

**LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 5th February 2019 at 7.00pm**  
**VILLAGE HALL, LIMPLEY STOKE**

**Present**

**Councillors:** Peter Wyatt, Ed Elias, Francis Firmstone, John Mill, Anthony Gennard, Johnny Kidney

**Public:** None

**Clerk & RFO:** Bryony Kohn

**012/19 Apologies for Absence**

Ruth Fulton, Gordon Tucker

**013/19 Declarations of Interest**

None

**014/19 Open Forum**

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

Special Schools Consultation:

Wiltshire Council is holding a 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 is to develop this centre at Rowdeford, near Devizes to match the existing excellent facilities serving the south of the county at Exeter House, Salisbury.

The vision means that the old schools at Larkrise in Trowbridge and St Nicholas in Chippenham will close in 2023.

The consultation runs until 1 March 2019 and members of the public can have their say via the Council’s website.

**BUDGET**

Wiltshire Council has published its budget proposals 2019/20. The proposals will be considered by Cabinet today (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb) before being taken to Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.

The budget sets out how the Council proposes to deliver the savings of £27.29m, while continuing to boost investment in services where the demand is increasing. The proposals also include investment in digitisation and commercialisation which, as the Council moves away from a reliance on central government grant funding, will help to sustain service provision in the long-term.

It is proposed that Council Tax will increase by 2.99% (£42 per year for a Band D household). A number of departments are also in a position to deliver savings through improved efficiency and successful service transformation.

Other Consultation currently running on the Council’s consultation portal:  
Children’s Centre Consultation (on how centres will be run)

The next meeting of CATG will take place at County Hall on Monday 18 Feb at 4pm.

The next Area Board meeting takes place on Wednesday 13 March 2019 at St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon.

The Boundary review has been agreed. Monkton Farleigh and S Wraxall will be added to the Limpley Stoke, Wingfield, Winsley and Westwood division. A consultation is open for a proposed new name for the division.

Ros Griffiths is replacing Peter Dunford as the Community Engagement Manager for Bradford on Avon.

### **Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group Report**

Following the Road Safety subgroup's meeting with Cllr Johnny Kidney in November, re pursuing a reduction in the speed limit down Winsley Hill, a letter was sent to Cllr Wayman of Wiltshire Council. Her reply was not encouraging. She felt that matters had not changed since a speed limit survey was carried out in 2009. The sub committee is not happy with her response and plans initially to respond to her. Councillor Johnny Kidney is himself campaigning for a reduction in the speed limit on the B3108 from the beginning of the Winsley bypass to the railway bridge at the foot of Winsley Hill and has been helpful and supportive of WHTAG's campaign and has attended meetings of the subcommittee.

### **Bridge@175 (pedestrian bridge project)**

The Canal and River Trust (CRT) registration has been completed and a locally based (Gloucester) engineer has been allocated and work is underway to instigate the ground investigation to determine the nature of the abutments for the bridge— a key cost driver of the project.

WHTAG are still waiting for the Wiltshire Council Heritage Lead to respond to a request for a meeting. Importantly, Bridge No 175 is listed as Grade II and, hence, the need to understand the preference of each organisation toward the design of the bridge. The aim is to ensure that the design of the pedestrian bridge does not impinge on the aesthetics of the extant road bridge.

### **Fundraising & Communications**

The fundraiser Quiz Night at the Seven Stars in aid of the pedestrian bridge fund on 14 January was sold out and a great success. The Seven Stars made a generous contribution of £200 and £111 was raised from the raffle. WPC Cllr Warren was thanked for the generous raffle prize of a canal boat trip.

A questionnaire to elicit the views of Winsley and Limpley Stoke residents and also canal users re the bridge project is being conducted.

There was no police Report this month.

AG and FF said that local residents would like to revitalise the community spirit of Limpley Stoke by making more use of the village hall and the facilities.

### **015/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 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.

<p><b>016/19 Financial Items</b></p>	<p>SO86 Idverde litterbin emptying Jan      £18.37  SO87 B Kohn Clerk Salary</p>	
<p>PW signed the approved payment forms. RF to counter sign at later date.  BK has applied for AG and FF to become bank signatories.</p>	<p>BK</p>	
<p><b>017/19 Planning Applications and Decisions</b></p>	<p>Application:-<b>18/12032/FUL Millbrook, 1 Waterhouse Lane BA2 7JA</b>  Replacing and extending a rear single storey extension. Amendments to approved application 18/04325/FUL  JM proposed to approve the application. FF seconded the proposal. The councillors voted unanimously to approve the application.</p>	
<p><b>The Hop Pole relisting Application</b></p>	<p>AG will collect the signatures of 21 local people who appear on the electoral roll within the local authority, or a neighbouring local authority. He will arrange for the form to be sent to the authority.</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p><b>018/19 Projector</b></p>	<p>This item was discussed in the open forum. The parish council will have access to and use of the new projector.</p>	
<p><b>019/19 Updates</b></p>	<p>Project Spreadsheet: BK to update the spreadsheets monthly and send to the councillors</p>	<p>BK</p>
<p>Stewards Spreadsheet:  FF will take over the Stewards Spreadsheet from JR</p>	<p>AG  PW</p>	
<p>Footpaths:  EE will take on responsibility for the footpaths in Upper Limpley Stoke  AG will take on responsibility for the footpaths in Middle Limpley Stoke  FF will take on responsibility for the footpaths in Lower Limpley Stoke</p>	<p>RF</p>	
<p>Roads:  RF will raise the possibility of installing rumble strips in Middle Stoke and Midford Lane at the February CATG meeting.</p>	<p>RF</p>	
<p>Playpark:  There had been no progress on the playpark notice boards. AG will liaise with T Harper and A Dun. PW will email existing drawings to the Councillors.</p>	<p>AG  PW</p>	
<p>AG reported that the planned works with Alan Duck were underway. The initial clearance work was completed by the end of January. He has identified 42 items for action with 3 trees for removal being prioritised.</p>	<p>FF</p>	
<p>VPA:  Nothing to report. FF will check for information</p>	<p>FF</p>	
<p>FLISCA:  Nothing to report</p>	<p>FF</p>	

<p><b>020/19 Fete</b></p> <p>BK will contact the organisers for progress</p>	<p>BK</p>
<p><b>021/19 Annual Parish Meeting</b></p> <p>AG will make initial enquiries about dates and speakers for this event.</p>	<p>AG</p>
<p><b>022/20 Any Other Business</b></p> <p>AG suggested updating and revamping the website to be more interactive with links to Facebook, Twitter etc. BK will contact the web designer and host to discuss.</p>	<p>BK</p>
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b></p>	
<p>PW closed the meeting at 9pm.</p>	
<p>Signed (Chair).....</p>	