

# Stanton Lacy Parish Council Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr Finch, Councillors: R Gatehouse, E Gatehouse, P Parker, C Radnor, and J Whittaker.

**In Attendance:** Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs P Jones and P Williams

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

**3. Public Forum:** No members of the public

**4. Approval of Minutes for Ordinary Meeting Held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020:** Resolved (unanimous) RG/PP

**5. To receive an update on Broadband on The Hope:** The Clerk reported that Sarah Nightingale (Earl of Plymouth Estate Manager) has not been able to discuss this any further with the Estate. She suggested that SWS Broadband may wish to undertake a further site survey as the Estate have felled a proportion of Shortwood and requests they provide a report of what it fully entails and further details on the proposed agreement.

**6. Adopt Governance and Accountability:** Resolved (unanimous). The Clerk will draft a Statement of Internal Control to be discussed at the next meeting.

**7. Decide on response to Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP):** The Clerk will discuss the issue with the Clerk for Hopton Cangeford and Stoke St Milborough Parish Council who are meeting them shortly and report back to the next meeting.

**8. Decide upon nominations to Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire Garden Party for Community Support during the Pandemic:** This will be discussed at the next meeting as nominations are not required until March 2021.

**9. Agree the meeting Dates for 2021:** The Clerk will check with the Village Hall and then confirm the dates.

**10. Finance:**

- a. **Finance Report:** The accounts report was presented to the council. As of the 13/11/20 the council were within budget with a Current Account balance of £9621.49.
- b. **Decide Upon Clerks Salary Award:** Backdated to April 2020 the Clerk will be paid at Point 5 (£10.04 per hour) of the new NJC scale. Resolved (MF/EG) Unanimous.
- c. **Approve the Forecast of Expenditure:**

	Paid	Authorised at Meeting	Expected & Approved
H Coonick (Reimburse for Stationary)		22.73	
G Trim (Lengthsman)	49.50		
Re-siting of Bus Shelter			266.47
H Coonick (Zoom Membership)		71.94	
Christmas Gift to Volunteer			20





**Resolved (unanimous) PP/JW**

- d. **To consider the proposed budget for 2021-21:** The clerk will put an article in Ripples, the Parish Council website and the Facebook page requesting comments from parishioners on whether the precept should be increased to enable the council to purchase Smartwater kits for parishioners at a reduced rate.  
If the Parish Council seats are contested at the elections in May 2021 the Parish Council will be required to pay the full cost and contribute towards the cost of a contested election for the Unitary Councillor. The Clerk advises an annual amount is reserved for this eventuality.  
The budget will be finalised and a precept set at the next meeting.
- e. **Decide whether to apply for the Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2021-2:** It was agreed to apply for the grant and to advertise the contract immediately.
- f. **To Consider Donations:** It was agreed to donate the normal £60 to Citizens Advice Bureau and to use underspend from this financial year to make donations of £50 each to Hope House Children's Hospice and MIND. Resolved (unanimous) MF/JW
- g. **To Decide Upon Thanks to Volunteers:** The Clerk was asked to thank both the Website volunteer and the Footpath Warden.
11. **Shropshire Council** : Cllr Motley reported that: SWS are preparing to roll-out superfast broadband and have been taken over by Rural Broadband Ltd. The Community Tree Scheme has reopened for applications. The Environmental Maintenance Grant will be reviewed during 2021 and possibly extended. The Rural Services Network is now attracting a larger audience for its online meetings, with particular concern for post covid and Brexit activities.
12. **Planning 20/04424/VAR The Thatches, Vernolds Common:** The councillors unanimously supported the application for conversion of use of the first floor of the garage building to be used as a holiday let property.
13. **Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:** None
14. **The Next Meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 21.07

Signed: .....



(Cllr Martin Finch, Chairman)

Date: .....

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Expected & Approved	Authorised at Meeting	Paid	
288.47	22.75	49.50	H Coonick (Reimburse for Stationery)
			G Tim (Landrman)
			Re-riding of Bus Shelter
	71.94		H Coonick (Zoom Membership)
20			Christmas Gift to Volunteer