LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 2nd July 2019 at 7.00pm VILLAGE HALL, LIMPLEY STOKE

Councillors: Chairman - Mr Anthony Gennard (AG), Mr Francis Firmstone (FF), Mr Ed Elias (EE), Mrs Ruth Fulton (RF), Mr Alan MacDougall (AM), Mrs Nicky Boulton (NB), Ms Georgina Taylor (GT).

Apologies: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk), Johnny Kidney (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood).

In attendance: n/a

Members of the public: Seven members of the public attended for Open Forum.

Item	Actio					
65. Declarations of interest.						
a. None.						
66. Open Forum.						
a. Save Our Planet LSF. Members of the recently formed Save Our Planet LSF (i.e. Limpley Stoke and Freshford) attended. A short presentation was made by the Group and a dialogue ensued between members of the Group and the Parish Council. Essentially Save Our Planet LSF is an environmental club: a self-help group. The aims include reducing carbon footprint, learning and informing the whole community. The Group, after some 3 weeks, has 60 members and has a What's App group which mainly concentrated on tips and news. Save Our Planet (LSF) wishes to work with the LS Parish Council and requested a formal liaison with the Council. The Council undertook to consider their involvement and warmly thanked the attendees for their attendance.						
b. Councillor for Winsley & Westwood Report. The Council were grateful to receive Councillor Johnny Kidney's report, which had been circulated previously on 1 July. The report was noted with no comment. A copy of the report is at the Enclosure.						
c. Police Report. No police report was received.						
67. Co-option of new Limpley Stoke Parish Councillor.						
a. RF proposed the co-option of Ms Georgina (George) Taylor (GT) onto the Parish Council. NB seconded the proposal. The Councillors voted unanimously for the co-option of George Taylor and she was co-opted as a Member onto the Limpley Stoke Parish Council.						
68. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Limpley Stoke Parish Council 4 th June 2019.						
a. The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) were approved with no comment and signed off as an official record by the Chairman.						
69. Financial Items: Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.						
a. SO96 – Idverde. Monthly (June) Playpark Litterbin emptying: £18.37.						
Decision: Approved.						
b. SO97 – B Kohn. Clerk salary (June)						

Decision: Approved.

c. **DD116 – Came and Company.** Annual Insurance: £576.69.

Decision: Approved.

d. DD119 - B Kohn. Councillor retirement costs: £47.44.

Decision: Approved.

70. Planning applications.

a. 19/04399/FUL Broadstones, 34 Midford Lane, Limpley Stoke, BA2 7GS. Amendments to external materials ref 18/11199/FUL.

Decision. Application approved with conditions by Wiltshire County Council.

b. 19/06031/FUL Saddlestones, 17 Church Lane, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7WD. Single storey rear extension, replacement dormer windows and new side elevation window. Change of window to a door.

Decision. Postponed until Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 8 July 2019.

c. 19/04889/FUL Fairlight, Lower Stoke, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7FR.

Decision. Application – No comment by LS Parish Council.

- 71. Correspondence for consideration.
 - a. **South Stoke Plateau proposed 800 house development.** The Parish Council received a letter from Mags Stroud, South Stoke Parish Councillor asking Limpley Stoke Parish Council for their views on the proposal by the Hignetts Family Trust to build 800 houses on the South Stoke Plateau. The Parish Council did not have a sufficiently detailed and informed background knowledge of the proposal and the members were only able to surmise at this stage. However, a wide and broad range of views was expressed. Accordingly, the Chairman agreed to investigate further and to formulate a draft response to Mags Stroud in the coming weeks once enough information was available for a suitable position to be taken. This would consider the comments at the Parish Council meeting and any subsequent PC Member views going forward. Councillors would then view the draft and make observations before the agreed response was forwarded.

Action 08/19: South Stoke Plateau – further information to be presented prior to decision.

72. Council Member role updates.

a. **Neighbourhood Plan (AG).** The Chairman will conduct a stocktake of those actions that have been completed so far as outlined in the *Freshford and Limpley Stoke*Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2039. These successes will be listed alongside incomplete actions which will then be taken forward for consultation with Freshford Parish Council. (This course of action was agreed at an informal meeting of some members of the two Parish Councils on 17 June 2019).

Action 09/19. Neighbourhood Plan stocktake to be conducted.

b. Roads (RF).

i. **Grit bins.** Councillors are requested to check grit bins and inform RF of location/need to be refilled. A record of grit bin locations will be kept for future reference.

Action 10/19. Councillors to report grit bin requirement and location to RF.

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Action 11/19. Create record of grit bin locations for future reference.

- ii. **Woods Hill.** There is continuing concern about Woods Hill traffic problems. Recently a caravan became grounded at the top and caused an obstruction on the A36 for several hours.
- iii. **Pedestrian markings.** Concern was raised about the roadway pedestrian markings that are rapidly wearing out around the village.
- iv. **A36 paint lines on junction with Church Lane.** There is continuing concern about the lack of action regarding worn out paint lines on A36 at Church Lane and the potential danger to life this is causing.
- v. **A36 viaduct.** The possibility of a green turn right filter at the viaduct was raised.
- vi. **Traffic calming.** The discussion about traffic calming with Dave Thomas from the local authority was noted.
- vii. **Spraying of road verges.** There had been continuing concern about spraying of roadsides and the wish for verges to be clean and tidy.

Action 12/19. AM to discuss options with Parish Steward and report back.

- c. **Footpaths and bridleways (AM).** It was agreed that the matter of footpaths and bridleways would be consider at the additional Parish Council meeting in the coming week. The basis of discussion would be the prepared paper by Peter Wyatt and Alan MacDougall. Additionally, it was noted that there was a report that some of the Twizzle was overgrown. This matter would be considered as part of any future agreed approach to footpath and bridleway management.
- d. **Parish Steward activity (AM).** It was reported that the Steward had undertaken a list of jobs on 1st and 2nd July (the list was tabled). There were would be no steward's work in Limpley Stoke during August as Wilts Council gives priority to the removal of ragwort. However, urgent matters can be dealt with as necessary.
- e. **Community Housing.** The Parish Council would continue to bear in mind but there are currently no obvious sites for consideration.

Action 13/19: Transfer to Action Plan for ongoing quarterly review from October 2019.

73. **George V Play Park.** Rubbish in the park bins had strewn around the park. This may possibly have been caused by animals. However, the rubbish included unwrapped used nappies and bags of dog mess. As dogs (other than Guide Dogs) are not permitted to access the play park under any circumstances there is clearly a need to remind residents and visitors of the correct use of the Play Park and the bins there.

Action 14/19: A note will be put on the Website and an article proposed for the LS News.

- 74. **LSPC Action Plan (LSPC AP) review and update.** The LSPC AP was reviewed and updated. The attached LSPC AP contains the status of ongoing/recently completed actions (shown greyed out). **The latest LSPC Action Plan is at the Annex.**
- 75. **Traffic management, access and speeding.** The PC considered the matter of traffic management, access and speeding. These issues are a matter of considerable importance that require urgent consideration. The Chairman introduced a short presentation on Improving Traffic Management in the village. It included concern about speeding traffic, unauthorised road closures, poor parking practices and vehicles using Access Only roads as a shortcut. The presentation called for creative ideas about the present challenges as well as a need to be anticipatory about future development for example, the traffic movement likely to be caused by the conversion of the Rose and Crown into a nursery and offices. It was

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agreed that the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would consider the approach to be taken.

- 76. **Valley Parish Alliance (VPA).** The VPA meeting (Limpley Stoke Parish Council is a member) was held on 12th June at Monkton Combe. The Alliance actively continues to monitor matters of common interest. There were no significant matters to report.
- 77. **FLISCA.** Nothing significant to report (NSTR).
- 78. Any Other Business.
 - a. **Sponsorship / Support.** An informal approach was made to the Parish Council about the possibility of financial support for:
 - i. The rebuilding of a collapsed boundary wall at St Marys and;
 - ii. A noticeboard by the side of the church visible from the footpath.

The Parish Council considered the matter but regrettably was unable to offer any financial support due to the many competing pressures on its existing responsibilities, commitments and its limited budget.

79. **Date of Next Meeting.** Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 8th July 2019 at 8 Middle Stoke, Limpley Stoke. Next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 3rd September 2019 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.						
Signed (Chair)						

Limpley Stoke Parish Council Action Log as at July 2019

Month Entered	Ref.	Title	Description	Lead	Update	Target Date
May	02/19	Rumble strips for Middle Stoke and Church Lane	Costs to be obtained for comparison with Speed Indicator sign	RF	FF, AG, Dave Thomas-met speed Ind sign probably best option.	Complete
May	03/19	Speed Indicator sign	New mobile Speed Indicator sign for the village	EE	£1,800-£2,500 estimate.	Sep 19
May	04/19	Playground Information Board	Install a new Information board	AG	TH, AD to review design in Sept. Possible extra funding from FLEWG	Sep 19
May	05/19	Playground clearance	Inspection report – required actions repairs. Vegetation clearance and tree removal	AG	Clearance is underway and invoices to date paid. Completion by Sep 19 prior to next safety inspection.	Sep 19
May	06/19	Wilts Planning Dept	Contact Wilts re PC views disregarded	FF	FF contacted Wilts- no reply Contact again.	Jul 19
June	07/19	Road maintenance Pedestrian walk areas/white lines	Maintenance required on road/verges in village.	AG, AM	AG and AM to inspect Middle Stoke	Aug 19
July	08/19	South Stoke Plateau development	Gather information on the proposals	AG	Draft a response to South Stoke PC	Sep 19
July	09/19	Neighbourhood Plan	Re-Assessment of Plan	AG	AG to conduct stocktake of NP. Regular meetings with Freshford	Sep 19
July	10/19	Grit bin requirements to Wilts CC	Councillors to report grit bin requirement and location to RF	All	Once complete, details sent to Wilts	Jul 19
July	11/19	Grit bin locations	Create record of grit bin locations for future reference.	ВК	Once complete save for future reference as record	Jul 19
July	12/19	Road verge cutting	Discuss requirements with Parish Steward	AM	Discuss with Parish Steward	Sep 19
July	13/19	Community Led Housing	Promotion of project and review of available space in Limpley Stoke	FF	Ongoing quarterly review	Oct 19
July	14/19	Litterbins in Playpark	Correct use of litterbins	AG	Article on website and in newsletter	Sep 19

Wiltshire County Council Member's Report dated

Full Council 9 July 2019

Full Council takes place in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 9 July at 10:30am. In addition to the election of a new leader for Wiltshire Council, other matters for discussion include the opportunity for the launch of a regional mutual bank, Avon Mutual Bank. This is being considered by Wiltshire Council in association with other councils in the Avon region and would provide banking opportunities for vulnerable people and small enterprises who struggle to access banking services. There is more information about this in the public reports pack for the Council meeting at

https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=12493&x=1

Pedestrian safety improvement works – Winsley to Limpley Stoke link

Work on this project commenced on Monday 1 July and will continue for approximately 3 weeks. There will be a need to deploy temporary traffic lights on occasion during the works. The project will deliver improved pedestrian infrastructure across the canal bridge and in the layby area where cars currently park to provide a proper footpath link from the canal to Limpley Stoke. There will also be improved road markings.

A36

The A36 is managed by Highways England rather than Wiltshire Council, so unfortunately Wiltshire Council is unable to carry out any works on the road. However, I have reported the worn road markings at the filter lane for the turning into Church Lane from the A36.

National Armed Forces Day

National Armed Forces Day was hosted in Salisbury at the weekend and the three day event was a huge success, with 65,000 attending the festivities, with all the free tickets taken up. The success of the weekend is a huge boost to the city as it continues its recovery from last year's nerve agent attack.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation

Views are being sought on a strategy which sets out how people's health and wellbeing will be supported in Wiltshire, giving them the best opportunities to thrive. A consultation on the draft Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2022 is now underway and will run until 5 August 2019.

The strategy has been put together by Wiltshire's Health and Wellbeing Board and their aim is to achieve the best outcomes for Wiltshire's population through good quality housing, education, employment and safe communities. The strategy is broken down into four main areas; prevention, tackling inequalities, localisation, and integration. The role of Wiltshire's Health and Wellbeing Board is to lead on work to improve the health and happiness of Wiltshire, specifically focusing on reducing health inequalities. It also considers the impact of health on the wider local authority and partnership agendas including housing, education, employment, crime, vulnerability and safeguarding.

You can read the strategy and take part in the consultation at the Council's consultations page or by following this direct link: https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=155687155825

Area Board

The Bradford on Avon and Villages Area Board meeting took place on Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7pm at St Laurence School. I was appointed chairman of the Area Board for the coming year and was delighted to chair my first meeting with a theme of the environment, climate change and air quality. I was very grateful to Cllr Richard Clewer, a member of Wiltshire Council's Cabinet for attending the meeting and discussing the Council's ambitions towards becoming Carbon Neutral. The evening was very positive, with lots of good ideas proposed, many of which were taken away by Richard to be further explored by Wiltshire Council.