

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in The Solstice Rest, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.15 pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth,
R Watts, A Zacks-McGoldrick,
Apologies: Mrs S Zacks-McGoldrick, I West
Parishioners: Two
Clerk: J Carr

1	Opening Statement by the Chairman.	
	The Chairmen welcomed those present.	
2	Adjournment for Parishioners' Questions.	
	No questions were raised by the parishioners present.	
3	To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2017.	
	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) It was decided that with the possibility of yellow lines on Church Street with its junction with the A303 in the near future this action is OBE. <u>Action Closed</u>	
	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.	<u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going
	c. (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 had 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.	<u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going
	d. (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.	<u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going
	e. (11/16-05) Parishioners were consulted, using the website, about the future of the telephone box as it is in a poor state of repair. It was unanimously agreed that it should be left <i>in situ</i> and refurbished – see action 01/17-02. <u>Action Closed</u>	

	<p>f. (01/17 - 02) The Parish Council is prepared to underwrite the reasonable cost of materials (circa £200) to refurbish the telephone box but it requires a written condition report and estimate first – this would have to be received and agreed ex-committee to allow renovation to progress as soon as possible. Mr Fair was present at the meeting and agreed to carry out the assessment and to provide the report.</p> <p>g. (01/17 – 01) Cllr West commented that the use of a private contractor to maintain the area surrounding the telephone box / speed camera should be considered and all cllrs agreed. Cllr West was actioned to provide the Clerk with details of such contractors he had cognisance of, through his Wiltshire Council connections.</p> <p>See also Cllr West’s report at Section 12. He has offered to maintain the grassed area until the new Parish Council sits in May. This action will be in abeyance until the May meeting.</p> <p>h. (01/17 – 03) The Clerk had attempted to find a legal and viable way to get the play park bin emptied. The best option would appear to involve the Wiltshire Council “caged van” collection service - enquiries continue.</p> <p>i. (01/17 – 04) Enquiries are ongoing regarding whether or not to find a replacement bin-liner or to replace the bin. Finding a replacement liner is proving difficult, as the bin is old, so the only option may be to source a new bin.</p> <p>j. (01/17 – 05) The Chairman wrote to John Glen MP, Wiltshire Council, Highways England <i>et al</i> telling them the information we require to make an informed decision on the A303 bypass options. <u>Action Closed</u></p> <p>k. (01/17 – 06) Cllr T Zacks-Mcgoldrick organised a general meeting involving the whole parish to discuss the way forward for the A303 bypass. <u>Action Closed</u></p> <p>l. (01/17 – 07) The Clerk will discuss the Parish’s Emergency Plan with Mr Rennie.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth - on going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going</p>
5	Planning Applications.	
	<p><u>Planning Application 17/01217/VAR</u></p> <p>Stonehenge Visitor’s Centre, Winterbourne Stoke, SP4 7DE</p> <p>Variation of Condition 2 of 16/03988/FUL in relation to design and materials.</p> <p>The application was considered by cllrs and it was unanimously agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council SUPPORTED the application.</p> <p><u>Planning Application 17/01217/VAR</u></p> <p>Scotland Lodge Farm, Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4TF</p> <p>Proposed 5no. Yurts, shower and toilet block and fire pit.</p> <p>The application was considered by cllrs and it was unanimously agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council SUPPORTED the application.</p>	

6	Services including Recreation Facilities.	
	<p>Play Park. Nothing to report.</p> <p>Broadband. The Chairman received a report from Sarah Cosentino (Wiltshire Council) on 15 March:</p> <p>“We have been working on a small route change that has delayed the mole ploughing for a few weeks. One of the landowners reconsidered his position and requested that we do not undertake mole ploughing on his land until after his harvest in August.</p> <p>Clearly we are keen to press ahead with the build so whilst we understand the landowner’s request, we have been exploring an alternative solution to bypass his particular part of the route. We have been back to site, identified an alternative route, measured the width of the road as a full road closure will add 3 months and met with the mole plough company to get a feel for the terrain (sic) as the bank is reasonably steep.</p> <p>We are now waiting for the machinery upgrade that will allow us to mole plough on a 45 degree banking. Once received we can plan the works and apply for the relevant traffic management subject to the necessary approvals. I am advised this delay, though not ideal, should not jeopardise the Q1 delivery target.”</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the news was disappointing, but hoped that the delay is minimal.</p> <p>Website. Nothing to report.</p> <p>Telephone Box. A condition report is awaited before any further action is taken.</p> <p>Defibrillator. The defibrillator is housed in a substantial box and requires a 240v power supply. The Clerk is carrying out enquiries for a location in the heart of the village – the garage is a favoured location and negotiations are ongoing with the owner.</p>	
7	Highways & Byways.	
	<p>General. The stile at the southern end of Church Street is in need of maintenance; the Clerk will contact Druid’s Lodge.</p> <p>Dog Mess. The Chairman expressed his disgust, having recently returned to dog ownership after only a short absence of 18 months, at the amount of dog faeces now being deposited along Church Street outside people’s houses and on, and immediately alongside public footpaths leading out of the village. This had rarely happened in the past and needs to stop.</p> <p>It is an offence for a dog owner not to immediately clear up after their dog has fouled in most open areas in Wiltshire. Dog faeces left on the ground by irresponsible dog owners is not only unsightly and anti-social but also a potential health risk to young children. The faeces should be bagged and either taken home by the dog owner or placed in a litter bin. To get the mess removed you can report instances online or call Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0107.</p>	<p>Action: Clerk (03/17-01)</p>

	<p>A303. The Chairman had attended the Wiltshire Council Cabinet Meeting on 14th March 2017 and had represented the Parish Council's views on the consultation process to Cabinet members. He noted that Cllr Ian West, in his role as a Wiltshire Councillor, had spoken in favour of the northern route, as had representatives of the lobby group: Campaign for the Preservation of the Southern Till Valley. No-one spoke in favour of the southern route. The Chairman noted that the Cabinet had reserved judgement on a route preference, citing the lack of detailed information. Wiltshire Council appear to believe that they will be able to influence the choice of route (ie north or south) after July 2017.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that he had been contacted earlier in the day by Ross Cullen of Arup, who had asked for his apologies for the communication failure on the Non-Motorised User (NMU) Stakeholder Engagement to be passed on to the Parish Council and villagers. Arup would welcome contributions from any and all in the village by the end of the month. Details of how to respond can be found on the village website at:</p> <p>https://winterbournestokepc.org.uk/onboard-and-online-update-on-arups-non-motorised-user-stakeholder-engagement/</p> <p>or by looking at the Online and Onboard notice on the village noticeboard.</p>					
8	Environment including Emergency Planning.					
	Nothing to report.					
9	World Heritage Site.					
	<p>Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth informed the meeting that he has been invited to a meeting with English Heritage in April as part of the ongoing bilateral efforts to build relationships between the Parish Council and English Heritage. The next meeting will include a site visit to look at the eastern end of the old A344 and the EH proposals for opening the permissive route.</p> <p>The WHS Committee (Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth is a member) had met with Highways England to discuss proposals for the A303. The Chairman had expected the archeological community to be behind the plans for the tunnel and had been surprised by how anti many of the representatives actually were. The biggest contention was the western portal. Most, other than English Heritage and the National Trust, would prefer to remove the A303 in its entirety from the WHS and areas into which the WHS may one day wish to expand.</p>					
10	Police.					
	Nothing to report					
11	Finance.					
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12	Reports from Councillors.					
	<p>I West, Cllr, Wiltshire Council</p> <p>The recent clean up of the A303 High Street was carried out by three of Wiltshire Councils contractors it really made a difference and was commented on by quite a few residents the area of grass by the speed camera was cut to tidy things up but will not be cut again as Highway England and Wiltshire Council will not take it as their responsibility in the mean time I will cut it until the new</p>					

Parish Council is in place then they can decide what to do about it.

On March 14th I attended Wiltshire Council cabinet meeting with other local representatives to put points of view regarding A303 improvement scheme and the village by pass proposals.

Below is a letter I recently sent to Highways England regarding the A303 Stonehenge road scheme

Dear Andrew,

After attending the consultation evening to view Highways England's options for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Improvement scheme I was extremely disappointed and angry at options put forward I have filled in the questionnaire but felt knowing and working on the same project over many years that I ought to explain my concerns and that of many constituents to you which I am not able to on the questionnaire.

In 2004 you may remember Lord Chris Smith the then Secretary of State for Media Culture & Sport convinced me and other interested bodies to back the 2.1 KM tunnel including English Heritage the National Trust, Archaeologist, land owners and many others the scheme that went before the Inspector at the Public Inquiry and was passed as a scheme to take forward to unlock a solution to the problem that has taken years to find a solution you may recall that the Northern By Pass of Winterbourne Stoke was part of this scheme and I still believe this is the right line for this road, the present Northern option is totally unacceptable.

So hence my disappointment when Highways England come up with 2.9Km tunnel and a Southern Option By Pass which would be a total disaster severing the Winterbourne Stoke and Berwick St James villages which have many connections and a SSSI joining them together, to construct the bypass in this area beggars belief to me is a total waste of money to completely decimate two villages to add to the devastation caused to Shrewton to close the A344 and cutting the link between Shrewton and Amesbury before the duelling of the A303 some authorities never learn from their mistakes. This was recently quoted by the chief executive of a national organisation as being an outstanding success for the World Heritage site you tell that to the local communities and see what answer you get.

You may recall that I sent to you for consideration a Duelling of the A303 from the end of Amesbury By Pass to Long Barrow Roundabout on the line of the existing A303 road from Stonehenge Fork the road should be in a shallow cutting deep enough to allow By Way 12 to cross above the A303 and so high sided vehicles could not be seen and traffic not heard by visitors to the stones the cutting should end approximately 100metres West of By Way 12, with a grade separated junction to replace the existing Long barrow Roundabout so that the A360 could pass under the A303 at this point.

From this junction the A303 should be duelled north of existing A303 to follow the line that went to the last Public Inquiry to complete a

	<p>Northern By- Pass of Winterbourne Stoke and re- join the existing dual carriage way at Berwick Down.</p> <p>In a recent local survey which I carried out 84% of the replies supported the on line duelling in a cutting 16% supported a tunnel, The soil from the on line duelling could be catered for locally without too many problems.</p> <p>Both options for the Winterbourne Stoke By Pass appear to have been designed to get rid of the soil from the extra length 2.9Km tunnel now being suggested and some have been agitating for a 4.7km tunnel which would completely destroy our environment and countryside which only a few years ago was suggested should be in the World Heritage Site, Maybe we missed a trick !</p>	
13	Correspondence received since the last meeting.	
	<p>The A303 bypass had stirred emotions within many villagers and the debate had become enthusiastic; however, because of the stance being taken by the Parish Council the Clerk had been the recipient of several harassing and offensive emails. The Chairman pointed out that this was wholly unacceptable and, in the future, such emails may be reported to the Police.</p> <p>The Clerk received a written letter from Cllr West noting his disagreement to the mandatory use of the @winterbournestokepc.org.uk email domain for all parish council business; a written response was given indicating that this was a Parish Council policy with which he was expected to comply.</p>	
14	Items to be discussed at the next meeting	
	<p>The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 15th May 2017 in The Solstice Rest at 7:00pm. This meeting will be the first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council; councillors will be sworn in and a Chairman and Vice-Chairman elected. The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> All cllrs.</p>

J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

15th May 2017

Chairman of the Council

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