**Stanton Lacy Parish Council Minutes**

**Minutes of the meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7.30pm.**

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

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs P Jones, P Cowles

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Williams (item 5d), Cllrs E and R Gatehouse (item 9)

**3. Public Forum:** A member of the public reported on the problem of getting broadband and mobile phone coverage on The Hope. He had had contact with Connecting Shropshire, SWS and Airband with no success. He stated that as many services were now being provided over the internet having better broadband was essential including for medical and day to day living. He runs several businesses from his home and is finding this difficult with such poor coverage.

The Clerk reported that she had discussed the issue with several other residents of The Hope who also reported difficulties and were interested in any improvements that could be made.

**4. Approval of Minutes for Ordinary Meeting Held on 18th July 2019:** **Resolved (unanimous) JW/PW**

**5. Items to Action:**

1. **Broadband:** Chris Taylor (Connecting Shropshire) discussed the reason why some properties on The Hope were not included in the present arrangements with Airband. SWS now accept that they cannot provide a service to some properties and he will approach them to ask how they intend to remedy this situation. He also discussed grants for business users to improve their broadband.
2. **Parish Plan and Housing Needs Survey:** No one from Housing was able to attend this meeting. They will be asked to attend the January 2019 meeting.
3. **Place Plan:** The Clerk will meet with Vicki Turner (Shropshire Council Place Plan Officer) and bring proposals for inclusion to the next meeting.
4. **Flooding on the Hope:** Cllr Whitaker reported that Rhian Townsend has made an appointment to meet with her to discuss the issue.
5. **Mulberry Lane Sign:** The Clerk is in discussion with Highways about the cost of a sign. There was discussion about whether the council should bear the full cost as some of the properties were not in the parish. It was agreed to pay for a sign up to the cost of £200. **Resolved RG/JW**
6. **Rural Bus Services:**  The clerk was asked to respond to a survey stating that if a bus service was going to be provided then a survey of need would be carried out.
7. **Highways Maintenance Contract:** Cllr Motley reported that Ian Walthorpe (Highways Maintenance Grant Manager) stated that the required reports had not been received from the Parish therefore no grant had been agreed. The Clerk reported that the required reports had been sent in April and would send them again.
8. **Clerk CILCA Training**: It was agreed that if the Council decided to go ahead with any housing developments the issue would be discussed again.

**6. Finance:**

1. **Report on Bank Account including forthcoming Expenditure:** The accounts were presented to the council. The council were within budget with a Current Account balance of £4,811.47 and Savings Account balance of £3772.21 as of 18/9/19.
2. **Forthcoming Expenditure:**

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|  | **Paid** | **Cheque Signed** | **Expected**  **& APPROVED** |
| **West Midlands Air Ambulance (Auditor B Cairns** | **25.00** |  |  |
| **Web Orchard (website hosting)** | **228.00** |  |  |
| **Defib Pads** | **194.40** |  |  |
| **Lengthsman** | **51.00** |  |  |
| **Notice Board Repairs** | **390.00** |  |  |
| **Village Hall** |  |  | **120.00** |
| **Lengthsman** |  |  | **200.00** |
| **Sign Mulberry Lane** |  |  | **200.00** |

**Resolved (unanimous) JW/CR**

**7. Reports From Representatives:**

1. **Shropshire Council** Cllr Motley reported she attended the final meeting of the Leader Action Group and had attended the Rural Services Network meeting. Drainage and Water Management has been brought back inhouse to the Council. A tree planting scheme is being proposed. A new Housing Association is being set up. She will arrange a meeting for Corvedale Chairs and Clerks.
2. **South Shropshire Area Committee:** The Clerk attended the meeting on 5th September. APT Development Consultancy talked about their services. Cllr Butler spoke about the funding inequalities between rural and metropolitan areas. He also reported that Shropshire Council had requested a boundaries review so suggested Parish’s discuss their own boundaries.
3. **Flood Warden:** Cllr Parker reported that he had now been included in communications with the organiser of the Flood Action Group.

**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 – The Clerk attended the South Planning Committee meeting. This application was deferred – requesting a S106 be attached to this development.
2. **19/01317/FUL** Titterhill Haytons Bent Ludlow Shropshire SY8 2AY. Erection of dwelling and detached double garage following demolition of all buildings; formation of new vehicular access with visibility splay; to include removal of trees- Granted

**9. Any Other Business:**

* 1. **Affordable Housing Local Connection:** This request came in on 16th September after the Agenda was published. It was deferred to the next meeting so it can be properly included in the Agenda.

**10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on the 21st November 2019 at 7.30pm**

1. **Items for Inclusion in Budget 2020-21:**  A draft budget was set last year but any addition can be included at the next meeting.
2. **Boundary Review:** The Chair will report on the meeting with Cllr Motley and other Corvedale Chairs on boundary changes.
3. **CIL/Bus Shelter:**  Plans will be presented ready for applying for planning application.

**Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm**

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