

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th March 2022 at Stanton Lacy Village Hall

Cllr Finch welcomed two new councillors: Cllr Margaret Davis and Cllr Jenna Hossbach

Present: Cllr Finch (Chair), Cllrs M Davis, E Gatehouse, R Gatehouse, J Hossbach, P Parker and C Redmond. In Attendance Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) & H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllr P Jones
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
3. **Public involvement session.** No members of the public
4. **The minutes of the ordinary meeting on the 20th January 2022 were approved:**
Prop Cllr R Gatehouse, 2nd Cllr Parker
5. **Review the Donations Policy:** The donations policy was approved. The donations limit for the coming financial year (2021-22) will be set at £250.
6. **Finance:**
 - a. The finance report/ bank reconciliation/ forecast of expenditure were approved:

D Lewis Lengthsman	£127.50	H Coonick (Clerk) Salary	£1858.22
H Coonick Clerk (Clerk) Expenses	£109.09	H Coonick (Clerk) Reimburse	£166.57
Defibrillator (batteries and pads)	£817.20	D Lewis (expected) lengthsman	£100

The Clerks salary award was agreed and backdated to 1/4/21 at £10.21 per hour. The pay rate for the forthcoming year will be £10.21 per hour. Prop Cllr Finch, 2nd Cllr E Gatehouse.

- b. It was agreed not to repair and replace the notice board at the top of The Hope. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the bus shelter to ask if a small notice board could be attached to that.
- c. Election (May 2021) Recharge Fee of £100 will be charged in May 2022
- d. Decide Upon Donations was deferred until the next meeting allowing the Clerk to check the details of proposed organisations.
- e. It was agreed to have Mr B Cairns as the auditor for 2022-2023.
- f. The Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance Grant application was agreed requesting £800 to match the £800 contributed by the Parish Council, with the lengthman's rate increasing to £17 per hour.

7. Reports From Representatives:

- a. Shropshire Council - Cllr Cecilia Motley reported that the Council website would have a link to offer support to Ukrainian refugees. She was working with the Environmental Maintenance team to organise applications for grants. The Council's settlement from the government was very poor. Social care costs, especially children's services, makes up 85% of Council expenditure. There is a new library strategy which includes more services being based in libraries. The Clinical Commissioning Groups budget is very low, but they are trying to improve services for Mental Health. There have been discussions about the Community Governance Review and how this will affect urban areas due for development.
- b. Village Hall – Cllr Jones was not present.
- c. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr R Gatehouse: Nothing to report

8. **The Jubilee Tree:** will be planted on the 26th March 2022 at St Peters Church, Stanton Lacy.
9. **Community Governance Review and Parish Boundaries:** The Clerk was asked to contact Bitterly Parish Council regarding the boundary in the Downton Hall area and Bromfield PC regarding the Oldfield area. Diddlebury Parish Council support the proposal to move the boundary at Lydehole and Culmington Parish Council agree that the boundary at Vernolds Common should change. Bromfield Parish Council did not support a change for Whitbatch to be included in Stanton Lacy Parish. All of these proposals are subject to the Boundary Review. The Clerk will make a report to Cllr Motley and these proposed changes will be included in the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in May.
10. **The Policing Charter** top three community issues will remain the same as the previous 3 month period: Thefts from outbuildings, thefts from farms and wildlife crime which includes sheep worrying by dogs.
11. **Titterhill Ambulance Incident:** The Clerk has reported this issue to Shropshire Council with the contact details of the Ambulance Service.
12. **No Through Road sign at Thriftwicket Lane** was not supported but the Clerk will contact Shropshire Council outdoor partnerships to look at some method of stopping vehicles travelling along the bridleway.
13. **Thank Covid Volunteers:** The council wished to thank Mrs Philippa and Mr Mark Wiggin for their voluntary work organising and volunteering themselves to support the Covid vaccination centres. They will be nominated for the Lord Lieutenants Garden Party
14. **Agenda Items for the next meeting:** a. BT replacing copper wires with digital and the affect on rural properties b. Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

The Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings will be held on 19th May 2022 at 7.30pm.

Copies of the agenda and minutes are available from the Clerk, Heather Coonick:
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