Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

**Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council**

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

**Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30 pm**

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

Apologies: Mrs S Zacks-McGoldrick, I West

Parishioners: Nil

Clerk: J Carr

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| **1** | **Opening Statement by the Chairman.** | |
|  | The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and asked that thanks be recorded for the Solstice Rest for allowing the Parish Council to continue to hold their meetings there. | |
| **2** | **Adjournment for Parishioners’ Questions.** | |
|  | No parishioners present. | |
| **3** | **To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2016.** | |
|  | 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 still 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 though the Clerk will continue to push for a reply.  c. (03/16-01) The Parish Council’s website was hoped to be fully functioning by the end of August; however, the website designer required additional information – biographies and photographs of cllrs. Cllrs are to provide the Clerk with these details by Monday 26 Sep 16 for him to pass to the website designer.  d. (07/16-02) Cllr Dr Shuttleworth noted that the verge next to phone box on the A303 has become overgrown and consequently rather un-sightly. The Clerk established that Highways England is responsible for maintaining this verge and approached them to get it cut and was informed that as there is no safety issue it is a low priority. The Clerk will continue to engage with Highways England.  e.(07/16-03) Cllr Dr Shuttleworth noted that many villages had “village gates” at their speed limit entry points and these both enhanced the presence of the speed limit sign and informed drivers that they were entering a possible area of conflict with other road users. The Clerk will established that Highways England (as the “owner” of the A303) would install “village gates”; however, they will not fund the installation. The following discussion it was decided that the Clerk would approach the Area Board for a grant to fund installation.  f. (09/16-01) The Amesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG) required assurance that parishioners had been fully consulted before they would move forward on parking restrictions at the northern end of Church Street. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth contacted Julie Warden (CATG Secretary) after having consulted parishioners on the issue. The case was accepted by the CATG who requested assisted funding from the Parish Council of £500 for yellow lines. Cllr Watts proposed that the assisted funding be given, Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick seconded the proposal and Cllr Dr Shuttleworth agreed that assisted funding should be given. **Action Closed**    g. (09/16-02) The Environment Agency had written to parish and town council Clerks seeking information on historic groundwater flooding to allow them to extend their groundwater flood warning service to areas that currently do not benefit from it. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write back asking what the service actually offers.  h. (09/16-03) It was noted that the season of garden bonfires had arrived with complaints already having been made of inconsiderate parishioners. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth agreed to pass words to Cllr West for insertion into the Parishes magazine on the subject.  i. (09/16-04) Correspondence had been received from WEL Medical regarding public access defibrillators (PAD). Cllrs agreed that the installation of a PAD in the village would be a good idea but that more information was required. The Clerk obtained additional information and the topic is discussed at Item 6. **Action Closed** | **Action**:  Cllr West -  on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Cllr West -  on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Clerk - on-going  **Action**:  Cllr Dr Shuttleworth & Cllr West |
| **5** | **Planning Applications.** | |
|  | **Planning Application 16/010148/TCA**  The Old Rectory, Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4SW  Work to trees in a conservation area.  The application was considered by cllrs and it was unanimously agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council SUPPORTED the application.  It should be noted that as the autumn storm season is approaching and the trees are still largely in leaf the Parish Council remains concerned that trees T11 and T12 pose a particular and unavoidable risk to the public and should be felled as a matter of urgency. Waiting until 16th November 2016 to give permission introduces a further delay and increased risk and this application should be expedited. Wiltshire Council is asked to apply suitable time conditions by which these two trees must be removed. T9 and T10 would seem to pose a slightly lower risk/ or to fewer people. |  |
| **6** | **Services including Recreation Facilities.** | |
|  | **Play Park** – The Safety Inspection Report has been received. There are several minor issues but the overall risk rating remains LOW. There were two items to note:   * The bearings on both sets of swings are dry and require re-greasing; the Clerk will liase with Mr Dengel rectify the issue. * The twin-seat swing fails to meet the requirement of the relevant [current] standard; however, no action is required, based on the risk assessment, as the asset pre-dates BSEN1176.   **Broadband** – Everything is progressing as planned as far as the Parish Council is aware.  **Website** – The website is now a standing agenda item. It was decided unanimously that, with effect from 1 Jan 2017, **all** email correspondence would be via the website email function; the Clerk would inform all Cllrs of their unique email address. Should any cllr have difficulties implementing their email they should contact the Chairman for assistance.  **Bus Shelter** – Cllr West (by email) enquired on the maintenance and cleaning regime for the A303 bus shelter as, in his opinion, it requires cleaning. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Dr Shuttleworth would carry out a visual inspection, all safety defects would be rectified but any cosmetic work would be postponed until the weather improves in Spring 2017.  **Parishes Magazine** - Cllr West (by email) proposed a £90 donation to be made to the Parishes Magazine. No seconder was forthcoming. The Clerk explained that a written request from the Parishes Magazine would be the correct method to gain monetary aid.  **Public Access Defibrillator** – Cllr West had submitted a counter-proposal to the Wel Medical offer; however, on being informed that the Wel Medical system is endorsed by the NHS he withdrew his counter-proposal. Cllrs discussed the Wel Medical offer and could not come to a consensus on where it should, or could, be located. It was decided that parishioners should be consulted and the new website would be the best method by which to do so; the Clerk and Cllr Dr Shuttleworth would prime the website. The issue will be discussed again at the next meeting.  **Telephone Box** – The telephone box is in a poor state of repair and there are several options that should be considered:   * Repair it. * Dispose of it. * Relocate it.   It was decided that parishioners should be consulted and the new website would be the best method by which to do so; the Clerk and Cllr Dr Shuttleworth would prime the website. The issue will be discussed again at the next meeting. | **Action**:  Clerk (11/16-01)  **Action**:  Clerk (11/16-02)  **Action**:  Cllr Dr Shuttleworth (11/16-03)  **Action**:  Clerk & Cllr Dr Shuttleworth (11/16-04)  **Action**:  Clerk & Cllr Dr Shuttleworth (11/16-05) |
| **7** | **Highways & Byways.** | |
|  | Nothing to report |  |
| **8** | **Environment including Emergency Planning.** | |
|  | Nothing to report |  |
| **9** | **World Heritage Site.** | |
|  | Cllr Dr Shuttleworth informed the meeting that Kate Davies, Stonehenge’s General Manager, is expecting a baby – all present congratulated her on her happy news. |  |
| **10** | **Police.** | |
|  | Nothing to report |  |
| **11** | **Finance.** | |
|  | Money in Account (at close of business 18 Oct 16): £7,449.00  Less un-cleared cheques: £329.00  **Clerk’s Pay** – It was decided by Cllrs that the Clerk’s pay will remain in line with the national minimum wage; the Clerk agreed.  **Precept** – Following discussion, it was agreed that there would be no increase to the Precept; the FY 17/18Precept will be £7290.00. |  |
| **12** | **Reports from Councillors.** | |
|  | **I West, Cllr, Wiltshire Council**  Wiltshire council have to make £45 million savings over the next four years.  The Councils Medium Term Financial (MTFP) has agreed a Council Tax rise of 2% plus an extra 2% for Adult Care  2017/2018 Local Government Financial Settlement Technical Consultation Paper - Proposal on Capping Parish Councils in regard to precept rises  I went to address Wiltshire Council Cabinet on 11th October regarding issues of concern I have regarding the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down scheme regarding:   * The height of the bypass road around Winterbourne Stoke needs to be kept as low as possible over the River Till to keep noise to a minimum. * Where will the spoil from the tunnel be dumped poor quality of wet chalk possibly hazardous waste? * The traffic problems in and around Shrewton being experiencing now needs sorting now to help things locally when A303 scheme is in progress. * The Cabinet set aside £300,000 as part of their costs towards the Development Consent Scheme (DCO) for the A303   Passenger Transport Review - 11,000 responses. They are still looking at ways of saving £500,000 in Passenger transport budget.  John Glen rang me last week and said he met Highways England Officers recently who confirmed they are on target for public consultation early next year. Highways England have informed me they intend to hire local venues for presentations.  In the last three weeks Wiltshire Council announced they are heading for an overspend on this year’s budget and have taken immediate budgetary action to steer back on course.    I have reported four bad undulations on the A303 on High Street to Highways England they are not pot holes but I have had reports from residents that their sleep pattern has been disturbed in the middle of the night by lorries hitting these they are quite bad when you have close look. |  |
| **13** | **Correspondence received since the last meeting.** | |
|  | Nil |  |
| **14** | **Items to be discussed at the next meeting** | |
|  | The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 16th January 2017 in The Solstice Rest starting at 7:00pm. The meeting closed at 9:00 pm. | **Action**:  All cllrs. |

J H Carr

Clerk of the Council 16th January 2017

A Shuttleworth

Chairman of the Council 16th January 2017