

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council on 21st September 2023

Members Present: Cllrs Martin Finch (Chair), Robin Gatehouse, Jenna Hossbach, Corin Redman, Phil Parker and Peter Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllrs Margaret Davis and Emma Gatehouse
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
3. **Public Involvement Session:** No members of the public were in attendance.
4. **Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings on the 19th July 2023:**
RESOLVED: for the chair to sign the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.
5. **Confirm that the Parish Council Meets the Criteria for the General Power of Competence:**
RESOLVED: to confirm that the council meets the criteria for the General Power of Competence.
6. **Reports From Representatives:**
 - 6.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Cecilia Motley reported that there are concerns about the planned switchover to a digital telephone service in 2025. The decision to ban oil boilers has been delayed by the government to 2035. Only one building in the Council estate has RAAC, Whitchurch Civic Centre. The Local Government Boundary Commission will publish its final decision on the divisional boundaries on the 3rd October. There is a review of polling stations but there are unlikely to be any changes in the Corvedale. The Community Governance Review of Parish Council boundaries can now take place. Shropshire, Herefordshire and Monmouthshire Councils now have a memorandum of understanding which allows them to apply for joint contracts i.e. infrastructure projects. There is further funding in the Shared Prosperity Fund, with a large section on communities in rural areas.
 - 6.2. Stanton Lacy Village Hall – Deferred to the next meeting.
7. **Consideration of Parish Boundary Changes:** There had been no contact from householders in Vernolds Common about the proposed transfer to Culmington Parish.
RESOLVED: To propose to Shropshire Council that 6 properties in Vernolds Common transfer to Culmington Parish Council and Lydehole Farm and Mill Cottage on Mulberry Lane transfer from Diddlebury to Stanton Lacy Parish Council. Also to propose that Whitbatch is transferred from Bromfield Parish Council area to Stanton Lacy Parish Council to allow Stanton Lacy to maintain the drains on this section of highway. The Clerk will ask Shropshire Council to reinstate the escape lane on Whitbatch.
8. **Planning:**
 - 8.1. [23/03586/FUL](#) Proposed alterations including replacement rear porch, new and enlarged kitchen windows, oak framed balcony structure and green house. The Grove, 5 Thriftwicket Lane, Haytons Bent, OS REFERENCE: 352003 – 280123
APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs D Lock:
RESOLVED: To support this application.
9. **Update on Emergency Vehicles on Titterhill:** The Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer had visited the site and will request that the sign at the bottom of the lane is the same as at the top.
RESOLVED: to send letters to all households affected about how to inform emergency services of the best route to access their properties.
10. **Update on Traffic Calming Near Stanton Lacy Village Hall:** The Traffic Engineer will request a pedestrians and child road sign for north and south at the village hall junction.
11. **Update on an Open Reach Meeting Re: Broadband to The Hope and Downton Hall:** Openreach have now stated that they are not planning to provide fibre under their present contract to properties on The Hope. The Clerk has informed the working group

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that residents on The Hope and areas of Downton Hall can now apply for vouchers to fund a self-dig scheme.

12. **Update on the Clerk's Access to Work Application:** The Clerk has had an assessment for hearing equipment to enable her to continue in her employment. The equipment will be fully funded by the government Access to Work scheme.
13. **Consider Renewing the Parish Plan:** Councillors have reviewed the 2017 plan and consider it to be reasonably up to date.
RESOLVED: To consider renewing the plan in 2024
14. **Consider Changes to Standing Orders Regarding the Terms of the Chair and Vice Chair:** Shropshire Association of Local Councils have advised that it is not necessary to change the Standing Orders and advised to continue electing the Chair and Vice Chair as per the current Standing Orders.
15. **Consider Duty to Produce a Strategy to Achieve Biodiversity Goals:** The Council is required to produce a strategy by January 2024.
RESOLVED: Defer to the next meeting.
16. **Consider Items for Inclusion in the Draft Budget:** Councillors can inform the Clerk of any proposals for inclusion in the draft budget which will be considered at the November meeting.
17. **Action Regarding Overgrown Footpaths and Bridleways:** There have been reports of overgrown and inaccessible footpath and bridleways. They are not the responsibility of the parish council and issues should be raised with Shropshire Council's Outdoor Partnership. The Parish Council contractor for environmental maintenance is engaged to work on the highways and not on footpaths and bridleways.
18. **Consider Setting up a Village Whatsapp Group:** There is support for a whatsapp group which is under the control of an administrator. Defer to the next meeting.
19. **Consider Developing an Emergency Plan:** Defer to the next meeting.
20. **Finance:**
 - 20.1. Consider Costs for the Website: Hugo Fox, who presently host the parish council website, will begin charging a fee from April 2024. Alternatives are being considered and will be put before the next meeting for consideration and inclusion in the draft budget.
 - 20.2. Authorise Payments: J Hossbach (paint for bus shelter) £16, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Invs 373 and 399 £255 and H Coonick (reimbursement for inks) £29.97.
21. **Agenda Items for the next meeting: a. Strategy to Achieve Biodiversity Goals b. Draft Budget c. Village Whatsapp Group d. Emergency Plan e. Website Options.**

The Council would like to thank Cllr Jenna Hossbach for painting the bus shelter and notice board.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 16th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:

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