatway – Wiltshire Councillor
- 2. Apologies**
- There were no apologies.
- 3. Minutes**
- The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 25 May 2022 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mr Hawker.
- 4. Matters arising**
- Skip Hire  
Mr Read will look to hire a skip for the village during September.
  - Allotments  
Repairs to the wooden bridge to the allotments are in hand by Mr Read
  - Playground Fencing  
Quotes are still to be obtained to replace the current post and rail fencing which is rotten and needs replacing around the children’s playground (with the exception of the roadside which was replaced in 2021). The Parish Clerk is dealing with this.
  - HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations  
It was agreed that the celebrations had been a great success.
- 5. Wiltshire Councillor’s Report**
- Mr Oatway presented his report as follows:
- The Canal and River Trust have decided to place a bollard at Ladies Bridge at Wilcot without speaking first to Mr Oatway. The Canal and River Trust have said the reason for placing the bollard is to prevent vehicle access over the bridge to prevent damage to the bridge which is very ornate, however there has been no damage to the bridge over the last 150 years and Mr Oatway is concerned that The Canal and River Trust may attempt to do the same to other bridges. Mr Oatway has called this into Committee.
  - Fire on Salisbury Plain – The Ministry of Defence failed to engage Wiltshire & Dorset Fire Rescue to attend the 60 square mile fire in July having said they had no aircraft available to drop water on the fire. Eventually aircraft from Gloucestershire had to be brought in at the cost of £1,000 per hour, with the aircraft working on average 10 hours a day to drop water from mobile reservoirs. Wiltshire Council will have discussions with The Ministry of Defence.

## 6. Finance

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

Bank: £10,676.87 (available funds)

- Bank Reconciliation

A bank reconciliation together with a copy of the latest bank statement was circulated and read by 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 Mrs Hale.

- Payments

The following cheque was approved and signed:

000291 for £70.88 – to Mrs Bidmead for July 2022 salary which had not been paid by the bank by standing order

## 7. Village Hall and village matters

The state of the tow path along the canal was discussed, a cyclist having recently fallen into the canal when a section of the towpath collapsed. Mr Oatway asked for details of the section where this had happened so that he can raise this with The Canal and River Trust.

## 8. Climate Change

There was nothing to report

## 9. Any other business

- Defibrillator Replacement

The current SWAST defibrillator scheme end on 11 October 2022. It was unanimously agreed to renew the contract at the cost of £1,800 + VAT and The Parish Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

- Any Other Business:

- Upgrading footpaths and bridleways to Restricted byways

It was noted that multiple applications had been made in January 2022 by The British Horse Society to alter Public Rights of Way, not only in this village but also in surrounding villages. Concern had been raised that the landowners had not been approached before the applications had been submitted, and this had been investigated by Mr Oatway and the following is an excerpt from the response from Craig Harlow MIPROW, Definitive Map Officer, Definitive Map and Highway Records:

“After registering the application officers score the application based on a prioritisation policy and the application is assigned a position in the queue. Currently it is estimated the backlog of applications , given current resources , is approximately 70+ years. When a case is assigned to an officer they will identify all affected landowners and tenants before consulting with them on the application, as well as consulting the relevant Parish Council , user groups, Wiltshire Councillor, any other interested parties and properties in the immediate proximity of the application route.”

- Planning Applicatio - Land Adj The Barge Inn, Honeystreet, Pewsey, Wilts, SN9 5PS: Consultation - PL/2022/05304

It was noted The Barge Inn at Honeystreet had applied for a temporary change of use from agriculture to a camp site for a period from and including 24/08/2022 to 30/08/2022. It was decided there was little point in responding as the deadline date for comments was 24 August 2022, the first day of the temporary change of use.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3 November 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