

**LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 2nd April 2019 at 7.00pm**  
**VILLAGE HALL, LIMPLEY STOKE**

**Present**

**Councillors:** Peter Wyatt, Ruth Fulton, Gordon Tucker, Francis Firmstone, Anthony Gennard, Ed Elias, A MacDougall, Johnny Kidney

**Public:** James Taylor

**Clerk & RFO:** Bryony Kohn

**034/19 Apologies for Absence**

None

**035/19 Declarations of Interest**

None

**036/19 Open Forum**

James Taylor from Community Led Housing outlined the scheme to the Parish Council.

Community First, Wiltshire Community Land Trust and Wiltshire Council have entered into a partnership project to deliver Community Led Housing advice and information to the communities of Wiltshire.

Community Led Housing is about local people taking a leading and lasting role in solving housing problems in their community. Such proposals must have meaningful community involvement; where the community group owns, manages or stewards the homes in a manner of their choosing; and the benefits to the community are clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity. They can be delivered directly by the community or through partnership working. The key is that the community are empowered to address the housing needs.

The Wiltshire Community Led Housing Project initially provides advice and signposting to communities on how to set up groups, such as Community Land Trusts, and how to access start-up funding. The Community Housing Fund can provide grants of up to £10,000 to establish a group.

Wiltshire have a number of groups up and running including Seend, Broad Chalke, Wilton, Cricklade, Bromham, Pewsey and Nadder (Tisbury and West Tisbury).

Households with an income of less than £80,000 per annum could qualify for low cost housing and are being encouraged to register online to the Wiltshire Council housing register.

**Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Wiltshire Councillor’s report, Johnny Kidney April 2019**

**Crime Forum**

Michelle Donelan MP has organised a Crime Forum to be held at St Margaret’s Hall, Bradford on Avon. This will take place on Thursday 18 April from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It will give residents in the town and villages the opportunity to come and air their concerns about crime in our community. Michelle will be chairing the panel, which will include

Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Angus MacPherson, the Mayor of BoA, Alex Kay and representatives from Wiltshire Police. For further information, contact Michelle's office on 01249704465. Flier provided for village notice board(s)

#### Extraordinary Full Council

An Extraordinary Full Council meeting of Wiltshire Council took place last week. This was to determine our response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's recommendations for new Council divisions in Wiltshire. The proposed changes to our area are as suggested by me and Wiltshire Council's boundary review team and have been accepted by the Boundary Commission, meaning Westwood, Winsley, Limpley Stoke and Wingfield are being joined by South Wraxall and Monkton Farleigh at the next election (May 2021).

CATG – The next meeting takes place on 24 June, 4pm

#### Special Schools Consultation update

Wiltshire Council has extended public consultation on its vision to transform special needs education in the county.

The Council is seeking to invest £20m in a new centre of excellence for children with special needs and disabilities. The proposal had been to develop this centre at Rowdeford, near Devizes to match the existing excellent facilities serving the south of the county at Exeter House, Salisbury.

This would have meant that the old schools at Larkrise in Trowbridge and St Nicholas in Chippenham will close in 2023.

Due to the level of public interest, and a challenge from parents at Larkrise and St Nicholas, the consultation has been extended, with a range of options back on the table.

The preferred option remains one of the proposals being consulted on, however additional time is being given to explore all options before a final decision is made. The extended consultation will now run until 6 May. All previously submitted representations are being carried forward into this extended consultation.

You can find out more about this extended consultation, including public meetings, and take part in the consultation here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/meetings-will-explore-vision-for-special-schools-in-wiltshire>

Area Board report (took place on 13 March).

Include update on Youth Service which we have agreed to part-fund on the understanding the service is made available in the villages. The Youth Service has arranged a free Easter Holiday activity in Westwood taking place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 12 noon. All young people aged 8 – 15 are welcome to take part in a range of fun activities, including arts and crafts, games, scavenger hunts, football skills, with free refreshments.

Funding for spring clean.

Wiltshire Council has been awarded a £86,956 share of £9.75m from the Government to back efforts in cleaning up the county's high streets and town centres.

Wiltshire Council is looking to work in partnership with existing community groups to use the one-off funding to support volunteers. The council will supply groups with tools such as litter pickers, gloves and brushes. During April the council can also arrange for the collection of waste after the event.

Community groups who would like to get involved can contact [streetscene@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@wiltshire.gov.uk).

**A MacLachlan sent the police report for this month.**

#### **Launch Of On The Beat - Campaign To Highlight Local Policing In Wiltshire**

On the Beat is a month-long campaign which will run throughout April and will primarily be focused on social media.

It aims to educate and inform the public about what their local police service looks like – introducing people to their local police officers and staff, highlighting the important work they do and raising awareness about the demands facing modern day policing. On the Beat follows the successful Beyond the Beat campaign, which ran throughout last summer and aimed to raise awareness of the hidden demands on policing, ie mental health, child sexual exploitation and cybercrime.

To find out more about our Community Policing Teams, including which area you live in and who your local officers and staff are, then please go to our website

<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/1067/Community-Policing-Teams>.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April we welcome back Inspector Andy Fee, who has been seconded to the Public Protection Department (PPD).

## **CRIME EXCEPTIONS DATA**

April showed 21 crimes for the beat area, against the average of 24.6 offences for this same month over the last two years. All crime is showing as an exception as the number of offences is less than we would expect to see. The largest four crime groups that accounted for 76% of EA12 crime are as follows :

Criminal Damage showed 7 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.1 offences.  
Violence against the Person showed 5 reported crimes, compared to an average of 7.5 offences.

Theft showed 2 reported crimes, compared to an average of 3.8 offences.

Burglary showed 2 reported crimes, compared to an average of 4.3 offences.

## **WEEKLY TASKING MEETING**

**Inspector Andy FEE chairs a weekly internal “tasking meeting” where emerging community issues and concerns are raised and discussed for the whole West Wiltshire CPT area. From this meeting, priorities and actions are set.**

Op Artemis – Poaching and Hare Coursing.

Rural and remote locations are at risk from poachers damaging fences and gates to access land to Hare Course and Poach. This sometimes leads to cattle and sheep escaping out onto the roads, causing issues for motorists and the farmers. Crops and fields are also being damaged. As part of Op Artemis, we are conducting pro-active high visibility patrols to reduce this type of crime.

## **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)**

**Every 2 weeks, 4 Community Speedwatch Schemes across West Wiltshire are selected by the Community Speedwatch Team for CPT support (additional targeting, enforcement and patrols) to supplement the CSW team planned sessions. These are included in our weekly tasking document for action and update. The current Speedwatch Schemes being supported until the 10<sup>th</sup> April are; Edington, Hindon, Lowbourne, Melksham and Southwick**

## **LOCAL INFORMATION**

**There have been no recent incidents of note in the Limpley Stoke area.**

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

**037/19 Co-Option of A MacDougall to the parish Council**

FF proposed to co-opt A MacDougall on to the Parish Council.  
PW seconded the proposal.  
The Councillors voted unanimously to c- opt Alan MacDougall on to the Parish Council.

**038/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes were discussed and accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from previous meetings were actioned or were on the agenda for the meeting.

**039/19 Financial Items**

SO90 Idverde litterbin emptying March	£18.37
SO91 B Kohn Clerk Salary	
DD104 J Gennard- Website Design	£106.66
DD105 A Gennard LS Big Brainstorm	£100
DD106 B Kohn – Flowers, Stationery	£34.85

PW and RF signed the approved payment forms.  
FF confirmed as additional bank signatory  
Edward Fergusson unanimously reappointed as Internal Auditor for LSPC for 2019/20.  
The council certified themselves exempt from appointing an External Auditor for 2018/19 as gross income and expenditure are less than £25,000.

**040/19 Planning Applications and Decisions**

**The Hop Pole relisting Application**

AG has had contact with Wiltshire planning as the solicitors acting for the owners of the pub dispute the relisting. AG will update us with developments.

**041/19 Annual Parish Meeting**

FF has contacted the owner of the Limpley Stoke Mines and a possible date for a talk and tour of the mines is being finalised. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm is a possibility. Awaiting confirmation.

FF

**042/19 Neighbourhood Plan**

The councillors had all re-read the NP last month.  
AG said that the NP should be central to the parish council business and used as a reference point. There should be a plan to review it with Freshford PC. A meeting will be arranged.  
FF will contact Wiltshire to ascertain who owns the corner piece of land near the railway bridge for a possible future gateway to the village location.  
AM and FF said the paintwork on the roads is poor- particularly on the A36 near the Midford Lane junction. Pedestrian crossing is particularly hazardous.  
Some footpaths need repairs- A detailed map showing footpath locations etc will be emailed to the councillors by PW.  
The NP is on the new website.

PW

FF

PW

**043/19 Updates**

Action Log

The Action Log was updated. The Big Brainstorm has a great success and discussions and suggestions are being explored.

Stewards Spreadsheet:

Pot hole filling and gully clearance is ongoing

Footpaths:

The broken streetlight on the Twizzle was reported by BK and is now working. Fly tipping on Midford Lane is unresolved and has been reported again to Wiltshire. AM has been appointed councillor responsible for LS Footpath issues.

EE

Roads:

RF has raised the rumble strips possibility in Middle Stoke and Midford Lane with Dave Thomas who will meet FF and AG and visit the sites in April.

FF, AG

Playpark:

Playpark clearance is ongoing. A willow tree has been taken out. Cutting back will be continued.

VPA:

Nothing to report. AM appointed councillor to represent LSPC on the VPA and will attend the next meeting

FLISCA:

RF said that grants were being allocated

**044/20 Any Other Business**

None

**Date of Next Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

PW closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Signed (Chair).....

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