

Stanton Parish Council
Meeting
Thursday 6 August 2015
7.30pm at the Village Hall

AGENDA

Items to be considered

1. Those present
2. Apologies for absences
3. Minutes (to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2015)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
7. Finance
8. Village hall and village matters
9. Any other business
 - Salt Bag Scheme
 - Consideration of Planning application 15/07048/FUL, Church Farm
 - Wicksteed annual playground inspection
 - Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund
 - Overgrown hedges at 3 Church Road and 6 Coate Road
 - PCAP funding request
10. Date of next meeting

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15 August 2015
in the Village Hall, Stanton St Bernard**

- 1. Present** Councillors: Mr Bryan Read, Chairman
Mrs Joyce Hale, Vice-Chairman
Mrs Wendy Tarver
Mr Adam Pratt
Mr Dominic Hawker
- Parish Clerk: Mrs Karyn Bidmead
- 2. Apologies** There were no apologies
- 3. Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2015 were read and approved.
- 4. Matters arising**
- Children's Playground – Mr Bryan Read confirmed that a new "No Dogs Allowed" sign had been ordered for the children's playground.
Mr Adam Pratt said he will repair the catch on the gate.
It was noted that the spare swing seat was being stored in Mr Adam Pratt's barn.
- 5. Police Report** It was noted that a representative of Pewsey Neighbourhood Police Team had been invited to the meeting and in this regard it was noted that PC Dave McCalmont is the new point of contact for Stanton St Bernard.
- No police report was available for discussion.
- 6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report** There was no report available from Mr Paul Oatway, who it was noted had a meeting at 6pm in Devizes, but was planning to join the meeting providing the earlier meeting finished in good time.
- 7. Finance** The state of the accounts as at the date of the meeting stand at:
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| Bank: | £3,917.28 |
| Special Fund: | £179.93 |
| Total: | £4,097.21 |
- A bank reconciliation was circulated and reviewed, and having been agreed by all was signed. A copy is attached and forms part of these minutes.
- 8. Village Hall and village matters**
- The Parish Council noted that it had been raised that there were a number of low branches in the church yard obscuring vision. It was suggested that maybe these could be cut back, but that this was not a matter for the Parish Council. Mrs Wendy Tarver offered to approach the Church Committee to advise them that this matter had been raised.
 - Mrs Joyce Hale notified the meeting that complaints had been received regarding a silver car driving at excessive speed through the village, which was not slowing down for horses which was potentially dangerous. It was noted that the car was quite distinctive having 4 large lights on the roof. Mr Dominic Hawker said he thought he knew who the car belonged to and would investigate further.
- 9. Any other business**
- **Salt Bag Scheme**
It was agreed to accept Wiltshire Council's invitation to participate in the Parish

Emergency Assistance Scheme, and request 1 tonne bag of salt at no cost to the Parish Council for cold weather use, it being noted that this would be stored by Mr Bryan Read who offered to remain as the Parish's emergency contact for this purpose.

- **Planning Application Ref: 15/07048/FUL, Church Farm**

Mr Bryan Read stated he had a conflict of interest in this application and did not participate in consideration of or voting on the application.

The Councillors attended the site of the planning application and having reviewed the plans it was resolved that the Parish Councillors were in support of the application and the Parish Clerk was asked to complete and return the paperwork.

- **Annual Playground Inspection**

It was noted that the annual inspection of the children's playground was due and that Wickstead Leisure Ltd (who have completed previous inspections of the children's playground) had quoted £45. It was agreed to accept this quote and the Parish Clerk was asked to complete the necessary application form.

- **Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund**

A copy of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities was circulated and it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would liaise with Mr Nick Bidmead (who is responsible for the village website) to ensure the necessary information is available on the website.

- **Overgrown Hedges**

It was reported that complaints had been received regarding overgrown hedges which were obscuring visibility at two properties in the village. It was noted that since the Agenda had been circulated the hedges at one of the properties had been trimmed. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the occupier of the other property on behalf of the Parish Council to ask that the hedges to be cut back.

- **Pewsey Community Area Partnership ("PCAP") – funding request**

It was noted that an email had been received from PCAP asking for funding (a copy of which is attached and forms part of these minutes). After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council did not have funds available to make a cash donation, and it was suggested that the Parish Council could cover the cost of hiring the Village Hall for the meeting.

10. Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 26 November 2015 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Termination There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed.

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Chairman

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