

Stanton Lacy Parish Council Minutes

Draft Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Thursday 21st January, 2021 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 Received and Accepted: Cllrs P Jones (Bereavement) and P Williams (No internet Access)

2. Declarations of Interest: None

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

4. Approval of Minutes for Ordinary Meeting Held on 19th November 2020: Resolved (unanimous) JW/RG

5. Reports From Representatives:

- a. **Cllr Motley, Shropshire Council:** The Comprehensive Spending Review will remain as last year except a small increase in the rural delivery services grant. The Community Reassurance Teams have reformed to assist with the present lockdown. The government is planning to hold the local elections on the 6th May but this may be delayed. After the elections Graham White (solicitor for Shropshire Council) will begin a review of Parish Councils. There is a big debate on the future of the Pride Hill Shopping Centre and the Shirehall.

6. Finance:

- a. **Finance Report:** The accounts report, bank statement with reconciliation and forecast of expenditure was presented to the council. As of the 22/12/20 the council were within budget with a Current Account balance of £9366.82. Cllr Radnor reported that she had checked the accounts and all was in order.

	Paid	Authorised at Meeting	Expected & Approved
H Coonick (admin and zoom membership)	£94.67		
G Trim (Lengthsman)		85.00	550
A Pritchard, Re-siting of Bus Shelter		266.47	
H Coonick (Annual Salary)		£1827.28	
H Coonick (admin costs)		64.00	
H Coonick (mileage)		30.00	
Christmas Gift to Volunteer			20

Resolved (unanimous) MF/JW

- b. **To consider the proposed budget for 2021-21:** The Clerk presented a budget for consideration. Election costs will be charged to the Parish so the reserve will increase to ensure there is adequate funding to cover these costs. As there had only been two responses to the survey about Smartwater it was decided not to include this in the budget. It

was decided to move the ringfenced money from the Transparency Fund and Parish Plan into the reserve. The budget was accepted and a precept of £4230 will be requested, which is a 0.3% reduction upon last year for a band D property. Resolved (unanimous JW/PP)

c. Agree the Environmental Maintenance Grant for 2021-2: It was agreed to apply for the grant and to advertise the contract further afield as there had been only one person who had expressed an interest so far and to discuss joint working with Culmington, Diddlebury and Munslow Parish Councils. The clerk agreed to send details of some of the outstanding work that had been reported to Shropshire Council over the last few months to Cllr Motley.

7. Update on Preparations for Election in May 2021: The clerk reported that if the election goes ahead as planned on the 6th May 2021, councillors will need to complete their nominations and return them to Shropshire Council by the 8th April. Cllr Finch reported that he did not intend to stand as Chair at the Annual Meeting on the 20th of May.

8. Update on the Census 2021: Census date is the 21st March 2021 and information will be going out over the next few weeks to each household.

9. Update on the Bus Shelter Relocation: This is now partially completed.

10. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting: There will be a presentation by Airband at the next meeting. Flooding on the Hope, Broadband on the Hope, Electric Car Charging Point and Roads and Drainage issues.

11. The Next Meeting will be held on 18th March 2021 at 7.30pm

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