

# STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 at Stanton Lacy Village Hall

**Present:** Chair Cllr M Finch, Cllrs P Jones, R Gatehouse, C Redman, P Williams, C Radnor. H Coonick (Clerk/RFO) in attendance.

1. **Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies:** Cllrs P Parker (Work Commitments) and E Gatehouse (Childcare Commitments). Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council).
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
3. **Public involvement session.** None.
4. **Approve the minutes of the annual meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.** Prop Cllr Gatehouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Williams.
5. **Vacancy due to Resignation of Jane Whittaker:** The Council wished to thank Jane Whittaker for her time as a Councillor and wished her well. The vacancy has been advertised and applicants will submit a statement of skills to the Parish Clerk for consideration at the next meeting.
6. **Finance:**
  - a. Approve the finance report/ bank reconciliation. – Prop Cllr Finch 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Jones. Cllr Radnor signed the bank reconciliation. £10,884.66 in Current Account as of 25/6/21.
  - b. Authorise Payments: AED sign £14.27, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £67.50 and authorise for £250 for August and September, Information Commissioners Office £35.00, SALC £184.62, Air Ambulance (for B Cairns Audit) £25.00 Prop Cllr Finch 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Jones
  - c. Confirm Environmental Maintenance Grant spent according to grant terms – agreed. Expenditure on repairs to notice boards was from the Repairs rather than Environmental Maintenance Budget.
7. **Reports From Representatives:**
  - a. Shropshire Council - Cllr Cecilia Motley sent a report: The new cabinet has 3 members from the South of the County. Cllr Motley's portfolio is Communities, Place, Tourism and Transport. She intends to convene a Council Boundaries Review Group in September to respond to the Community Governance Review. Local cycling and walking infrastructure plans will be introduced. She has rereported the abandoned vehicles in Stanton Lacy and the deteriorating road on Titterhill. Shropshire Council intend to use 'Fix My Street' for reporting issues. She has also been lobbying for a coherent policy on the Environmental Maintenance Grant and Lengthsman. The Library Service will launch a pilot scheme with Shropshire Council customer services officers on board to assist with access to services.
  - b. Village Hall – Cllr Jones reported that the Football showing had been successful and the Coffee mornings had restarted. A Summer Dance and Skittles Event are planned. There was a query about the insurance and maintenance of the defibrillator sited on the Village Hall. The Clerk stated that she is responsible for maintenance checks and the Parish Council and West Midlands Ambulance Service insurance covers all three defibrillators.

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- c. Louisa Powell's Almshouses – The Clerk reported that she had received a statement from Eric Williams (Clerk to the Trustees) which will be uploaded to the website. There are 5 Almshouses for the benefit of the Parishes of Diddlebury and Stanton Lacy. The trustees include a representative nominated by each Parish.
- 8. Decide on expenditure from the Neighbourhood Fund £309.01 –** Suggestions included electric charging points and a bench on the previous site of the bus shelter. Decision deferred to the next meeting.
- 9. Consider Options for publishing maps of the Parish:** The link to Shropshire Council maps will be added to the Parish website and some A3 and A4 maps will be purchased for the notice boards.
- 10. Decide on expenditure for outside Light at the Village Hall:** Deferred to the March 2022 meeting.
- 11. Update on Broadband on the Hope:** There has been no progress as The Hope remains not eligible for voucher funding as the BDUK data implies that Openreach will be upgrading the infrastructure imminently. Shropshire Council is unable to influence the Openreach commercial outcome, nor the current status of the Gigabit Voucher Scheme eligibility that SWS refers to. Cllr R Gatehouse suggested that SWS contact him regarding use of his land to site a mast.
- 12. Consider action regarding state of Titterhill road surface. –** The road surface has now degraded to the extent that ordinary vehicles are struggling to travel along it. The Clerk will report this again to Shropshire Council.
- 13. Update on Abandoned Vehicles at Stanton Lacy –** There has been no apparent action by Shropshire Council abandoned vehicles team. The Clerk will report again.
- 14. Correspondence:**
  - a. Hope House Hospice– a request for a donation. Cllrs Radnor and E Gatehouse will put a Donations Policy before the next Council meeting.
  - b. Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2022 and Tree Planting. As the Parish has no land for planting and does not own a beacon it asked the Village Hall representative to raise the proposal of a joint celebration.
  - c. Policing Charter – PC Stephen Grant hopes to attend some PC meetings in the future to follow up the issues in the Policing Charter.
  - d. Flooding and Highway Conditions – a member of the public raised the issue of Flooding on the Hope. It was suggested that Cllr Parker advise them on contacts to set up a Flood Action Group for the Parish. The state of the highways is a constant issue being reported by the Clerk. Parishioners are able to report issues to Shropshire Council via their website.
- 15. Agenda Items for the next meeting:** Joint celebration with the Village Hall and St Peters to thank carers, speed and size of vehicles on the Peaton Road.
- 16. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**