

NOTICE

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 27 July 2017 at 7.30pm

Stanton St Bernard 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 11 May 2017)
4. Matters arising
5. Police report
6. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway
7. Finance
 - Bank Reconciliation
 - Rent for Playing Ground 2015/16 £80.00
8. Village hall and village matters
9. Any other business
 - Children's Playground including football nets, special fund and future payment of rent
 - Defibrillator
 - Dog's mess
 - Update re additional car parking spaces for Read's Close
10. Date of next meeting

Bank: £7,531.45
Special Fund: £19.93
Total: £7,551.38

- Bank Reconciliation
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.
- The following invoice was presented to the meeting for consideration:

£80.00 Bryan Read Ltd – playground rent for 2015/16

It was noted that in previous years the special fund had been used to cover the cost of the playground rent, but this currently stands at £19.93 and therefore insufficient to cover the cost of this invoice or further rents going forward.

Mrs Tarver explained that the special fund had originally been funded by parents in the village who had organised fund raising events to cover the upkeep of the children’s playground and had arranged a mowing rota for the football pitch and area behind the playground. However, in recent years there had not been any fund raising events which is why the special fund had diminished, and lack of volunteers to mow the football pitch and area behind the playground had resulted in the Parish Council approving to cover the cost of an outside contractor for this year to attend to these areas, as approved in the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017.

Discussion then took place as to whether or not it was appropriate the Parish Council should take over the liability of funding the playground upkeep including rent. It was noted that annual costs for the children’s playground for this year are:

£80	annual rent
£256	for the mowing and spraying of the football pitch and area behind the playground (this cost having been approved by the Parish Council at the meeting held on 11 May 2017)
£412	for mowing and spraying the playground area (historically paid for by the Parish Council)
£45	Wickstead annual playground inspection (historically paid for by the Parish Council)

After further discussion, one of the Parish Councillors declined to cast a vote, but there being a quorum remaining **it was resolved:**

- (a) To approve the invoice for £80 for the rent of the playing as presented to the meeting and a cheque was signed.
- (b) That the Parish Council contact the villagers’ who had previously organised fund raising activities to see if they would resume fund raising activities to fund the cost of the annual rent and mowing of the football pitch and area behind the playground (based on this year’s costs this will be in the region of £336 per annum), or maybe ask someone else to take over this responsibility from them going forward.

8. Village Hall and village matters

- There were no village hall matters village matters for discussion.

9. Any other business

- Children’s Playground including football nets, special fund and future payment of rent
No further discussion was required, this having been covered in point 7. Finance
- Defibrillator
Mr Read explained he had been contacted by a villager about the feasibility of having a defibrillator in the village.
Mr Oatway suggested South West Ambulance Trust be contacted as the defibrillators provided by them come with very easy instruction and free training. He explained that the Area Board would pay £500 towards the cost.
- Dog’s mess
It was reported that this continues to be a problem in the village. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would arrange for an email to be sent around the village inviting children in the village to design an anti-dog fouling poster, all entries to be submitted by 31 August 2017.
- Update re additional car parking spaces for Read’s Close
Mrs Hale is currently liaising with Aster Housing about the possibility of additional car parking spaces being created.

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 16 November 2017 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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Date