

**LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD ON 5th June 2018 at 7.00pm

VILLAGE HALL, LIMPLEY STOKE

Present

Councillors: Peter Wyatt, Ruth Fulton, Gordon Tucker, Francis Firmstone, John Mill, Ed Elias, Anthony Gennard, Johnny Kidney

Public: T Walters- Representing WHTAG

Clerk & RFO: Bryony Kohn

062/18 Apologies for Absence

Janice Richards

063/18 Declarations of Interest

None

064/18 Open Forum

Trisha Waters from Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group outlined to the council the developments of the WHTAG. An artists impression of the proposed pedestrian bridge was shown to the councillors. TW said there were 3 main aims for the group- 1) to reduce the speed limit on the hill. 2) to make a safe pavement from Limpley Stoke to the canal. 3) to make a safe pavement from Winsley to the canal. The visibility from the farm drive was an issue. The farmer was being consulted regarding planters etc. Fundraising was going ahead with cream teas and a curry and music night.

Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Wiltshire Councillor’s report, Johnny Kidney June 2018

Crowe Hill maintenance – I have reported a number of maintenance issues on Crowe Hill, primarily blocked drains and some rather dangerous potholes on the footway. There is also an ongoing issue with an overflowing trough on the right (heading towards F’ford) which is causing a stream to flow across the road which will eventually damage the carriageway. I believe the drain covers have now been cleared since the issue was reported, but it might be worth adding an inspection of the drains, as well as the trough to the Parish Steward’s schedule.

Lower Westwood Road Closure – Lower Westwood will be closed for essential water mains maintenance for three days from 18th June. This may impact Limpley Stoke residents who use that route via Freshford travelling from Trowbridge etc. I am seeking further information as to any impact on the 94 bus.

The last meeting of the Area Board was held in Bradford-on-Avon on 23rd May. One of the topics was local housing. Parish Councillors may recall that at the last meeting I mentioned the support that is available from Wiltshire Council for communities to establish Community Land Trusts. The Area Board meeting demonstrated a lot of interest in establishing a Community Land Trust for the town and potentially the villages too. This may be of may be of interest to the Parish Council in any future review of the joint Neighbourhood Plan.

The next meeting of the Area Board takes place on 11 July in Westwood (social club). It would be great to have a community grant bid from the villages on the agenda, so if there are any community groups, local projects, sports clubs etc in Limpley Stoke that need funding for a particular project, facility etc, please ask them to get in touch with me and/or Peter Dunford (peter.dunford@wiltshire.gov.uk).

The next meeting of CATG takes place on Monday 25th of June at 4pm in the Lacock Room at County Hall.

Due to an IT issue there was no data available on crime figures in the police report this month.

065/18 Co-option of new councillor

PW proposed Anthony Gennard to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. JM seconded the proposal. The councillors voted unanimously for the proposal and PW welcomed Anthony Gennard to the council.

066/18 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st May 2018

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

Matters arising from previous meetings were actioned or are on the Agenda for the June meeting, with the following exceptions:

067/18 Financial Items

- A) The councillors voted unanimously that the parish council would not appoint an external auditor as the PC met the criteria of income and expenditure being not more than £25,000 for the year.
- B) The variances in the accounts were explained by BK to the PC.
- C) The Annual Governance Statement was approved unanimously by the councillors and signed by the Chairman.
- D) The Accountability Return Statements were approved unanimously by the councillors and signed by the Chairman.
- E) The LSPC passwords which were given to the Chairman were acknowledged.
- F) The councillors agreed unanimously to appoint Edward Fergusson as Internal Auditor for the next financial year.

The following invoices were approved-

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| SO70 - Idverde - Playpark litterbin emptying - May | £18.37 |
| SO71 - B Kohn Clerk salary - May | |
| DD75 - Came and Company- Annual Insurance | £556.43 |
| DD74 - Edward Ferguson- Internal Audit | £125 |
| DD76 - Alan Duck- Grasscutting/ war memorial repair | £520 |

PW and RF signed the approved payment forms.

068/18 Planning Applications and Decisions

Application:-**18/04325/FUL 1 Waterhouse Lane, Monkton Coombe BA2 7JA**
Single storey extension, reconstruction of garage with guest accommodation.

The councillors supported the application.

069/18 Updates

Project Spreadsheet:

RF to research whether a speed indicator could be used in the parish. EE suggested if so, perhaps Freshford school could build it as a project for the children.

RF

Stewards Spreadsheet:

JR to check with the stewards that the Crowe Hill drains were functioning correctly. JR to remind the steward that Bath Asparagus was coming into season especially on Midford Lane. JR to inform steward that there was a lot of mud that needs clearing near the handrail of the new playpark fencing

JR

Footpaths:

RF to co-ordinate the winter requirements for the village grit bins.

RF

Roads:

Nothing to report.

Playpark:

JR to give AG playpark file so an inspection can be carried out.

AG

VPA:

PW will attend meeting on 20th June.

PW

FLISCA:

New hydrostation was in operation at The Galleries and was a big success.

War Memorial

PW will meet with Alan Duck to discuss the repair of the paving of the war memorial which has been cleared of vegetation.

PW

070/18 Annual Parish Meeting

AG said that the proposed Limpley Stoke Mine visit and talk for the APM was not able to go ahead. He is hoping that Alan Dun will be able to speak regarding his Owl commission and conservation. A possible date for the APM could be 29th June 2018.

AG

071/18 Any Other Business for next meeting

A neighbour warned that a lead roof had been stolen in Middle Stoke that week and had been notified to the police. PW closed the meeting at 9pm.

072/18 Date of Next Meeting – 3rd July 2018

Signed (Chair)..... Date.....

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