NOTICE

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 7.00pm

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 8 May 2024)

4. Matters arising

5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway

6. Finance
   - Bank Reconciliation.
   - Ratification of the signing of the following cheques:
     22/07/2024 £80.00 - Bryan Read Ltd - playground rent – Cheque no. 000309
     22/07/2024 £158.40 - Wicksteed Leisure - playground report – Cheque no. 000310
     22/07/2024 £1,000.96 - Bryan Read Ltd - reimburse Parker Steel re steels for playground fencing
   - Approval of cheque 000312 for £1,680 to Hartley Landscape Services to take down the old fencing and replace with the new steel fencing.

7. Village hall and village matters
   - Update on funds raised at the Joyce Hale memorial bench fundraising event held on 30 June 2024.
   - Village Party to be held on Saturday 7 September

8. Climate Change

9. Coronation Wood and Coronation Walk
   - Date options for official opening.

10. Any other business:
    - Planning Application PL/2024/07148 - Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) relating to application PL/2021/04657 at Forge Cottage, Church Walk, Stanton St Bernard, Marlborough, SN8 4LL
    - Planning Application PL/2024/07055 - Proposed single storey wrap around side and rear extension at Gable End, 9 Church Road, Stanton St Bernard, Marlborough, SN8 4LJ

- VE Day 80th anniversary Celebrations. Beacon?
- Calf Lane Footpath just past Winterbourne House - very slippery when walking over the bank.
- Canal Bank - north side. Contractors are cutting through the scrub during the nesting season.
- Ditch adjacent to the children's playing field.
- Any other business

11. Date of next meeting

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14 August 2024
at the Village Hall, Stanton St Bernard

1. Present

Councillors: Mr Bryan Read, Chairman
Mr Adam Pratt, Vice Chairman
Mrs Wendy Tarver
Mr Dominic Hawker
Mrs Sarah Kendall

Parish Clerk: Mrs Karyn Bidmead

In attendance: Mr Paul Oatway – Wiltshire Councillor
Mr Michael Zawila

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 8 May 2024 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Kendall and seconded by Mrs Tarver.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report

Mr Oatway updated the Parish Council regarding grants available from Wiltshire Council for the upgrade of properties.

Mr Oatway provided an update regarding the state of the roads. Whilst some issues have been resolved there are other areas that need improving and PCAP are addressing these with the Highways Department.

There are plans to build more than 23,000 new homes in Wiltshire and there are proposals for building on agricultural land.

6. Finance

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

Bank: £7,196.48 (available funds)

- <u>Bank Reconciliation</u>
  A bank reconciliation together with back up documentation was circulated after the meeting to all the Parish Councillors.

- <u>Approval of Cheques</u>
  The ratification of the signing of the following cheques was approved:
  22/07/2024 £80.00 - Bryan Read Ltd - playground rent – Cheque no. 000309
  22/07/2024 £158.40 - Wicksteed Leisure - playground report – Cheque no. 000310

22/07/2024 £1,000.96 - Bryan Read Ltd - reimburse Parker Steel re steels for playground fencing

The following cheque was approved and signed:
Cheque 000312 for £1,680 to Hartley Landscape Services to take down the old fencing and replace with the new steel fencing.

7. Village Hall and village matters

Mrs Bidmead explained that the fund-raising event to raise money for a memorial bench for Joyce Hale had been held on 30 June 2024 and had been a great success having raised £691.98. Mr Oatway suggested the Village Hall Committee apply for a grant from the Area Board to help towards the cost of the bench.

Mrs Bidmead explained that the £1,000 left in Joyce Hale's will to the Village Hall Committee for a Village Party, was being used for a Hog Roast on 7 September 2024. The event is not a fundraising event, there will be no ticket sales or formal bar, and villagers are being asked to bring their own drink, and are also being asked to make salad and pudding donations. There will be a band and music.

8. Climate Change

The cleaning of the ditch between the children's playground and The Copse, reported at the last meeting, is in hand. The climbing frame is in the way and will need to be temporarily moved or relocated to enable access for the digging equipment. Mrs Tarver said she would advise the owner of The Copse.

9. Coronation Walk and Coronation Wood

Mr Read reported that sadly two of the trees that have been planted in the Coronation Wood, a mountain ash and a copper beach, are not doing very well, but the others are all healthy.

An official opening is be arranged, followed by tea in the Village Hall. Mr Read will contact Alex Peto to suggest and fix a date.

10. Any other business

- <u>Planning Application PL/2024/07148</u>
  Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) relating to application PL/2021/04657 at Forge Cottage, Church Walk, Stanton St Bernard, Marlborough, SN8 4LL. A site meeting had taken place prior to the Meeting and it was resolved to support this application.

- <u>Planning Application PL/2024/07055</u>
  Proposed single storey wrap around side and rear extension at Gable End, 9 Church Road, Stanton St Bernard, Marlborough, SN8 4LJ. A site meeting had taken place prior to the Meeting and it was resolved to support this application.

- <u>VE Day 80th anniversary Celebrations</u>
  Mr Read will apply for permission for a beacon for Thursday 8th May 2025.

- <u>Calf Lane Footpath just past Winterbourne House</u>
  It has been reported to the Parish Council that it is very slippery when walking over the bank and the possible installation of a handrail or steps suggested. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

- Canal Bank - north side
  Mr Read reported that contractors had cut through rushes to inspect the canal bank on the north side, and that this had occurred during the nesting season. It was questioned why only the north side had been cut back, as the south side where the footpath is located is very overgrown. Mr Oatway explained he is trying to organize a meeting with The Canal and River Trust and the police to discuss various matters, and invited Mr Read to attend.

- Ditch adjacent to the children's playing field.
  This had already been discussed earlier in the meeting under Climate Change

- Any other business

    - Mr Hawker reported that he had received complaints about the intermittent sewerage slurry smell in the Village over the last few weeks. Mr Read explained that contractors are engaged to lay the slurry on the fields, which are treated on a rotational basis, so it will be 6 years until these fields are treated again.

11. Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at the Village Hall at 7pm.

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

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Chairman Date