**Stanton Lacy Parish Council Minutes**

**Minutes of the meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr Finch Councillors: R. Gatehouse, E. Gatehouse, P Parker, P Williams, J Whittaker, P Jones and C Radnor. **In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk),

**1. Apologies:** Cllr Motley.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Finch, R and E Gatehouse (item number 8d)

**3. Public Forum:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes for Meeting Held on 24th January 2019:** **Resolved (unanimous) EG/RG**

**5. Items to Action:**

1. **Minor Highways Grant and Lengthsman:** The application for the grant for the next two years has been submitted.
2. **Flooding on the Hope:** Due to cuts in Shropshire Council staff this item has not been completed. The clerk will continue to follow up.
3. **Community Infrastructure Levy/Bus Shelter:** This item was deferred until after the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.
4. **Potholes:** The Clerk surveyed the whole parish and submitted a report to Highways. Most of the holes have now been filled.
5. **Parish Plan:** There has only been a 17% response to the Housing Survey so Shropshire Council will keep the period for responding open for another few weeks. They will then produce a report for Stanton Lacy Parish Council.
6. **Review of Standing Orders:**  Councillors made comments which the clerk was able to clarify or add to the document. It will be adopted at the Annual Meeting.
7. **Defibrillator and First Aid Training:** The clerk will advertise for anyone interested later in the year.
8. **Fly Tipping:** The clerk advised that parishioners should be encouraged to contact Shropshire Council for reporting fly tipping and potholes.

**6. Finance:**

1. **Report on Bank Account including forthcoming Expenditure:** The report was presented to the council. The council were within budget with a Current Account balance of £3,156.86 and Savings Account balance of £3579.72 as of 14/3/19.

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|  | **Paid** | **Cheque Signed today** | **Expected**  **And APPROVED** |
| **Gary Trim (Lengthsman)** | **238** |  |  |
| **Gary Trim (Lengthsman)** |  |  | **450** |
| **H Coonick Reimburse** |  |  | **20** |
| **CAB** |  | **60** |  |

**Resolved (unanimous) PW/JW**

**b. Auditor for 2019-20:** It was agreed that Mr Brian Cairns will be the auditor for the coming financial year.

**c. Donation to CAB:** It was agreed there were sufficient funds to donate to the Citizens Advise Bureau. A cheque for £60 was signed. **Resolved (unanimous) JW/PW**

**7. Reports From Representatives:**

1. **Shropshire Council** Cllr Motley sent a report which the clerk read out. The focus recently has been on getting the budget sorted out and through Council. We’ve been told austerity has ended but it certainly isn’t reflected in extra funding for public services, other than all the money going to the NHS. The AONB has been holding various workshops to facilitate the production of its new business and management plans.  The Scrutiny Committee has been taking a hard look at the resources going into the upkeep of our public rights of way. We are impressed by the way the service is continuing to deliver improvements to the ROW network, but concerned that they have lost a lot of funding. We also had a good look at the Community Safety Strategy which, given that it is a multi -service effort, seems to be working reasonably well. We have been told that the review of the Highways department is now complete but don’t know what that means in practise yet.
2. **South Shropshire Area Committee:** The council can send two representatives to this meeting. It was agreed that the reps should be elected in May and attend dependent upon agenda items.
3. **Louisa Powell Almshouses:** Cllr Williams reported that the houses are now being managed much better by Eric Williams with more money coming in allowing repairs to be done.

**8. Planning Applications and Associated Matters:**

1. **18/02529/FUL** Upper House Farm, Hopton Cangeford Erection of three dwellings in a courtyard arrangement with access drive and parking – Awaiting Decision.
2. **18/05279/FUL** (validated: 20/11/2018) The Thatches, 1 Vernolds Common, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9LP: - Granted
3. **18/05467/FUL** Conversion of existing Barn to two Holiday Lets. Proposed barn conversion Adjacent Pillar Box Farm, Haytons Bent – Granted
4. **19/00907/FUL** Stanton Lacy Village Hall - Erection of extensions to accommodate accessible changing and toilet facilities; new sun room; new emergency exit and ramp; open porch over main entrance. Cllrs Finch, R and E Gatehouse did not take part in the voting as they are members of the Village Hall Committee and declared an interest. The remaining Councillors discussed the plans. Two supported them and three abstained from voting. The clerk will inform planning of the outcome.

**9. Any Other Business:** a) A parishioner had contacted the clerk about Traffic Calming measures on the Peaton Road. They agreed that the response to contact Shropshire Council was appropriate. b) A Parishioner on The Hope is experiencing problems with getting good broadband speeds. The councillor who raised the issue will advise the parishioner of the contact number for Connecting Shropshire. c) Cllr Whittaker reported that Compassion in the Community needs volunteers – anyone interested should contact Cllr Whittaker

**10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on the 16th May 2019 at 7.00pm**

None

**Meeting Closed at 8.57pm**

Signed: ………………………………….. (Cllr Martin Finch, Chairman)

Date:……………………………………