**Stanton Lacy Parish Council Minutes**

**Minutes of the meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7.30pm.**

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

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

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

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

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

**4. Approval of Minutes for Ordinary Meeting Held on 21st November 2019:** **Resolved (unanimous) PW/JW**

**5. Items to Action:**

1. **Housing Needs:** Vicky Turner and Tim Shrosbree (Shropshire Council) discussed the option regarding the outcome of the Housing Needs Survey completed last year. (i) hold on file for future reference when deciding on planning applications. (ii) Request development by a Housing Association or (iii) a community led scheme working with a Housing Association. It was agreed to put the issue on the agenda later in the year.
2. **Broadband on The Hope:** SWS are in negotiations with The Earl of Plymouth Estates regarding their properties and land.
3. **Bus Shelter:** Cllr Finch presented the plans that were submitted to Shropshire Planning for the bus shelter to be moved to the Village Hall East car park. The plans were supported and the clerk will contact all councillors when comments are required.
4. **Highways Maintenance Contract:** The clerk reported that no decision on this year’s grant will be made by Shropshire Council until March/April 2020.
5. **Highways Potholes and Hedges:** It was agreed that the link to reporting highway issues including potholes and overgrown hedges be placed on the website and notice boards.
6. **Website:** The clerk and Steve Davis have looked at the free website used by some other parish and consider it appropriate and will transfer over before June 2020.

**6. Finance:**

1. **Finance Report:** The accounts report was presented to the council. As of the 13/1/20 the council were within budget with a Current Account balance of £4,533.06 and Savings Account balance of £3,772.67.
2. **Budget Preparation:**  As there had been some changes since the last meeting the budget was discussed again including an estimated 9.8% increase in the precept. It was agreed that a precept of £3,976 be requested. **Resolved (unanimous) CR/EG**
3. **Forthcoming Expenditure:** The Clerk’s hours were discussed and it was agreed that they should be 3.5 hours per week plus a separate account of the time taken to manage the Highway Maintenance Contract for 2020-21.

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| **Village Hall** |  |  | **120.00** |
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| **H Coonick (Clerk) reimburse vol gift and admin** |  | **22.50** |  |
| **H Coonick (Clerk) salary** |  | **1756.83** |  |
| **H Coonick (Clerk) Expenses** |  | **64.00** |  |
| **H Coonick (Clerk) Mileage** |  | **210.60** |  |
| **Cllr Finch (Planning application reimbursement)** |  | **224.96** |  |

**Resolved (unanimous) CR/PW**

**7. Reports From Representatives:**

1. **Shropshire Council** Cllr Motley reported that the application for planning for two houses in Hopton Cangeford had been refused at committee. The Council budget discussions are causing some issues and there is likely to be a £10 million deficit for Adult Social Care. She will arrange a meeting to discuss boundary issues.
2. **Louisa Powell Almshouses:** Cllr Williams reported that workable rents were now in place and the manager was doing a good job.

**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

**9. Any Other Business:** None

**10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting to be held on the 19th March, 2020 at 7.30pm:** None

**Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm**

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