NOTICE

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15 January 2025 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 20 November 2024)

4. Matters arising

5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway

6. Finance
   - Bank Reconciliation.

7. Village hall and village matters
   - Joyce Hale memorial bench update.

8. Climate Change

9. Coronation Wood and Coronation Walk
   - Update

10. Any other business:
    - VE Day 80 years celebrations
    - Defibrillator Support Group update
    - Any other business.

11. Date of next meeting

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2025
at the Village Hall, Stanton St Bernard

1. Present

Councillors:	Mr Bryan Read, Chairman Mr Adam Pratt, Vice Chairman Mr Dominic Hawker Mrs Wendy Tarver Mrs Sarah Kendall
Parish Clerk:	Mrs Karyn Bidmead
In attendance:	Mr Paul Oatway – Wiltshire Councillor Mr Michael Zawila Mrs Nicky Zawila

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 20 November 2024 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mr Pratt.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report

Mr Oatway provided an update on the Government's Household Support Fund which provides grants to low income households, and reported that the current Government has withdrawn the Rural Services Grant.

Mr Oatway explained at a recent meeting Wiltshire Councillors had agreed to support ongoing devolution plans which could see Wiltshire, Dorset and Somerset in a mayoral strategic authority.

The election of Parish Councillors and election for Wiltshire Councillors is due on on 1 May 2025. Mr Oatway will be standing for re-election.

6. Finance

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

Bank: £6,161.59 (available funds)

- <u>Bank Reconciliation</u>
  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 Pratt and seconded by Mrs Tarver.

7. Village Hall and village matters

- Mrs Bidmead explained that the Village Hall Committee had been successful in obtaining a grant of £677.22 from the area board to top up the money raised at the fund-raising event for a memorial bench for Joyce Hale. The bench is in the process of being ordered and should be delivered in approximately 2 months time.

- A Pop-Up-Bar is being organized towards the end of February.

- Mr Read is dealing with the clearing of the ditch by the winterbourne around the playing field.

- Children's Playground – Mr Read reported that a new surround is needed for the slide. It was agreed to seek quotes for this repair.

- Bus shelter – a hole in the roof was reported, Mr Read said he would look into repairing this.

8. Climate Change

There was nothing to report.

9. Coronation Walk and Coronation Wood

Mr Read reported he was looking into the cost of the next batch of trees to be purchased for planting.

10. Any other business

- <u>VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations</u>
  Matters are progressing regarding the beacon on Thursday 8th May 2025.
  The Parish Clerk will look into the insurance requirements.

- <u>Defibrillator Training update and Support Group</u>
  Mrs Humphries-Cuff is in the process of speaking to the villagers for their thoughts and will provide an update at the next meeting.

- <u>Any other business</u>
  The annual litter pick was arranged for Sunday 16 March at 10.00am.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 14 May 2025 at the Village Hall at 7pm.

Termination

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

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Chairman Date