

LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD on the 11th February 2020 at 7.00pm

VILLAGE HALL, LIMPLEY STOKE

Councillors: Chairman - Mr Anthony Gennard (AG), Mr Francis Firmstone (FF), Ms Georgina Taylor (GT), Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Mr E Elias (EE), Mr Alan MacDougall (AM), Ms Denise Barnes (DB)

Apologies: Mrs N Boulton (NB)

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

Members of the public: One

Item	Action
<p>011/20 Declarations of interest. None.</p> <p>012/20 Open Forum.</p> <p>a. Tom Harper outlined the details of the proposed new Limpley Stoke noticeboard, tracing the history and natural environment of Limpley Stoke. Funding had been secured from the Cotswold AONB Board and from the LSPC. JK suggested that the Area Board could be approached for further financial assistance. Three local books had been very useful in obtaining the historical details and Sheena and Bob Broadhead had been extremely helpful with the proof-reading and manufacture of the proposed noticeboard.</p> <p>Depending on costs, it was suggested that more than one noticeboard could be produced for several possible locations throughout the village as there was so much information relevant to all areas of the village. The opening ceremony could possibly be at the Limpley Stoke Barbeque on May 16th2020. AG thanked Tom Harper for his hard work on the noticeboard project.</p> <p>b. Councillor for Winsley & Westwood Report. The Council were grateful to hear Councillor Johnny Kidney's report, including a Hop Pole update - a copy of which is at the Enclosure.</p> <p>c. Police Report. No police report was received. JK said that there would not be any reports in the future although attendance at future PC meetings could improve due to an increase in officer numbers at Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>013/20 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Limpley Stoke Parish Council held on the 7th January 2020.</p> <p>The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) were approved with no comment and signed off as an official record by the Chairman.</p> <p>014/20 Financial Items (BK).</p> <p>Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.</p> <p>a. SO110 – Idverde. Monthly (Jan) Playpark Litterbin emptying: £18.37.</p> <p>Decision: Approved.</p> <p>b. SO111 – B Kohn. Clerk salary (Jan).</p> <p>Decision: Approved.</p> <p>c. DD135- G Taylor- Limpley Community expenses: £27.35</p>	

d. **DD137- B Kohn:** Laminating pouches **£20.97**

Decision: Approved

e. **DD138- G Taylor** -Limpley Community printing costs: **£43.94**

Decision: Approved

015/20 Planning

FF met with Mike Willmott from Wiltshire planning department. The PC has concerns about the lack of response to comments on planning matters for each application. MW is meeting with his officers to assess the concerns of the PC with Wiltshire Council Planners and their decisions.

Action 06/19- FF to report back with any information

FF

016/20 Enduring Theme- Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan (2014-2039): (AG)

AG and FF met with John Adler the Chairman of Freshford Parish Council on 15th January 2020 to discuss the two council's observations on the plan. This will be taken forward at the next Freshford and Limpley Stoke Council meeting.

Action 27/19– AG will report back with the Freshford PC observations when received

AG

017/20 Key Themes

a. Community.

i. **Update on Community events.** (GT) GT has produced and delivered flyers to households in Limpley Stoke about the upcoming community events. There had been a fantastic response to the request to donate unwanted household items etc for the homeless. Single bedding donations are particularly welcome in the future. GT will contact Winsley and Freshford PC to confirm the 3 Parish Barbeque date of 16th May 2020.

ii. **The Hop Pole Inn.** AG, FF and JK met with Trevor John from The Packhorse in Southstoke recently to discuss the challenges of pub community ownership. JK had also been exploring alternative options. There is the option of the Parish Council itself bidding to buy the pub, funded by a loan from the Government through the Public Works Loan Board (<https://www.dmo.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending/lending-arrangements/>). This has been done successfully elsewhere, with the Parish Council purchasing the asset and then leasing to a landlord to run the pub, with the rent used to fund the loan repayments. A robust business plan would be required. There is an excellent case study of a Parish Council in Worcestershire of a similar size to Limpley Stoke that successfully purchased their village pub on this basis. More information on case study can be found on page 9 of this report:

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JK will establish contact with the Parish in Worcestershire to find out more about their experiences. AG has a list of people who would be willing to help with the proposal for a community led project for The Hop Pole. FF proposed that the PC would submit an intention to bid for The Hop Pole and GT seconded the proposal which was unanimously carried.

Action 02/20- FF to submit the intention to bid by 6th March 2020.

FF

iii. **Limpley Creative** wanted to know if they could use the LSPC bank account for their finances. PC agreed that they would have to establish their own bank account. Limpley Creative want to buy some new equipment to be installed in the village hall. The Village Hall Management Committee will be consulted.

iv. **Village Hall Funds-** AG said that the PC had been approached regarding a donation from the PC towards the new heaters that had been installed in the hall. The councillors voted that a figure of £250 should be donated to the Village Hall Management Committee

<p>subject to a formal acknowledgement regarding money already donated by the Environment group headed by Denise Barnes and figures showing the costings of the heaters being produced.</p> <p>v. FLiSCA (NB). The last meeting was on 20th January 2020. NB attended. 3 Electric car charging stations are to be installed in Freshford. GT is meeting with Alan Dunn about a possible Pizza oven for the playpark before an application for a grant to FLiSCA is proposed.</p>	
<p>Action 01/20 - GT meeting with Alan Dunn</p>	GT
<p>b. Traffic</p>	
<p>i. AG met with Woods Hill residents to discuss their traffic problems on the hill and possible solutions. 21 residents attended the meeting. Photographs of accidents and dangers on Woods Hill and the A36 turning were shown to the residents. Options and mitigating solutions to the ensuing problems were discussed involving road closure, traffic calming schemes, village gateways, and the creation of a village centre were outlined. 17 residents of the 21 in attendance voted for a complete closure of Woods Hill. A possible trial closure of Woods Hill would enable the impact on neighbouring roads e.g. Crowe Hill to be assessed. Approval for closure will be confirmed with Wiltshire Council in due course.</p> <p>ii. IB has researched possible Mobile Speed Camera options. The rough costs of one camera is approximately £2,370 plus VAT for a mobile camera. CatG funding will be applied for and contact with Winsley and Freshford PC's will be made regarding possible sharing of the camera and contribution towards costs.</p>	
<p>Action 03/19 - IB to contact Winsley and Freshford Parish Councils.</p>	IB
<p>iii. Village gateways. AG, FF, AM and IB will look at the suggested site positions on 14th February 2020. CatG funding is possible for some of the locations.</p>	
<p>iv. Bollards on Lower Stoke to protect the safety of pedestrians had been researched by IB and a CatG application will be submitted at a later date.</p>	IB
<p>Action 18/19 IB to liaise with Dave Thomas</p>	
<p>v. CATG Meeting. IB attended the meeting on the 10th February 2020. Double yellow lines on Winsley Hill had been discussed to stop the problem of parking by the canal. Pay and Display at the carpark at Limpley Mill had been discussed as an option to help with parking and the mill owners were being contacted. The ban on heavy vehicles crossing Cleveland Bridge in Bath had not had an apparent effect on heavy vehicles now using Winsley Hill as an option - possibly due to the low railway bridge. A CatG survey will be completed by IB.</p>	IB
<p>vi. Highways VPA Meeting update (AM). Minutes from the last meeting had been received. The no 94 bus service was a concern as it would cost £100 a day to enter Bath due to the Clean Air Zone costs. There was a provision however by Wiltshire for upgrading the engine. VPA annual subscription was being reduced from £150 to £75 per year.</p>	
<p>c. Environment: (DB)</p>	
<p>i. Woodland Trust tree donation. DB has distributed the leaflet to households informing them of this scheme and encouraging them to apply for some trees or hedging etc.</p> <p>DB will look with AG for possible sites in the playpark for any hedging.</p>	DB, AG
<p>ii. Environmental talks. The first of a series of talks planned at the Inn at Freshford on environmental issues was a great success. The talk on air source heating on the 21st January 2020 was well attended- 51 people in total. The next talk will be about Ash Die</p>	

back in February and Re-Wilding in March.

3 Electric Charging stations in Freshford have been planned. The topography of Limpley Stoke provides difficulties for future stations in the village.

iii. **Bridleways and Pathways update (AM).** The parish steward will be working on potholes for the next few months. There had been a report by a resident of a problem with an eroded footpath on Waterhouse Lane. AM had inspected the footpath that morning and the problem had been reported by residents to Wiltshire. AM suggested that BK should write to Wiltshire to stress the importance of their quick response to what was a possible dangerous hazard. BK will contact Wiltshire the next day.

Post meeting note- Wiltshire Council had been contacted by BK and AM and had visited the site the next day.

BK

Trees had come down due to the severe weather on the Monkton Combe footpath and Alan Duck had been notified.

iv. **Playpark update.** The spring-loaded gate had not been completed at the date of the meeting but has since been done by Alan Duck.

018/20 Action Plan. See attachment for details and updates.

019/20 Any Other Business. Delivery of the village newsletter was discussed. AG will contact Sheena Broadhead to discuss.

Post meeting note: AG discussed delivery with Sheena Broadhead and the matter is now resolved.

020/20 Date of Next Meeting. Tue 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9. 15pm.

Signed (Chair).....

Limpley Stoke Parish Council Action Log as at 11th February 2020

Month Entered	Ref.	Title	Description	Lead	Update	Target Date
May	03/19	Speed Indicator sign	New mobile speed Indicator sign for the village.	IB	IB has obtained quotes and liaising with Dave Thomas regarding CATG funding. Contacting Winsley and Freshford for possible share.	March 20
May	04/19	Playground Information Board	Install a new Information board.	AG	Tom Harper outlined the design and costs of new board. Possible extra boards around the village. Unveiling at May BBQ a possibility.	March 20
May	05/19	Playground clearance	Inspection report – required actions repairs. Vegetation clearance and tree removal	AG	Annual safety inspection recommendations being actioned. New spring on the gate still needs actioning.	March 20
May	06/19	Wilts Planning Dept	Contact Wilts re PC views disregarded	FF	FF met with Dave Willmott from Wilts CC Planning Dept. he will consult his officers about PC concerns.	
June	07/19	A36 speed limit, speeding through the village, traffic throughput, road maintenance pedestrian walk areas/white lines.	Maintenance required on road/verges in village.	AG/FF	A36 issues are being discussed. White line painting by Midford Lane being actioned by Wilts. CATG forms being compiled by IB.	March 20
July	13/19	Community Led Housing	Promotion of project and review of available space in Limpley Stoke	FF	Ongoing quarterly review. Review in April.	March 20
July (EM)	16/19	Additional Dog Waste Bins near Dyson Fields	Contact Peter Lord to discuss additional Dog waste bin funding	NB	NB produced a design for the sign. Obtaining a quote for a slate on oak post.	March 20
July (EM)	17/19	Limpley Stoke road drains unblocking	Wilts Council to be approached to clear blocked drains.	IB	IB to contact Dave Thomas.	March 20

July (EM)		18/19	Limpley Stoke Traffic Management- Initial Options Paper.	Create document for discussion of traffic management options.	AG FF IB	<p>AG/FF and JK met local MP Michelle Donelan on 1st Nov and discussed a range of road and traffic issues</p> <p>A36 proposed 30mph speed limited supported – way forward to be identified and pursued.</p> <p>Michelle Donelan has written to Wilts CC. Reduction in speed limit being pursued.</p> <p>AG has proposed the following options for consideration: Options to resolve Woods Hill traffic throughput have been discussed and will be put forward to the Community in Jan 2020 following some focused discussion with directly affected residents where appropriate.</p> <p>Full closure being pursued. Trial closure to be investigated prior to full closure in order to measure impact on Lower Stoke traffic.</p> <p>Other specific village roads issues will be taken forward under Cat G procedures. Step 1 is to register the issues for resolution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drain cleaning. To be completed in March 2. Village gateways at 4 specific locations (Midford Lane from South Stoke direction; A36 at Midford Lane junction; Lower Stoke at viaduct junction; A36 in vicinity of Woods Hill. <p>Plans going ahead for installation.</p>	March 20
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						<p>3. Traffic calming measures in Midford Lane and along Lower Stoke by the old station (options include but are not limited to – traffic prioritisation, raised road sections, boxed passing places, timed lighting and bollards along to prevent cars using the pavement as a road along Lower Stoke). Ongoing.</p> <p>4. The creation of an improved village centre at the Hop Pole. Required measures include a viable Woods Hill solution, reduced 'long-term' parking in the vicinity of the Hop Pole and a village centre park focal point. Ongoing.</p>	
September		19/19	Parking in Lower Stoke	Passing place sign needed	AG	AG has ordered a sign saying "Passing Place - No Parking "	March 20
October		24/19	Streetlights on Crowe Hill staying on all night	AG to enquire about streetlight timings on Crowe Hill.	AG	AG will chase this month.	March 20
November		27/19	Woods Hill Traffic	Traffic options to be discussed with residents	AG, IB	AG met with Woods Hill residents in Jan. The aim is now to run a trial closure prior to the proposed full closure in the next few months.	March 20
December		28/19	Speeding on Church Lane	Problem with speeding traffic.	IB	IB to discuss with John Adler.	March 20
December		29/19	Limpley Stoke Hotel Recycling	The hotel recycles very little. DB to contact to discuss.	DB	DB and AG to contact to discuss.	March 20
January		01/20	Pizza Oven for Playpark	Possible pizza Oven to be built	GT	GT has obtained costs. Meeting A Dunn to discuss before possible FLISCA approach for funding	March 20
February		02/20	Hop Pole - Community Pub application	Intention to bid to be submitted by March 6th 2020	FF	Intention to bid to be submitted by March 6th 2020	March 6th 2020

Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Unitary Councillor’s Report Feb 20

Area board feedback

I chaired our latest Area Board meeting in Westwood last week. It was a very informative meeting with a presentation from Wiltshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner as well as Wiltshire Police’s Rural Crime team. There was also a presentation from Wiltshire Council’s Waste and Recycling Team on forthcoming changes to collections (I reported on this to last’s month’s Parish Council meeting and there is an update on this below).

Hop Pole

Anthony, Francis and I met with Trevor John from The Parkhorse in Southstoke last week to discuss community ownership – Anthony will provide a full update at the separate agenda item in the meeting.

I have also been exploring alternative options. One that may be of interest is the option of the Parish Council itself bidding to buy the pub, funded by a loan from the Government through the Public Works Loan Board (<https://www.dmo.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending/lending-arrangements/>).

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Changes to Household Waste collections

Following my previous briefings on forthcoming changes to the Household Recycling collections, further information on timescales for the changes has been published today. Changes will be implemented between February 24th and March 20th. Residents will be informed of the changes and of any changes to their collection days by letter. It is also being widely publicised on Social Media, and I have shared this on my Facebook page – www.facebook.com/JohnnyKidney4WandW

Have your say on the future of the Wiltshire Countryside

The Wiltshire and Swindon Countryside Access Forum is looking for new members to help shape the Wiltshire countryside, access to it, and outdoor recreation in the county.

The forum gives advice to organisations such as Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and Natural England to improve outdoor recreation within Wiltshire, setting its own agendas depending on local issues and helping the local authorities shape their priorities and policies.

Members are volunteers and include a range of people of all ages and background from throughout Wiltshire, including countryside users such as walkers, cyclists, horse riders, motorcyclists and 4x4 vehicle users; health and conservation groups; and land owners and land managers.

If anyone would like a greater say in the Wiltshire countryside and would like to help shape future policy, they should go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-caf and apply before Friday 21 February. Or, to find out more, they should contact rightsofway@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment update

You may recall the short JSNA survey that took place in the Autumn of 2019. This surveyed community areas across the county and I was very keen to ensure that as many people as possible in our area took part. I am delighted that our community area of Bradford-on-Avon and Villages had the highest response of any community area in Wiltshire. The next stage of the process will be in the Spring of this year when a JSNA event will take place to analyse the survey outcomes in more detail and to use them to help set out priorities as a community area for the next three years. I will continue to keep the Parish Council and community updated on this process to ensure our priorities feed into this process.

Full Council – 25th February

Full Council takes place in the Council Chamber at County Hall on 25th February.

Budget:

- a. Set the Council's total net expenditure budget for 2020/21 at £344.023 million;
- b. Set a Council Tax increase of 1.99% and Social Care Levy increase of 2%

Key financial pressures arise from an increasing demand for care for the vulnerable, including adults and children with complex care needs and special educational needs

In addition to the budget, Full Council will also consider the adoption of the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan.

The plan identifies housing sites throughout the county that will support the delivery of 42,000 homes in Wiltshire between 2006 and 2026. It will ensure an improved housing supply in the county and, once adopted, it will be used alongside the Wiltshire Core Strategy when making planning decisions.

The plan was initially submitted to the Secretary of State on 31 July 2018 for examination by an independent inspector. Since then, public consultation has taken place on proposed changes to the plan, as well as an examination in public. The inspector has concluded that, with his recommended changes, the plan can proceed to adoption

Storm Ciara

Wiltshire Council's Highways teams have been busy clearing up after Storm Ciara to help keep people safe and the county road network moving this weekend.

The team received more than 140 reports of fallen trees and other incidents over Saturday and Sunday, and using a triage system to prioritise the major routes on the network, the team has cut up and removed more than 100 trees throughout the county.

To report a fallen tree or any other highways issues, use the My Wiltshire App for Apple and Andriod or go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting

Have your say on changes to taxi tariffs

Wiltshire Council has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to taxi tariffs throughout the county and people are being asked to have their say.

At a recent extraordinary meeting of the Licensing Committee, members agreed that the proposed changes to the tariffs should be put to public consultation.

The proposed new tariffs see small increases on the initial charge for using a taxi and no change to the subsequent charges.

However, the main change is the length of time that the second tariff tier is active for: previously that ended at 2.29am; now it is proposed that it will start earlier at 10pm instead of 10.30pm and last until 5.59am instead of 2.29am, when the old higher tariff 3 was chargeable. This should encourage more people to use taxis during the early hours, and in turn help to safeguard people as they return home from pubs and clubs.

Electric buses in Salisbury

Together with Salisbury Reds, Wiltshire Council has unveiled new electric buses for city's park and ride services

The three brand new electric vehicles - a total investment of £1.2 million - will run from Salisbury's park and ride bus services.

The move follows a successful bid by the local bus operator and Wiltshire Council for £600,000 of Government funding for the new buses - which will help provide greener and cleaner journeys across the region.

While fully charged, each bus should be able to travel for around 160 miles.

Parish Stewards

Over the next month or so, our team of Parish Stewards is primarily focussing on pothole repair on the Wiltshire network.

CATG

The latest CATG meeting took place on Monday 10 February at 4pm in the Lacock Room, County Hall, Trowbridge.
