Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

**Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council**

**held in The Bell Inn, Winterbourne Stoke on**

**Monday 16th May 2016 at 7.30 pm**

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth, A Zacks-McGoldrick, I West, R Watts,

Parishioners: Mrs H Compton

Clerk: J Carr

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Zacks-McGoldrick

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| **1** | **Opening Statement by the Clerk.** | |
|  | The Clerk asked for a nomination for the position of Chairman; Cllr West proposed Cllr Dr Shuttleworth and was seconded by Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth accepted. The new Chairman asked for nominations for the post of Vice-chairman; Cllr West proposed Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick and was seconded by Cllr Dr Shuttleworth. Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick accepted. | |
| **2** | **Adjournment for Parishioners’ Questions.** | |
|  | Mrs H Compton raised a general concern over the trees at the southern end of Church Street, especially those on land owned by Mr & Mrs Dutton. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth informed the meeting that there has been communications with Mrs Dutton and the intent is to have the trees surveyed with a look to remedial action if required. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth stated that he hoped any necessary remedial action would be carried out before Autumn when storms could be expected. (see also Section 13 – Correspondence Received) | |
| **3** | **To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 21st March 2016.** | |
|  | A point of clarification of the last minutes (Part 2 – Parishioners’ Questions) was requested by Cllr West whereby he stated that the lack of funds was because of a criticism of excess funds by an external auditor. Following this clarification, the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting were agreed by all present and signed by the Chairman. | |
| **4** | **To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes.** | |
|  | The following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting:  a. (11/14-04) This action may be OBE due to the number of cars now parking at the northern end of Church Street causing a natural slowing of traffic; however, leaflets would be requested from the Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team to be delivered to Church Street residents to remind them of their responsibilities as motorists towards speeding and parking.  b. (09/15-02) Contact has not been made with the Wiltshire Council “lighting man” (Stuart Brown); however, things may have moved on with Wiltshire Council now driving the issue. The action is now to establish where Wiltshire Council stands with respect to street lighting. Informal contact with Wiltshire Council has led to the understanding that Wiltshire Council will be leading towards measured light reductions across the county. Official notification is awaited.  c. (01/16-01) The Clerk is to discuss the play-park inspection routine with Mr A Dengel. Contact has been made and new inspection documents are awaited from the equipment provider(s).  d. (03/16-01) Contact ParishCouncil.net to arrange for the building of the website.  e. (03/16-02) Submit a claim to Community First for a grant to cover the one-off development costs. This cannot be carried out until the website is functioning.  f. (03/16-03) The clerk gave a cheque to the Village Events Committee towards a street party to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen’s 90th birthday. **Action Closed**. | **Action**:  Cllr West – on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going |
| **5** | **Planning Applications.** | |
|  | **Planning Application 16/03988/FUL**  Stonehenge Visitors’ Centre, Airman’s Corner, SP4 7DE  Permanent use of temporary coach park and modification of existing coach park to create 53 coach spaces and 26 motorhome spaces; construction of ancillary building for new coach visitor facilities; change of use from agricultural land and creation of new visitor transit system turnaround area for shuttle bus use; creation of extended visitor transit system turnaround area for shuttle bus use; decommissioning of existing visitor transit system turnaround area; all with associated ancillary and landscaping works.  Cllr West declared a non-pecuniary interest, because he sits on the Southern Area Planning Committee, and did not participate in the discussion.  The application was discussed by councillors and it was unanimously agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council SUPPORTED the application. |  |
| **6** | **Services including Recreation Facilities.** | |
|  | Nothing to report. |  |
| **7** | **Highways & Byways.** | |
|  | **General** – Cllr Dr Shuttleworth commented on the condition of the verges on the B3083 south from the A303 to Berwick St James regarding the amount of dropped litter. It is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council to pick-up litter; therefore, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Adrian Hampton asking for a resolution to the problem.  **A303** – Nothing to report. | **Action**:  Clerk (05/16-01) |
| **8** | **Environment including Emergency Planning.** | |
|  | Nothing to report. |  |
| **9** | **World Heritage Site.** | |
|  | Following the last WHS Committee meeting, the Chairman had been in correspondence with Dr CA Shell of Cambridge University regarding the Longbarrow. Dr Shell is very concerned about the amount of litter and human excrement in the trees to the north of the small layby on the A303, to the west of the A360. He proposes closure of the layby; an issue which I suggested he took up with Woodford PC as it falls within their parish. He defended the idea of removing the trees as follows:  “As far as trees in the past landscape go, it has been increasingly shown by Dr Mike Allen (a renowned archaeologist that specialises in the analysis of land snails, with the principal aim of understanding the development of prehistoric landscape and land-use) that the landscape was open with relatively few trees in the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age (EBA) and there is clear evidence of monuments being placed so that there is inter-visibility between them, and not just with respect to Stonehenge. As an example, the Winterbourne Stoke barrow cemetery, aligned on the long barrow, is sky-lined when viewed without intervening trees from Bush Barrow. Barrow WS G5 has a direct relationship with BB in they are the only burials that share an Armorican type of EBA dagger in their grave goods. This is just one example where the selective removal of trees will recover the inter-visibility intended in the original choosing of the locations of the monuments.” |  |
| **10** | **Police.** | |
|  | Nothing to report. |  |
| **11** | **Finance.** | |
|  | Money in Account (at close of business 27 Apr 16): £8,077.26  Less un-cleared cheques: nil  The Annual Financial return was discussed and signed-off by the Chairman and Clerk (as RFO). |  |
| **12** | **Reports from Councillors.** | |
|  | **I West, Cllr, Wiltshire Council.**  The Salisbury Journal editor Bill Browne presented their STOP THE CUTS petition to Wiltshire Council at a meeting in Trowbridge on Tuesday 10th May the petition had over 6,100 signatures once a petition has reached 5,000 signatures it has to be debated by the council a lively debated took place.  The results of the consultation will go to the Cabinet on 14th June 2016 following this it is planned to bring a further paper with recommendations to the cabinet meeting in September 2016 if the report suggests significant bus service reductions are required it may require further public consultation.  Until recently each of the 18 Area Boards in Wiltshire had a Youth Worker unfortunately they have all been made redundant in their place will be 7 Youth facilitators to cover the whole of Wiltshire. |  |
| **13** | **Correspondence received since the last meeting.** | |
|  | An email was received by Cllr Dr Shuttleworth regarding the condition of trees on Church Street:  I am writing to you as you are the chairman of Winterbourne Stoke parish council. It is regrading the tree's which are along Church Street, leading up to the church gates. Across the road from my property .  The main one which is causing me concern is the Beech tree. Which appears to have a split going up the trunk. It also has a dead branch in it. If this tree was to come down, I dread to think about the damage it would cause to my property and next door  as well as bringing down telephone and power cables. Which would effect other people. Can anything be done about having this tree or trees taken down.  The owner of the tree was contacted by the Clerk and action has been initiated. |  |
| **14** | **Items to be discussed at the next meeting** | |
|  | The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 18th July 2016 in The Bell Inn starting at 7:30pm. The meeting closed at 8:35 pm. | **Action**:  All cllrs. |

J H Carr

Clerk of the Council 18th July 2016

A Shuttleworth

Chairman of the Council 18th July 2016